

Syracuse University M.S. in Speech Language Pathology and Au.D. Application Procedures

		REQUIREMENTS (see more details listed after table)	Deadline
1	<p>Submit your application to CSDCAS Centralized Application Service</p> <p>Application cycle opens: August 2, 2017</p>	<p>a. CSDCAS Application Form and fee and supporting materials listed below: b. Official Transcripts (send these EARLY! You can do "academic update" for Fall grades. See notes on page 2) Send to: CSDCAS P.O. Box 9113 Watertown, MA 02471 c. Personal Statement/Essay (500 words) <u>Custom essay listed below.</u> d. GRE scores sent to SU CSDCAS code 0757 e. 3 letters of recommendation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(All supporting materials are sent to CSDCAS only)</i></p>	January 1
2	International Student application	International (non-Canadian) students must submit your TOEFL score to Syracuse University (school code 2823)	January 1
3	Degree bearing transcript	Degree bearing transcript must be sent to Syracuse University once our admission offer is accepted. (CSDCAS will not share the transcript that you send to them.) Make sure degree is posted before ordering the transcript. CSD Department Syracuse University 621 Skytop Road, Suite 1200 Syracuse, NY 13244-5290	After accepting admission and after degree is posted
4	Financial Assistance	All applicants are considered for departmental awards including tuition scholarships and graduate assistantships. No separate application is needed. Awards are determined by application merit as compared with the cohort.	

Detailed information on application procedures (above):

Transcripts: You must submit an official transcript from each undergraduate institution you attended to CSDCAS. **All the transcripts have to be received by January 1.**** GPA is calculated based on your entire undergraduate record from all institutions attended. If you do not submit all of your official transcripts, we will be unable to review your application. The transcript from your current undergraduate institution must show your fall semester grades. **You must submit all of your transcripts to CSDCAS.** You send only your degree bearing transcript to SU **once the degree is posted.** Transcripts must be sent directly from the undergraduate institutions.

** CSDCAS has an "**academic update**" feature for getting your fall grades to us for consideration in your GPA, so you may order your transcripts before Fall grades are in, to make the January 1 deadline. For complete instructions go to the "Instructions & FAQ" in CSDCAS, look for heading "after processing" and choose: "Updating the Application/ Academic Update."

Personal Statement/Essay: Please upload your personal statement to CSDCAS Centralized Application Service. Follow the format below:

1. Please write an essay describing your reasons for pursuing this degree. We are interested not only in personal reasons, but in also intellectual ones. Therefore, please include ALL of the following components in one cohesive essay of 250-500 words.

- A brief introduction to what has motivated you to pursue this degree in general and at Syracuse University specifically.
- Discuss a specific research finding that you learned about or have read in any academic area that you believe is important to the field of speech-language pathology.
- Discuss three characteristics that you believe you have or are developing that are necessary to be an excellent speech-language pathologist, and why you believe they are critical.

2. **If applicable,** write a separate paragraph of 250 words or fewer (in the same document) discussing the following:

- If there were semesters or courses during your undergraduate career when your GPA was low and/or if your transcript includes withdrawals, incompletes or course repeats, what were the circumstances? How do you believe these grades and circumstances reflect on your ability to succeed in graduate school in speech-language pathology?
- If you are a **re-applicant** to graduate programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, **or if you have taken a year or more off after graduating,** please discuss your circumstances and what have you done (including educational or work/volunteer experiences you have pursued) to improve your application and preparation for graduate study as well as to show your commitment to a career in speech-language pathology.

GRE scores: GRE scores from within the past five years are required. The scores should be sent to CSDCAS (**not SU**) by the **January 1** deadline. <http://www.ets.org/gre> Our CSDCAS code is **0757**.

Letters of Recommendation/Reference: Three letters of recommendation are required. It is desirable that two of these letters be from academic faculty who can comment on your academic potential for graduate study. If you have been working and don't have recent college experience, a current employer is acceptable. As part of your online application through CSDCAS Centralized Application Service, you must provide the names and contact information of three individuals for letters of recommendation/reference. These individuals will be sent information that allows them to upload their letters online confidentially. All letters of recommendation/reference should be submitted to CSDCAS Centralized Application Service by **February 1, 2018**. All letters of reference should include the street address, e-mail address and phone number of the letter writer.

International Student Application: International (non-Canadian) students are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable score is: 620 (paper based), 260 (computer based), or 105 (internet based); Official scores must be sent directly to Syracuse University (Institution code 2823). The score report is due by the **January 1** deadline.

Grade Point Average: Our department considers your entire undergraduate record and requires a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Due to competitiveness, often a 3.5 GPA is required to be considered.) We may consider a GPA lower than a 3.0 in the following scenarios:

- Student whose UG GPA is low, but completes a graduate program in another area with a high GPA.
- Student whose UG GPA is low, but completes several CSD courses on a non-matriculated basis and receives excellent grades.
- International students whose grading systems differ from US (e.g. Canada).