COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Master of Science (M.S.)

Minimum requirements for admission to the master's program include:

- Cumulative GPA, GPA in the major, and/or last 60 credits GPA greater than 3.0
- Excellent letters of recommendation
- A strong, well-written personal statement
- Demonstrated proficiency of the English language as required by the Graduate Council
- The completion of several undergraduate courses
- 25 clinical observation hours

Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) may be submitted but are not required.

Prerequisite courses are required for admission.

Required prerequisite coursework includes:

- Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms (3 credits)
- Introduction to Audiology (3 credits)
- Aural Rehabilitation (Auditory Training, Speech Reading, etc.) (3 credits)
- Clinical Phonetics (3 credits)
- Normal Language Development (3 credits)
- Acoustic Principles in Communication Sciences and Disorders (3 credits)
- Introduction to Disorders of Articulation and Phonology (3 credits)
- Principles of Clinical Management in Communication Sciences and Disorders (3 credits)
- Statistics (3 credits)
- 3 credits in biological sciences
- 3 credits in physical sciences
- 6 credits in behavioral and/or social science

Students provisionally admitted (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-303-provisional-admission/) who have not completed these courses will be required to take additional make-up work. Additional make-up work may extend the program.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Usually, students earn a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders prior to being considered for doctoral study, although persons with master's degrees in other fields will be considered for a doctoral program.

Minimum requirements for admission to the doctoral program include:

- A cumulative GPA in their Master's program of well above a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Outstanding letters of recommendation documenting their performance and their potential as researchers and scholars
- A written statement of scholarly interests and research career goals, as described on the department's webpage
- Completed the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
  - GRE scores are optional; the inclusion or the non-inclusion of GRE scores will not alter applicants' chance of acceptance into the program. Applicants are encouraged to submit GRE scores to provide evidence of their technical and/or writing skills in the absence of other supporting evidence. It is recommended that applicants have GRE scores greater than the fiftieth percentile on the verbal and quantitative sections and a 4.5 or above on the writing section.