



UCF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Admission F.A.Q.

Thank you for your interest in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) graduate program at the University of Central Florida. We hope that some of your questions can be answered with the information provided below. If you still have questions after reading the information contact us at csdgraduate@ucf.edu.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Q: Where do I obtain further information about the application and program requirements?

A: Graduate Catalog (www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu) and CSD Website (www.cohpa.ucf.edu/comdis)

For specific graduate program information and admission requirements, review the appropriate section in the Graduate Programs section of the Graduate Catalog. <http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/Programs/Program.aspx?ID=1128>.

Located within the catalog is specific information about the program, admission requirements, and even the prescribed plan of study with the required courses. We recommend that you review this information in full before applying to the program. This information can also be found on our department website.

2. Q: What are the requirements to complete the master's degree in the Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program at the University of Central Florida?

A: The Communication Sciences and Disorders MA program consists of a minimum of 72 semester hours.

The Department admits qualified in-field applicants, with an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders or Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and out-of-field applicants, with undergraduate degrees in other majors. Out-of-field students require an additional 32 to 35 credit hours of prerequisite undergraduate course work that may be completed in approximately two to three semesters **after being admitted** to the graduate program. In-field students will complete the program in six semesters while out-of-field students complete the program in eight to nine semesters.

The [Graduate Student Handbook](#) is available on our department website and covers requirements in more detail.

3. Q: What are the different options for completing the graduate program?

A: Graduate Program Tracks and Options

- I. **Traditional Program** – I have a bachelor’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and want to attend the program full-time.

The Traditional MA program requires a prescribed sequence of academic and clinical courses which may vary according to the semester of entry. Students will follow the prescribed curriculum and will require departmental approval for changes to the prescribed sequence. The program takes approximately 6 semesters to complete. The current [graduate catalog](#) outlines the prescribed plan of study.

- II. **Out-of-Field** – I do not have a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders but would like to apply to the graduate program.

Students who did not major in Communication Sciences and Disorders or a related field may still apply to the graduate program but must complete the undergraduate prerequisite courses upon admission. **These courses are meant to be taken upon admission to the graduate program at UCF, not before admission.** These courses are specific to UCF and other graduate programs will have different course requirements. **Students are not guaranteed admission if they complete the courses prior to being admitted to the program.**

If you choose to take the prerequisite out-of-field courses before applying to the program you do so as a non-degree seeking student (see non-degree seeking below) understanding that you may not be admitted as a degree seeking master’s student.

A course by course analysis will not be done prior to admission for out-of-field courses. However, upon admission we will most certainly do a course by course analysis to establish a plan of study. There is no guarantee that courses will transfer, so if you choose to take out of field courses prior to admission or graduate courses at other schools you do so at your own risk.

Out-of-field students must complete the following undergraduate prerequisite courses (35 credit hours) or their equivalents **once admitted**:

- STA 2014C Principles of Statistics (3 credit hours) or STA 2023 Statistical Methods I (3 credit hours)
- LIN 3713 Language Sciences (3 credit hours)
- LIN 3716/3716L Language Development: Birth Through 8 Years (5 credit hours)
- SPA 3101 Physiological Bases of Speech and Hearing (3 credit hours)
- SPA 3104 Neural Bases of Communication (3 credit hours)
- SPA 3112/3112L Basic Phonetics and Lab (4 credit hours)
- SPA 3011/3011L Speech Science I: Production and Lab (4 credit hours)
- SPA 3123/3123L Speech Science II: Perception and Lab (4 credit hours)
- SPA 4032 Audiology (3 credit hours)
- SPA 4321 Audiologic Rehabilitation (3 credit hours)

III. Consortium Program – I have been working in the school system, as a speech pathologist, in one of the participating counties (listed below) for the past year and have a bachelor’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Consortium MA Program option is available to applicants who are currently employed and have been employed for at least one year as speech language pathologists within specific local public school districts in the greater Orlando area. The participating school districts are listed below with the appropriate program administrator.

- Brevard - Susan McKeown <http://www.brevard.k12.fl.us/>
- Orange - Elizabeth Rivera <https://www.ocps.net/Pages/default.aspx>
- Lake - TBA <http://www.lake.k12.fl.us/>
- Sumter - TBA <http://www.sumter.k12.fl.us/index.html>
- Osceola - Stephanie Bednar <http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/>
- Flagler - TBA <http://www.flagler.k12.fl.us/>
- Marion - TBA <http://www.marion.k12.fl.us/>
- Volusia - Pat Kicklighter <http://www.volusia.k12.fl.us/>
- Seminole - Kathy Durnford <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/>
- Citrus - TBA <http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/>

When applying to the Consortium program, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from the district school administrator or program specialist of the Speech-Language Program on official school district letterhead.

Consortium Track students will complete the majority of their coursework in the summers and a small amount of coursework in the fall or spring semesters. With regard to requirements for clinical practice, Consortium Track students typically complete the full-time externship prior to the part-time externship. The full-time externship must be completed in a school setting that is different from the practitioner's regular assignment. The Consortium Track takes approximately five years to complete.

IV. I want to attend a part-time or an online program.

Currently, we do not have an online program or a part-time program. The [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#) website provides information on schools that offer online/distance learning programs.

4. Q: Does the department allow nondegree students to enroll in CSD courses?

A: See our nondegree student policy for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Nondegree students are applicants who have completed at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university in the United States and are not seeking a graduate degree. Students interested in taking courses in CSD are able to apply as a nondegree student through the College of Graduate Studies (www.graduate.ucf.edu). Once admitted as a UCF nondegree student, you are required to come to the CSD department during the first week of classes to receive permission to be enrolled in a CSD course. The department will not grant permission to enroll in any courses prior to the first week of classes and only certain courses are available for nondegree students.

5. Q: Will the department review my transcripts prior to being admitted to the program?

A: The graduate advisor and graduate coordinator will review transcripts after a student is admitted to the graduate program.

HOW TO APPLY

The College of Graduate Studies coordinates the admission process with the graduate program directors to admit prospective students to the university. All applicants are required to submit application materials to the College of Graduate Studies in order to be considered for admission.

6. Q: How do I apply to the graduate program?

A: Apply Online.

All applications to UCF must be submitted online using UCF's [Graduate Online Application](#). The application and materials are all submitted to the College of Graduate Studies. The current application fee is \$30; you can pay online or by calling 407-823-5353.

7. Q: What are the application deadlines?

A: Application deadlines are as follows:

All required materials must be submitted by the established deadlines.

- Summer and Fall 2012 – February 1st, 2012
- Spring 2012 – October 1st, 2011
- We admit students in the fall, spring, and summer. We admit 35 students every semester.

8. Q: What are the application requirements?

A: In addition to the general UCF graduate application requirements, applicants to this program must provide the following to the College of Graduate Studies:

- One **official transcript** (in a sealed envelope) from each college/university attended.
- Official, competitive **GRE score** taken within the last five years.
 - **A minimum GRE score is not required for admission.** Applicants are more competitive if they score around the 50th percentile in all sections of the exam. More information about the new GRE is below.
- **Three letters of recommendation**, preferably from former professors. If applying to the Consortium Program one letter is required from the district school administrator or program specialist of the Speech-Language Program.
 - If you have been out of school and cannot get recommendations from former professors, it is suggested that you get recommendations from those who can speak of your academic qualifications and ability to complete a graduate program.
- **Résumé**.
- A **letter of intent** describing educational background, professional experiences, interest in the field, career goals and any other relevant information you think the admissions committee might need to know about your qualifications.
- Upon admission, a background check must be completed through www.certifiedbackground.com. The background check and fingerprinting must be completed by the second week of your first semester of classes. If it is not completed, you will not be able to take clinic in your second semester.

9. Q: What is the average G.P.A and GRE score of admitted students?

A: The [Graduate Program Profile](#) webpage provides averages for specific programs.

10.Q: Has the GRE changed?

A: Yes, in August 2011, the GRE revised General Test replaced the GRE General Test. www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/know

The (old) GRE scores are still accepted for admission as long as they are less than 5 years old. Please visit www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores for help understanding the revised GRE test scores. The concordance table on page 20 in the *Guide to the Use of Scores* (www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide.pdf) provides the concordance relationship between the prior score scale and the new score scale.

11.Q: Where do I check the status of my application?

A: Check the status of your application online at myUCF.

You can check the status of your application anytime online at [myUCF](#). If you have questions regarding submitted materials please call the College of Graduate Studies (407-823-2766).

GENERAL INFORMATION

12.Q: Does the school conduct tours for students interested in applying to the graduate program?

A: Yes, contact the University Welcome Center.

Campus tours are available Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., leaving from the University Welcome Center. If you are interested in stopping by the department, please check our walk-in advising hours to come in and speak with an advisor about the program. If you are interested in visiting the clinic, please call 407-882-0468.

13.Q: Where can I find more information about tuition and fees?

A: The 2011-2012 Fee Schedule is posted on the [Office of Institutional Research website](#). The [expected cost of attendance](#) is also available on the financial aid website.

14.Q: Where can I find more information on financial aid?

A: The [Office of Financial Assistance](#) assists all students with the financial aid process.

RESOURCES

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

<http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/comdis/>

College of Health and Public Affairs

<http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/index.shtml>

Graduate Studies

<http://www.graduate.ucf.edu/>

Graduate Catalog

<http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/>

Graduate Program Profile

<http://www.admin.graduate.ucf.edu/programprofile/>

myUCF

<https://my.ucf.edu/index.html>

Office of Financial Aid

<http://finaid.ucf.edu/>

Office of Institutional Research – Tuition and Fees

http://www.iroffice.ucf.edu/character/current_tuition.html

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

<http://www.asha.org/>

Educational Testing Services – GRE

<http://www.ets.org/gre>