

## Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1) Graduate Program Information

- Is the SLP Master's Program (60-63 credits) full-time or part-time?
  - Our online program is a three-year program that consists of 9 semesters (fall, spring & summer).
    - Complete the CSDCAS SLP Online Program application. Select a second choice only if it is a viable option for you.
  - Our campus program is a two-year, full-time program that consists of six semesters (fall, spring, and summer). We have campuses in Pocatello, ID, and Meridian, ID.
    - Complete the CSDCAS SLP Campus Program application. Select program preference, either the Meridian campus or the Pocatello campus, under the Questions Tab. The online program may be selected as a second choice.
- Is a deposit required?
  - A \$350 deposit is required to secure your seat and will be credited towards tuition for your first semester of classes. The deposit is non-refundable.
- When does the program begin?
  - Our program begins in August. (All students must begin in the Fall semester.)
- How many students apply each year?
  - We generally receive 300 - 500 applications. More than half of those applications are for the online program.
- Are scholarships offered that cover student tuition?
  - Our department participates in the WRGP program (see information below).
  - Some Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) positions are available on each campus. We also have paid student worker positions available for graduate students. (See 'GTA and paid student worker positions' section below for more information and how to apply.) The application for all positions must be submitted under the "Questions" section of the CSDCAS application.
  - We occasionally have scholarship opportunities that graduate students may apply for. We notify students when those become available. If you need assistance with funding your education, please visit the [Financial Aid Office website](#).
- What is the **cost of attending the campus-based SLP Master's program**?
  - Tuition information can be found on ISU's [website](#).
  - In addition to tuition, campus-based professional fees are \$217 per credit hour for the 2024/2025 academic year.
  - Through the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRPG), students who are graduate-level students with legal resident status in one of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) member states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States) qualify to pay in-state tuition for the ISU campus-based SLP Master's degree program. For detailed information, please visit their [website](#).
    - If you are admitted to our program and are a legal resident of one of the WRGP participating states, we will submit the required paperwork for you the summer before you begin the Master's program. A tuition credit will be posted to your account approximately ten days before tuition is due.
  - Please visit our [website](#) for detailed information.
- What is the **cost of attending the Online SLP Master's program**?
  - Online program students qualify to pay in-state tuition rates.
  - Tuition information can be found on ISU's [website](#).
  - The Professional Fees for the online program for the 2024/2025 academic year are \$421 per credit hour.
  - Please visit our [website](#) for detailed information.

#### 2) Prerequisites

- The minimum CSD course prerequisite requirements are listed on our [website](#).
- I have not taken all the required pre-requisite courses. Where do I list the courses I plan to take before starting the program?
  - When entering your transcripts in CSDCAS, you can select 'in-progress' or 'planned' for those prerequisites that have not yet been completed, are in progress, and/or those that you plan on taking. There is also a place to list those same prerequisites in the 'Program Materials/Questions' section.
- Will my application be considered if I have not finished all the prerequisites?
  - Yes, your application will be considered, but **you must complete all required CSD prerequisite coursework prior to the start of the Master's program**, which is approximately the third full week in August.

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### 3) Apply

- Where do I apply to the SLP Master's Program?
  - You must complete BOTH applications by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
    - [ISU Graduate School](#)
    - [CSDCAS](#)
- Is the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) required to apply for the program?
  - No, the GRE is not required, nor is it accepted.

### 4) Application Deadline

- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Priority consideration deadline.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Final deadline
  - **ISU Graduate School application DEADLINE: February 1st at midnight, MST (Mountain Standard Time).**
    - Contact the graduate school at [gradschool@isu.edu](mailto:gradschool@isu.edu) or 208-282-2150 if you need assistance.
  - Check your application status online using the login ID and pin you created. Our department will periodically update you on the admissions progress using the email address you provided on your CSDCAS application. We strive to have first round decisions made by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - **CSDCAS application DEADLINE: February 1st at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time).** Processing time can take up to 4 weeks, so please plan accordingly.
    - Contact Customer Service at [csdcassinfo@csdcas.org](mailto:csdcassinfo@csdcas.org) or 617-612-2030, if you need assistance.
    - **Campus program:** Complete the CSDCAS SLP Campus Program application. Select program preference, either the Meridian campus or the Pocatello campus, under the Questions Tab. The online program may be selected as a second choice.
    - **Online program:** Complete the CSDCAS SLP Online Program application. Select a second choice only if it is a viable option for you.
    - **IMPORTANT:** Your CSDCAS application must show a status of 'Verified' by the February 1st deadline. A status showing 'Complete' is **NOT** the same as 'Verified'. 'Verified' is the final application status.
    - **ALL application materials, including Letters of Recommendation and transcripts (including fall/winter course transcripts) must be received by the February 1st deadline.** Submitting your applications earlier than the February 1st deadline is strongly recommended to ensure that all your application materials are received in time. Applications missing required documents after the February 1st deadline may not be considered.
    - **CSDCAS ACADEMIC UPDATE:** If the initial transcripts you submit do not include final grades from your previous semester of coursework (e.g., fall or winter session), updated transcripts must be submitted to CSDCAS by February 1<sup>st</sup>, by following the instructions for an '[Academic Update](#)'. Failure to do so by the deadline may result in an incomplete application status.
  - Transcripts must be submitted and received by both CSDCAS and the Graduate School to be considered for a seat in our program. See section 5) below for detailed information.

### 5) Transcripts

- Where do I send transcripts?
  - Send ALL transcripts to both [CSDCAS](#) and to the Graduate School at Idaho State University.
    - ISU Graduate School, 921 S 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Mail Stop 8075, Pocatello, ID 83209
    - Email – [gradadmissions@isu.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@isu.edu)
- Can I send copies of my transcripts?
  - CSDCAS accepts official transcripts only. The graduate school at Idaho State University will accept either official or unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts are required by ISU if you are offered and accept a seat in our program. Official transcripts must come directly from your institution. You cannot send transcripts yourself, even if sealed and marked 'official'.
- Can transcripts be submitted electronically?
  - The graduate school will accept electronic transcripts at [gradschool@isu.edu](mailto:gradschool@isu.edu).
  - For detailed information on how to submit your official transcripts to CSDCAS, please visit their [website](#).
- If I attended Idaho State University, do I need to send the graduate school my ISU transcripts?
  - No.

### 6) Letters of Recommendation

- How many letters of recommendation do I need to submit?
  - Submit 3 letters of recommendation, with at least two (2) letters from college/university level instructors (academic or clinical faculty). Do not send letters directly to our department or the graduate school; they should be sent through the CSDCAS application portal only. Please instruct your references to focus on your academic, interpersonal, and other skills relevant to

your ability to succeed in graduate school.

- Carefully follow the instructions for submitting letters of recommendation located on the [CSDCAS website](#).
  - Letters of evaluation must be completed via the online evaluator portal through CSDCAS and must be completed BY THE EVALUATOR THEMSELVES and written at the time of your request. It is highly recommended that you contact the reference in person prior to submitting their information to CSDCAS. Obtain their preferred e-mail address and make sure they are monitoring their e-mail inbox for your reference request e-mail.
- Whom should I ask for a recommendation?
- At least two of the recommendation letters should be from a college/university level instructor, who can directly address your potential success in graduate school. This can be an academic or clinical faculty member. Any letters you request from an employer, supervisor, or volunteer work supervisor, etc., should also address potential success in graduate school. Letters should not be from family members or friends.

#### 7) Personal Essay & CV/Resume

- Where do I submit my personal essay and CV/resume?
- Program Materials/Documents section of the CSDCAS application
- What should I include in my personal essay?
- In the Documents portion of the CSDCAS application, you should upload two written essays and a one-minute video essay responding to specific questions. The essays must be completed and uploaded prior to submitting the application. **Specific instructions are provided in the Documents portion of the CSDCAS application.**

#### 8) Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Is there a minimum GPA requirement?
- To be considered for our SLP Master's program, you must have a minimum 3.00 GPA on your most recent 60 credit hours. However, GPAs above 3.4 are highly recommended. The majority of the applicants currently offered a seat in our program have a 3.75 GPA or higher.
- How is my GPA calculated?
- CSDCAS will calculate GPA using your most recent 60 credit hours. We also consider your CSD coursework and undergrad GPA and a review of your overall transcripts.

#### 9) Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) and paid student worker positions (Optional)

- We generally have GTA positions available on each campus. We also have paid student worker positions available. To apply for positions, complete the Optional 'Program Materials/Questions' section of the CSDCAS application. These positions are offered to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students attending our campus program. They are not available for students in our online program.

Note: The Idaho State University Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program will not be using or considering GRE scores as part of our admissions process.