



Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Fall 2025 Cohort Application Instructions

✓ **CHECK LIST** *Priority Consideration deadline is January 15th. Final deadline is February 1st.

- Submit the Graduate School application at Idaho State University with fees paid
- Confirm that the Graduate School at ISU has received official or unofficial transcripts for ALL coursework including fall/winter 2024 grades.
- Submit the CSDCAS application with fees paid.
- Confirm that CSDCAS has received official transcripts for ALL coursework, including fall/winter 2024 grades.
- Confirm that CSDCAS has received a minimum of three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Confirm that the CSDCAS application status is labeled as 'VERIFIED' by the deadline.

Please visit our [website](#) for information about the program and application requirements.

Our department will periodically update you on the progress of the admissions process using the email address you provided on your CSDCAS application. We strive to have first-round decisions made by March 15th.

1) Apply to Idaho State University's Graduate School [here](#)

- **DEADLINE: February 1, 2025** at midnight, MST (Mountain Standard Time).
 - Contact the graduate school at gradschool@isu.edu or 208-282-2150 if you need assistance.
- You will create a login ID and PIN.
- Check your application status online using the login ID and PIN you created.

2) Apply to CSDCAS (Communication Sciences & Disorders Centralized Application Service) [here](#).

- **DEADLINE: February 1, 2025** at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time). Processing time can take up to four weeks, so please plan accordingly.
 - Contact Customer Service at 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 for one of our campuses 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 (with fall/winter 2024 grades, if applicable) must be received by the February 1st deadline.** Submitting your applications well before the February 1st deadline is highly recommended to ensure that all of 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 most recent semester of coursework (e.g., fall or winter session), updated transcripts must be submitted to CSDCAS by February 1st by following the instructions for an 'Academic Update'. Failure to do so by the deadline may result in an incomplete application status.

➤ 'Program Materials' – Documents/Questions

- In the Documents portion of the CSDCAS application, you will upload four (4) documents. The documents should be completed and uploaded prior to submitting your application. They should be original and generated by the applicant without the use of AI text-generating software. Specific prompts and instructions are provided in the CSDCAS application. Please be sure to read the prompts and instructions carefully. The documents are as follows:

1. **Personal statement/essay** regarding your background (350-500 words).
 2. **Response to an essay prompt** (400-500 words).
 3. **Resume/CV** that highlights your skills and past experiences from college and beyond. Appropriate items may include, but are not limited to, education, work experience, volunteer experience, awards, honors, scholarships, extracurricular activities, clubs, community service, leadership positions, unique experiences, etc.
 4. **Video essay link:** Submit a Word or PDF document containing the link to a 40 to 60-second YouTube video essay. (The specific prompt and instructions are in the CSDCAS application.) You should plan and create your video essay beforehand.
 - Record your conversational video using your preferred software.
 - Upload your video to YouTube.
 - In the settings for your YouTube video, select “unlisted” so that it is viewable only to those with the link and will not be publicly searchable or available.
 - Upload a Word or PDF document containing the URL for your YouTube video.
- **'Supporting Information' - Experiences/Achievements/Conferences:**
- Employment, related academic, work, volunteer experience, internships, lab work
 - Awards, certification areas and endorsements, honors
 - Conferences attended
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- Submit 3 letters of recommendation, with at least two (2) letters from college/university level instructors (clinical or academic faculty). Do not send letters directly to our department or the graduate school. They can only be accepted through the CSDCAS application portal. Please ask 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: https://help.liaisonedu.com/CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center
 - Letters of evaluation must be completed via the online evaluator portal through CSDCAS and must be completed by the evaluator and written at the time of your request. **Once you have chosen your references, be certain to inform them of the process and tell them that they will be filling out the reference electronically via an email request.** It is highly recommended that you contact the references individually 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.
- **Optional: 'Program Materials'/Questions - Apply for graduate teaching assistant (GTA) and paid student worker positions.** We generally have limited GTA positions available on each campus. We usually also have limited paid student worker positions available. To apply for positions, please complete the Optional 'Program Materials/Questions' section of the CSDCAS application. These positions are offered to 1st and 2nd year students attending our campus program. They are not available for students in our online program.

3) TRANSCRIPTS: Send ALL college/university transcripts to both CSDCAS and Idaho State University Graduate School. Do not send transcripts to our department. **It is important that you follow the instructions in CSDCAS for sending official transcripts directly to CSDCAS.** Transcripts can be sent electronically to the graduate school. The graduate school will accept either unofficial or official transcripts. Unofficial transcripts can be sent to gradadmissions@isu.edu. Official transcripts will be required by the graduate school if you are offered and accept a position in our program. If you attended Idaho State University, you do not need to send ISU transcripts to the Graduate School.

Idaho State University Graduate School mailing address:

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 Pocatello, ID 83209-8075

Note: GRE scores are not required nor accepted as part of our admissions process.

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