Communication Sciences and Disorders Master of Arts

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The following websites provide the most complete, up-to-date program information. We recommend that you review this information in full before applying to the program.

- UCF Graduate Catalog - www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu
  - Includes specific information about the program, admission requirements, and the prescribed plan of study
- CSD Website - www.cohpa.ucf.edu/csd
  - Includes additional information about the program and the CSD student handbooks

PROGRAM PLANS OF STUDY

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| Traditional Out-of-Field | Earned a bachelor’s degree in a field other than CSD         | 32-35 credit hours of prerequisites completed after admission  
  8-9 consecutive semesters of full-time enrollment (approximately 12 credit hours each semester) |
| Consortium           | Earned a bachelor’s degree in CSD and worked in one of the following counties as an SLPA for at least one semester: Brevard, Orange, Lake, Sumter, Osceola, Flagler, Marion, Volusia, Seminole, or Citrus | Limited to summer admission  
  Core courses and clinical requirements completed in the summer semesters  
  6 semesters (5 Summer semesters and 1 Fall or Spring semester) |
| Accelerated          | Are a current UCF undergraduate student                      | See the Undergraduate Program Coordinator for more information               |

See the graduate catalog for a more detailed description of each plan of study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Summer and Fall – February 1\textsuperscript{st}
- Spring – October 1\textsuperscript{st}
- All application materials must be submitted to the UCF College of Graduate Studies by the deadline date.
- It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete prior to the deadline.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the admissions committee.
- You must choose to apply to summer or fall when submitting an application for the February 1\textsuperscript{st} deadline.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to this program is granted on a competitive basis. A cohort of thirty-five (35) students is admitted each semester. Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. All applications to UCF must be submitted online using UCF’s Graduate Online Application. Application materials sent to the department will delay your application and could cause it to be considered incomplete by the deadline.

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

- **Official transcripts** (in a sealed envelope) from each college/university attended.
  - Send to UCF College of Graduate Studies
    - P.O. Box 160112
    - Orlando, FL 32816-0112

- **Official, competitive GRE score** taken within the last five years.
  - Verbal, quantitative, and written sections required
  - UCF Code: 5233

- **Three letters of recommendation**.
  - Preferably two letters from former professors/instructors
  - Consortium program applicants must submit
    - One letter from the district school administrator or program specialist of the Speech-Language Program of the employing school district
    - One from the school principal
    - One from a former professor
  - Letters of recommendation cannot be one year older than the application deadline
  - List your recommenders in the online application system and they will be contacted via e-mail by the College of Graduate Studies

  **A letter of intent** describing educational background, professional experiences, future goals, and how you will embody and uphold the ASHA Code of Ethics (http://www.asha.org/code-of-ethics/) in your professional career. The letter of intent should be between 1-3 pages. We do not set a word limit.

- **A resume**.

A background check is required for all students during their first semester in the program.
Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you offer a part-time or online program?
No, our program is a face-to-face, full-time program with a fixed plan of study.

Does the department allow nondegree seeking students to enroll in graduate courses?
At this time we do not allow nondegree seeking student to enroll in graduate courses.

I am an out-of-field student; will the department review my transcripts to determine if the prerequisites I have already completed are equivalent?
The graduate advisor and graduate coordinator will review transcripts after a student is admitted to the graduate program.

Do you offer campus or department tours?
Visit http://admissions.ucf.edu/visit/ for more information about campus tours. Email csdgraduate@ucf.edu at least a week in advance of your visit to make an appointment with the graduate advisor. Call 407-882-0468 to make an appointment to visit the clinic.

Where can I find more information about tuition and fees?
The cost of tuition and fees are posted online at http://tuitionfees.smca.ucf.edu/. The expected cost of attendance is also available on the Office of Financial Assistance website at www.finaid.ucf.edu.

Where can I find information about fellowship opportunities?
For information regarding graduate fellowships please refer to the UCF College of Graduate Studies Fellowship web page at: http://www.admissions.graduate.ucf.edu/funding/fellowships/.

ADMISSIONS

How many CSD graduate applications are submitted each year?
The UCF CSD program is highly competitive. There were over 700 applications submitted for the program in the past year. The greatest number of applications are submitted for the fall making it the most competitive semester.

What is the average GPA of admitted students?
The department looks at the last 60 credit hour GPA in addition to the cumulative GPA with higher weight placed on the last 60 credit hours. The average last 60 credit hour GPA of accepted students in the past years have been between a 3.7 and 3.8.
What is the average GRE score of admitted students and how important are these scores?
The UCF CSD program does not set minimum GRE scores however the scores are used as part of a complete review process and must be competitive with our applicant pool. The average scores earned on the GRE for students accepted into the program in past years have been a **Verbal** score of 152 and a **Writing Analysis** score of 4. We do not track quantitative scores because they are not heavily considered in the review process.

Can I apply to the program if I haven’t completed all of the required prerequisites?
Students who did not receive a bachelor’s degree in CSD or a related field may still apply to the graduate program. The undergraduate prerequisite courses are completed after being admitted to the program.

How do I check the status of my application?
You can check the status of your application online any time after the application has been processed at [https://my.ucf.edu](https://my.ucf.edu). Please be aware that the College of Graduate Studies processes thousands of applications and it can take two to three weeks for files to be updated. We encourage you to submit your application early so you can be sure everything was received by the deadline.

When will I receive an admission decision?
The admissions committee determines final decisions after the application deadline; applicants will be notified as final decisions are made. We aim to notify all spring applicants by the middle of November, all summer applicants by the end of February, and all fall applicants by the end of March. However, the decision process may take longer depending on how many applications are submitted that term.

Who can I contact to find out why I was denied?
The committee cannot share specific reasons as to why you were not admitted. Please review our averages listed above and be sure to follow the recommendations listed in the application requirement page.

Can I reapply to the graduate program after receiving a denial decision?
Yes. However, we recommend that you improve the competitiveness of your application based on recommendations listed on page 2 of this document.

Who can I talk to for more information about the graduate program and application process?
General questions can be answered by calling our front office at 407-823-4798.
1. Email csdgraduate@ucf.edu and include your questions. The graduate advisor will respond by email within 2-4 business days depending on the time of the semester and urgency of your request.
2. Walk-in advising hours are listed on the department’s website and change weekly. Visit [www.cohpa.ucf.edu/csd](http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/csd) to view this week’s hours. If you cannot come in during the listed hours email csdgraduate@ucf.edu to request an appointment.

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