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

✓ CHECK LIST ***Deadline is February 1st**

- ☐ Graduate School application at Idaho State University submitted with fees paid
- ☐ Verify the Graduate School at ISU received either official or unofficial transcripts for ALL coursework.
- ☐ CSDCAS application submitted with fees paid AND has a final application status of 'VERIFIED' by the deadline
- ☐ Verify CSDCAS has received a minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Verify CSDCAS has received official transcripts for ALL coursework, including fall/winter 2024 grades

Please visit our website for detailed application instructions.

1) **Apply to Idaho State University's Graduate School** here
   - o **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.
   - o 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 15th.

2) **Apply to CSDCAS** (Communication Sciences & Disorders Centralized Application Service) here
   - o **DEADLINE: February 1, 2025 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 or 617-612-2030, if you need assistance.
   - o **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.
   - o **Online program:** Complete the CSDCAS SLP Online Program application. Select a second choice only if it is a viable option for you.
   - o **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.
   - o **ALL application materials, including Letters of Recommendation and transcripts (including fall/winter 2024 if applicable) 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.
   - o **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 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 - Personal Essay**
     - ▪ In the Documents portion of the CSDCAS application, you are required to upload an essay in response to a specific question. The essay must be completed/uploaded prior to submitting your application. Instructions are provided in the Documents portion of the application.

   ➢ **'Program Materials' – Documents/Questions - CV/Resume**

- ➢ '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 (clinic or academic faculty). Do not send letters directly to our department or the graduate school, but 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: 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 THEMSELVES and written at the time of your request. **Once you have chosen your references, be certain to inform them of the process and that they will be filling out the reference electronically.** 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.

- ➢ **Optional: 'Program Materials'/Questions - Apply for GTA and paid student worker positions.** We generally have GTA positions available on each campus. We also have paid student worker positions available. To apply for positions, you must 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 seat in our program. If you attended Idaho State University, you do not need to send ISU transcripts to the Graduate School.

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Note: We will **not** be using or considering GRE scores as part of our admissions process.