1) Graduate Program Information

- Is a deposit required if accepted to our SLP Master's program?
  - A $200 deposit is required to secure your seat and will be credited towards tuition for your first semester of classes. The deposit will be forfeited if you withdraw before starting the program.

- Is the SLP Master's Program full-time or part-time?
  - Our campus program is a two year full-time program that consists of 6 semesters (fall, spring & summer). Our online program is a 3 year part-time program consisting of 9 semesters. Our Master's Program consists of 60-64 credits.

- When does the program begin?
  - Our program begins in August (fall semester only).

- How many students are accepted each fall?
  - We accept 19 students on each campus and 20 students in our online program for a total of 58 students. We have two campus programs - Pocatello, ID and Meridian, ID. Within the CSDCAS application, you will choose your program preference(s). You must list a first choice. You may list a second choice, but it is not required. Please do not list a second choice if it will not be an option for you. Listing a second choice does not increase your odds of receiving an offer.

- How many students apply each year?
  - We received over 400 applications last cycle. More than half of those applications were for our online program.

- Are scholarships offered that cover student tuition?
  - Our department participates in the WRGP program (see more information below).
  - We have approximately 3 GTA positions 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 for the positions.) The application for all positions must be submitted under the “Questions” section of the CSDCAS application.
  - We occasionally have scholarship opportunities for our graduate students. We notify students if those become available. If you need assistance with funding your education, please visit the Financial Aid Office website at - https://www.isu.edu/financialaid/

- How to apply for the WRGP (Western Regional Graduate Program).
  - The WRGP program allows graduate level students who have legal resident status in one of the WICHE member states to enroll at participating institutions outside of their home state and pay in-state tuition.
  - If you are admitted to our program, and qualify for the WRGP tuition credit, we will submit the required paperwork for you. You will receive a tuition credit approximately 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester. Fall classes begin approximately the 3rd full week in August.
  - All online students pay in-state tuition. In addition to tuition, all online students are assessed online professional fees, which are currently an additional $495 per credit.
  - The WRGP participating states are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

- What is the cost of attending our Program?
  - Please visit our website for this information. The link is https://www.isu.edu/slp/program-costs/
  - Additional information can also be found on ISU’s website at https://www.isu.edu/cost/

2) Transcripts

- Where do I send transcripts?
  - Both ISU Graduate School and CSDCAS
    - ISU Graduate School
      - 921 S. 8th Ave Mail Stop 8075
      - Pocatello, ID 83209-8075
    - CSDCAS Transcript Processing Center
      - PO Box 9113
      - Watertown, MA 02471

- Can I send copies of my transcripts?
  - CSDCAS accepts official transcripts only. ISU will accept either official or unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts will be required if you are offered a seat in our program, Official transcripts must come directly from your institution. You cannot send transcripts yourself, even if sealed and marked ‘official’. Transcripts must be submitted and received by both CSDCAS and the Graduate School before you will be considered for a seat in our program.
Can transcripts be submitted electronically?
- ISU graduate school will accept electronic transcripts at gradmissions@isu.edu. Transcripts must be in pdf form and include the institutions full name along with your full name. For detailed information on how to submit your official transcripts to CSDCAS, please go to https://help.liaisonedu.com/CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center

If I attended Idaho State University, do I need to send ISU transcripts to the Graduate School at ISU? No

3) GRE scores
- What are the GRE score requirements?
  - Your GRE scores must have been taken within the last 5 years. All applicants are required to take the GRE – no exceptions. At least one subsection score (Quantitative, Verbal, or Analytical) from the GRE must be at or above the 40th percentile. However, successful applicants to our graduate program usually have more than one subsection score at or above the 40th percentile. If any subsection percentile score(s) are single digits, we highly recommend you retake the GRE.
- Where do I send my GRE scores?
  - CSDCAS only. Please use code 4545 to have your GRE scores sent directly to CSDCAS.
- When do I need to have my GRE scores submitted by?
  - Our application deadline is February 1, 2020. GRE scores must be received by the deadline.
- Do we accept the MAT? No

4) Letters of Recommendation
- How many letters of recommendation do I need to submit?
  - Submit 3 letters through CSDCAS only. Please do not send letters directly to our department.
  - 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. Once you have chosen your references, be certain to inform them of the process that they will be filling out the reference electronically. Obtain their preferred e-mail address and make sure they are monitoring their e-mail inbox for your reference request e-mail. Please, carefully follow the instructions for submitting letters of recommendation located on the CSDCAS website - https://help.liaisonedu.com/CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center
- Whom should I ask for a recommendation?
  - The recommendations may be from a college or university instructor/faculty member, employer, supervisor, or volunteer work supervisor, etc. Letters should not be from family members or friends. Seek recommendations from those who can address your potential for success in the graduate program, academically and/or clinically. We highly recommend two of the three letters be from SLP academic faculty members.

5) Personal Essay & CV/Resume
- Where do I submit my personal essay and cv/resume?
  - Program Materials/Documents section of the CSDCAS application (essay maximum is 500 words)
- What should I include in my essay?
  - Briefly describe:
    - why you’ve chosen to pursue a career in Speech-Language Pathology
    - what aspect of your previous SLP coursework or related experiences will be most interesting for you to apply clinically in graduate school
    - why Idaho State University is a good choice for you

6) GTA and paid student worker positions (Optional)
- We have approximately 3 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.

7) Pre-Requisites
- I have not taken all the required pre-requisite courses, where do I list those that I plan on taking?
  - When entering your transcripts in CSDCAS, you can select ‘in-progress’ or ‘planned’ for those pre-requisites that have not yet been completed, are in-progress, and/or those that you plan on taking. There is also a place for you to list those same pre-requisites in the ‘Program Materials/Questions’ section.
- If I haven’t finished all the pre-requisites, will my application still be considered?
  - You must complete the majority of the required pre-requisite coursework by the summer prior to the start of the Master’s program, which is approximately the 3rd full week in August. You may be able to incorporate 1 or 2 missing pre-requisite courses into the Master’s program, depending on the pre-requisite(s) that you are missing. It may extend the length of the Master’s program. If you are admitted to our program and are notified of missing pre-requisites, we highly recommend you take them the summer prior to beginning our program.
- What do I do if I have not taken CSD 4417 Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team (IET)?
  - CSD 4417 is only offered at ISU. You will take CSD 5517 the first spring semester of the Master’s program.

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8) GPA
   ➢ Is there a minimum GPA requirement?
     o To be considered for our SLP Master’s program, you must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on your most recent 60 credit hours. The majority of the applicants currently offered a seat in our program have a 3.4 GPA or higher.
   ➢ How is my GPA calculated?
     o The Graduate School calculates your most recent 60 credit hours of coursework, as does CSDCAS. We also carefully consider your CSD coursework and undergrad GPA.

9) Application Deadline
   ➢ February 1, 2020
     o Your completed CSDCAS application must be submitted with fees paid by February 1, 2020, Midnight - Eastern Standard Time. **ALL** application materials, including Letters of Recommendation, GRE scores, and transcripts (including fall/winter 2019 grades if applicable), **MUST** be received by the February 1st deadline. Processing time can take up to 4 weeks, so please plan accordingly.
     o Your completed ISU Graduate School application must be submitted with fees paid by February 1, 2020, Midnight, Mountain Standard Time.

10) Apply
    ➢ Where do I go to apply to the SLP Master’s Program?
      o ISU Graduate School - [https://www.isu.edu/graduate/](https://www.isu.edu/graduate/)
      o CSDCAS - [https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login](https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login)