Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Frequently Asked Questions

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 is non-refundable.
- Is the SLP Master's Program (60-63 credits) full-time or part-time?
  - Our online program is a 3-year part-time program consisting of 9 semesters.
  - Our campus program is a 2-year full-time program that consists of 6 semesters (fall, spring & summer). We have two campus programs - Pocatello, ID and Meridian, ID.
    - Complete ONE CSDCAS application, for either the campus or the online program. Within the application, you will choose your second preference, if applicable. Do not list a second choice if it will not be a viable option for you.
- When does the program begin?
  - Our program begins in August (fall semester only).
- How many students apply each year?
  - We generally receive 300 - 500 applications. More than half of those applications are for our online program.
- Are scholarships offered that cover student tuition?
  - Our department participates in the WRGP program (see information below).
  - We have some 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 and notify students right away when 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 instate tuition. For detailed information, please go to https://www.wiche.edu/wrgp.
  - 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. You will receive a tuition credit approximately 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
  - All online students pay in-state tuition. In addition to tuition, online students are assessed online professional fees. The fees for the 2023/2024 academic year are *$400 per credit.
  - Campus students are assessed professional fees of *$185 per credit for the 2023/2024 academic year.
- What is the cost of attending our Program?
  - Please visit our website for this information. The link is https://www.isu.edu/slp/about/program-costs/
  - Additional information can also be found on ISU's website at https://www.isu.edu/cost/

2) Pre-Requisites

- The minimum CSD course pre-requisite requirements are listed on our website at https://www.isu.edu/slp/programs/graduate-program/apply/.
- I have not taken all the required pre-requisite courses, where do I list those courses, 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 have not finished all the pre-requisites, will my application be considered?
  - You must complete all required CSD pre-requisite coursework by the summer prior to the start of the Master's program, which is approximately the 3rd full week in August. If you offered a seat in our program and notified of missing CSD pre-requisites, you must take them the summer prior to beginning our program.

3) Apply

- Where do I go to apply to the SLP Master's Program?
  - You must complete BOTH applications by the deadline.
    - ISU Graduate School - https://www.isu.edu/graduate/
    - CSDCAS - https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login

4) Application Deadline

- ➢ February 1, 2024
    - o IMPORTANT: Your CSDCAS application must show a status of 'Verified' by the February 1st deadline. The CSDCAS status 'Complete' is NOT 'Verified'. 'Verified' is the final application status.
    - o Note: All campus program applicants applying will complete the CSDCAS SLP Campus Program application and will denote program preference, either the Meridian campus or the Pocatello campus, under the Questions Tab within the CSDCAS application. The Online program may be selected as a second choice. Do not list a second choice if it will not be an option for you. All Online program applicants will complete the CSDCAS SLP Online Program application. You may select a second choice only if it is a viable option for you.
        - ▪ Your completed CSDCAS application must be submitted with fees paid AND show a status of 'Verified' by February 1, 2024, Midnight - Eastern Standard Time. ALL application materials, including Letters of Recommendation and transcripts (including fall/winter 2023 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. 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. Failure to do so by the deadline may result in an incomplete application status. Applications missing required documents after the February 1st deadline will not be considered. Please visit our website for detailed application instructions.
    - o ISU Graduate School – completed application must be submitted with fees paid by February 1, 2024, Midnight, Mountain Standard Time.
    - o Transcripts must be submitted and received by both CSDCAS and the Graduate School to be considered for a seat in our program. See section '3) Transcripts' for detailed information.

5) Transcripts

- ➢ Where do I send transcripts?
    - o 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?
    - o 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?
    - o ISU graduate school will accept electronic transcripts at graddean@isu.edu. Transcripts must be in pdf form and include the institutions full name along with your full name.
    - o For detailed information on how to submit your official transcripts to CSDCAS, please go to the CSDCAS website at 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

6) Letters of Recommendation

- ➢ How many letters of recommendation do I need to submit?
    - o 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, 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.
    - o Carefully follow the instructions for submitting letters of recommendation located on the CSDCAS website: https://help.liaisonedu.com/CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center
    - o 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.
- ➢ Whom should I ask for a recommendation?
    - o 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?
  - o Program Materials/Documents section of the CSDCAS application
- ➢ What should I include in my personal essay?
  - o 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 CSDCAS application. Instructions are provided in the Documents portion of the CSDCAS application.

8) 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, 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.

9) 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 at least a 3.75 GPA or higher.
- ➢ How is my GPA calculated?
  - o CSDCAS will calculate GPA using your most recent 60 credit hours. We also carefully consider your CSD coursework and undergrad GPA.

10) GRE scores
NOTE: The Idaho State University Speech-Language Pathology program will not be using or considering GRE scores as part of our admissions process. If you have questions related to this decision or the ISU Admissions process, please contact csd@isu.edu.

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