



Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Fall 2024 Cohort Application Instructions

1) Apply to Idaho State University Graduate School at: <http://www.isu.edu/graduate/>

The deadline is **February 1, 2024 at midnight, MST (Mountain Standard Time)**. You may contact the graduate school at gradschool@isu.edu or 208-282-2150 if you need assistance.

2) Apply to CSDCAS (Communication Sciences & Disorders Centralized Application Service) at:

<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> The deadline is **February 1, 2024 at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time)**.

Processing time can take up to 4 weeks, so please plan accordingly.

- **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.
 - 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.
- **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.
- **'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
- **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) **IMPORTANT:** Send ALL college/university transcripts to both CSDCAS and Idaho State University Graduate School. Do not send transcripts to our department. **It is also important that you follow the instructions in CSDCAS for sending official transcripts directly to CSDCAS.** The Graduate School at Idaho State University will accept either unofficial or official transcripts via email at 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.

Idaho State University Graduate School mailing address: ISU Graduate School
921 S 8th Ave Mail Stop 8075
Pocatello, ID 83209-8075

4) **GRE:** 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.

***Please Follow-up Often to Confirm Receipt of Application Materials and Application Status.**

- ✦ **ISU Graduate School:** Your application must be submitted and fees paid by **February 1, 2024 at midnight, MST (Mountain Standard Time)**.
 - Check your application status online using the login ID and pin you created. If you are having difficulties, contact the Graduate School directly at gradschool@isu.edu or call 208-282-2150. 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 mid-March.
- ✦ **CSDCAS:** Your completed application must be submitted with fees paid **and show a status of 'Verified' by February 1, 2024 at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time)**. **IMPORTANT: The CSDCAS status of 'Complete' is NOT 'Verified'. 'Verified' is the final application status in CSDCAS.**
 - Please check the status of your CSDCAS application often to verify all materials are received on time. Contact Customer Service with any difficulties at csdcassinfo@csdcas.org or 617-612-2030.
- ✦ **CHECK LIST** *all steps have a February 1st deadline – pay close attention to deadline times above
 - 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 received a minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Verify CSDCAS received official transcripts for ALL coursework, including fall/winter 2023 grades