Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
Application Instructions for Fall 2021 Cohort

1) Apply to Idaho State University Graduate School at:  http://www.isu.edu/graduate/
The deadline is February 1, 2021 at midnight, MST (Mountain Standard Time). You may contact the graduate school at gradadmissions@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, 2021 at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time). **ALL** application materials, including Letters of Recommendation, GRE scores, and transcripts (including fall/winter 2020 grades if applicable), **MUST** be received by the February 1st deadline. Processing time can take up to 4 weeks, so please plan accordingly. There is one application for both the online and campus programs. Within the application, you will choose your program preference(s). The address and email information provided to CSDCAS will be used to contact you regarding your application status. Please notify our department if your contact information changes. Carefully follow the instructions in CSDCAS for each section of the application before submitting. Instructions are located at https://portal.csdcas.org/csdcasHelpPages/instructions-and-faq-/index.html

- **'Supporting Information' - Experiences/Achievements**: Employment, related academic, work, volunteer experience, internships; Awards, certification areas and endorsements, honors
- **'Program Materials' – Documents/Questions - Personal Essay**: Choose either A. or B. and answer in 400 words or less
  A. Describe a time you encountered an obstacle and the steps you took to overcome the challenge. What did you learn from that experience?
  B. Describe an accomplishment you feel proud of and how you went about achieving it. What helped you prepare for this challenge? Did you encounter any obstacles in the process?
- **'Program Materials' – Documents/Questions - CV/Resume
- **Recommendations**: A minimum of 3 letters of recommendation, with at least 2 from college level instructors, must be submitted directly to CSDCAS. Do not send letters to our department or the Graduate School. References must complete the evaluation via the online evaluator portal. It is highly recommended that you contact the reference in person prior to submitting their information to CSDCAS. It is imperative that you confirm your references receive the reference request and successfully submit the recommendation letter to CSDCAS by the February 1st deadline.
- **Optional: 'Program Materials'/Questions - Apply for GTA and paid student worker positions. We have some GTA positions available on each campus. We also have paid student worker positions. To apply for positions, you must complete the 'Optional' section of the CSDCAS application. These positions are not available for students participating in our online program.

- **IMPORTANT**: You must submit your completed CSDCAS application by **February 1, 2021 at midnight, EST (Eastern Standard Time)**. Processing time can take up to 4 weeks, so please plan accordingly. It is your responsibility to confirm CSDCAS receives **ALL** required application materials by the February 1st deadline. This includes Letters of Recommendation, GRE scores, and transcripts (including fall/winter 2020 grades if applicable). Please check the status of your CSDCAS application often by logging in to the application portal. Contact CSDCAS directly at 617-612-2030, if you need assistance.

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3) 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 transcripts 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 ISU if you are offered 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) Take the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) and have **official scores sent to CSDCAS.** Use code 4545 to send GRE scores directly to CSDCAS. At least one sub-score in the 40th percentile or higher is required. We highly recommend retaking the GRE’s if you have one or more GRE sub-score with a single digit percentile. Information about the GRE can be found at: [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)

**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, 2021 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 gradadmissions@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 March 1st.

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**CHECK LIST (all steps are to be completed by February 1st – pay close attention to deadline times listed above)**

- Submit application to the Graduate School at Idaho State University and pay the fee.
- Verify the Graduate School at ISU received either official or unofficial transcripts for all coursework.
- Submit CSDCAS application and pay the fee.
- Verify CSDCAS received a minimum of 3 Letters of Recommendation, with at least 2 from college level instructors.
- Verify CSDCAS received your official GRE scores - use code 4545.
- Verify CSDCAS received official transcripts for all coursework.