Master’s Degree in Speech-Language-Hearing Science

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can you mail me an admissions application for the graduate program in speech?
A. We do not mail applications. Online applications are used through the Communications Science & Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) and the Graduate School at Temple University. The application process is as follows: Submit your application via CSDCAS: https://portal.csdcas.org/ and Temple’s supplemental application https://prd-wlssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwskalog_P_DispLoginNon

Q. Where can I find information about the graduate program in Speech, Language and Hearing Science?
A. For general information about the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders visit our department website http://chpsw.temple.edu/commsci/home and for information specifically on graduate studies in Speech-Language Pathology go to the Degree Section for Masters of Arts in Speech Language Hearing (MA-SLH) at http://chpsw.temple.edu/commsci/degrees-offered-graduate-programs/master-arts-speech-language-hearing
More detailed information about program requirements, pre-requisite courses, procedures, etc. can be found in the M.A. manual at http://chpsw.temple.edu/sites/chpsw/files/imce_uploads/MA_SLH_Manual_revised%203012013.pdf

Q. Is there an opportunity for me to meet a program representative and ask questions about the program?
A. Yes, Information Sessions on the MA program in SLH are held on the first Friday of September, October, November and December during the fall semester and the first Friday of February and March during the spring semester. For directions and to register please contact Ms. Dawn Dandridge at ddandrid@temple.edu.

Q. What is the deadline for submitting an admissions application?
A. The deadline for submission of both the CSDCAS and Temple’s supplemental applications is February 1. This deadline includes submission of **ALL** material (letters of recommendations, transcripts, GRE scores, etc.). The applicant is responsible to follow up on these requests.
Q. If I take the pre-requisite courses at Temple, does it mean I automatically get admitted into the graduate program?
A. No, taking pre-requisites here does not guarantee admission to the program.

Q. Can I apply to the graduate program if my undergraduate degree is in another field?
A. Yes, many students who have undergraduate degrees in other majors are admitted to the graduate program in Speech-Language-Hearing. Students who are admitted to the MA SLH program with a baccalaureate degree not in Communication Science & Disorders (CSD) will typically need to take the pre-requisite courses during the first Fall and Spring of their graduate studies adding another year to their program.

Q. If I was a CSD major, how will I know if pre-requisite courses I have taken at other schools are accepted to Temple?
A. Successful completion (grade C or better) of specific courses completed (grade C or better) at a Communication Sciences & Disorders accredited program will be accepted for a pre-requisite requirement of a graduate level course in the MA SLH curriculum. Coursework completed in other programs will be vetted for equivalency by the instructor of the graduate level course after acceptance of admission into the program.

Q. Can you tell me the status of my application?
A. You can check the status of your application on Owlnet at http://owlnet.temple.edu. Please note: If you submitted the required items (supplemental application, CSDCAS application, test scores and had your letters uploaded to CSDCAS from the writers) then you have fulfilled all of the application requirements and can consider your application complete.

The staff in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will process your application documents as soon as we can. Because of the number of applications to the program, we may not be able to immediately update every application nor can we immediately respond to every question or request. It may be a few weeks before all application records in CSDCAS and Owlnet are updated to reflect the documents you sent in.

You will be notified via email if your file is missing a document, and you will be given time to submit that document so your application is complete.

Q. Are GREs required if I already have my undergraduate degree?
A. Yes, all applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within five (5) years of the current application cycle.

Q. What is the average GPA and GRE scores of the students you accept?
A. Based on a range of scores our average GPA was 3.75 and our GRE average was above the 70th percentile (verbal and quantitative percentile averaged). Our students also had a minimum of 3.5 in the written section.

Q. How many applications do you get each year?
A. About 400
Q. How many applicants do you accept each year? How many students in total are in the program?
A. We usually accept 60 students in an incoming class, and approximately 30 students are enrolled in the program.

Q. Can I be admitted and start the program in the spring semester.
A. No. We do not have rolling admission. The academic year begins in the Fall semester for the MA Program in Speech-Language-Hearing.

Q. How and when will I know if I’ve been accepted into the program?
A. You will receive an acceptance letter in the mail after all applications have been reviewed. You can also check the status of your application and see the admissions decision on CSDCAS and OWLink http://owlnet.temple.edu.

Q. Is funding or financial support available for graduate studies in Speech, Language-Hearing Science?
A. University, Federal and State aid in the form of scholarships, grants and loans are awarded based on need, as calculated by Student Financial Services. For more information on types of University, Federal and State aid available, please visit the Student Financial Services website. www.temple.edu/sfs.

Q. Can I keep my full-time job and complete this program taking evening courses?
A. Classes are scheduled during the day and at night and the courses are only offered, in sequence, once a year. Thus, having a full-time job would make attending Temple almost impossible (unless your full-time job was extremely flexible and allowed you to work at different times every semester. Additionally, you must be available to participate in clinical practica, all of which occur during the day.

Q. Where do I mail my completed application and its supporting documents?
A. Your CSDCAS and supplemental Temple application should be submitted electronically. Your reference letters must be uploaded to CSDCAS by the writers. Official transcripts should be sent to CSDCAS. GRE scores must be sent to Temple electronically using the institution code 2906. Do not mail documents to Temple University.

Q. When will I be notified if I’ve been admitted into the program?
A. We will attempt to notify you of a decision regarding admittance to the program in a timely fashion. We hope to send notification by the beginning of April.

Q. Who should I contact with questions and concerns about my application?
A. You should email questions about your application to Dawn Dandridge in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders ddandrid@temple.edu. Staff of the Graduate School or other departments in the College of Health Professions and Social Work will not have access to your applications.