

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND DISORDERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA

In order to be considered for admission, the applicant must have submitted all of the required materials (see Application Procedures). Admission to the Ph.D. degree program in Communication Science and Disorders is competitive and dependent on available program resources. In order to be considered for acceptance into the doctoral program, an applicant must:

1. Hold a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology or Audiology (or AuD) and Possess the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
OR
Hold a bachelor's degree. (If this degree is not in Communication Science and Disorders, the graduate program will take, at a minimum, an additional year to complete.)
2. Have attained at least a 3.4 GPA on the most recent 60 hours of college/university coursework.
3. Have achieved satisfactory GRE scores. Typically, successful applicants have combined Verbal and Quantitative subtest scores well above 1000.
4. Demonstrate native or near-native ability in spoken and written English, if English is not the applicant's native language. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Test of Spoken English (TSE) and the Test of Written English (TWE) are required. Minimum score requirements for the TOEFL are 580 on the paper-based TOEFL, 237 on the computer-based TOEFL, and 92 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT). The minimum score for the TSE is 55. (Note: the TSE is not required if the applicant takes the iBT since it includes the Speaking subtest.) The minimum score requirement for the TWE is 4.5. Applicants must meet or exceed the minimum score on one TOEFL, the TSE and the TWE for consideration.
5. Participate in an interview either in person or by telephone with three departmental faculty members who are members of the Doctoral Faculty.

Qualifying Examination:

The student must have achieved a score of 660 or better on the National Examination in Speech-Language Pathology. If this requirement has not been met, then by the end of the first semester of doctoral study the student will need to: a) retake the Examination and achieve a minimum score of 660, or b) pass a qualifying examination prepared by the department faculty before continuing further in doctoral studies. For applicants holding a CCC-A, please contact Judith Goodman, Department Chair, at GoodmanJC@health.missouri.edu regarding the Qualifying Examination requirement.