

I spoke with most of you during the summer. We are so glad that you are interested in our online masters degree program in Communication Disorders. It is a unique program designed for individuals who are working and also want to go to school. Our program is considered to be an excellent program nationwide based on the scores our students obtain when they take the NESPA. We are ASHA accredited. We now have two online cohorts. Out-of-state students WILL BE ACCEPTED in the third cohort. At the end of the three-year program, requirements will be met for the masters degree as well as ASHA requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence. California students will also meet the requirements for the state license, but a credential will NOT be included in the program.

I referred you to our Web site: <http://exploracle.csun.edu/cds>. I am working with a person to "reconstruct" this web site but it has some information about the program and the application process. The application process is fairly typical for a university: application to the university graduate program (this application is online through the university Web site: <http://www.csun.edu>), application to the department, original transcripts, completion of GRE or MAT, three letters of reference, and a letter of intent, and a copy of clinical hours. The dates have not been determined yet, however I believe that applications will be mailed in the spring of 2001 and that the third class will begin late in 2001 or early in 2002. If you receive this email, you are on the list to receive a graduate application when they become available. GRE scores are good for 5 years. There are study courses available, study guides available and software that can be purchased. The GRE is computerized.

In order to meet the prerequisites, the applicants must have an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders or 30 hours of prerequisite work. A general guide for the prerequisite work is described on the Web site. We do not offer the undergraduate work online. If you have specific questions, contact me. We also require that you have a method to obtain clinical hours. This is usually done by working full-time or part-time in a school district. However, it also can be through volunteer work at a site where hours can be obtained. The university signs an agreement with your site. This agreement states that the employer will release you 5 hours a week for 3 semesters and provide you with a supervisor who has a CCC from ASHA. The supervisors will receive a supervision course from CSUN and CEU's from ASHA. This has worked out well with our first two classes. You are being paid, the supervisor is being paid and you are receiving clock hours all at the same time! After the first 3 semesters, you will be placed in a hospital or skilled nursing facility in your area to obtain adult hours. If you have further questions, please contact me by email

(karen.j.green@csun.edu) or by telephone (818-677-2880). If you have received this information by mail, please send me your email address as soon as possible.

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