

Happy Holidays to you and best wishes of the season!

We are so pleased that you are interested in our online distance education program in Communication Disorders.

Many of you have been asking about the graduate application process. If you are on this data base, a graduate application from our department will be mailed to you when they become available. The departmental application is 4 pages long. It asks for demographic data, a letter of intent, and computer information. The Statement of Intent is approximately a 1000 word essay. The other items requested are as follows: official and sealed transcripts of all college and university work completed, a copy of the Educational Testing Service transcript from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller's Analogy Test (MAT), three letters of recommendation (we do not issue checklists or forms), verification of the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Examination if you are a California State University graduate, and a Clinical Hours Verification Form (you can use one issued by your university or there will be one in the packet). In addition, you must apply online to the Graduate School (Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Application). There is a \$55.00 fee with the Graduate School Application.

FAQs

Can I apply to both the residential and the distance education programs at CSUN? Yes, but you must fill out 2 separate applications.

Do I have to complete 2 applications and pay 2 fees to the Graduate School? No.

What kind of gpa is required? The university requires a 2.50 overall.

What kind of gpa is competitive? Cohort I's average gpa in the major was 3.3.

What subtests of the GRE are considered in the application process? Verbal and Quantitative

What score is required on the GRE? The university catalog indicates that a student must achieve a 50% or better on either the Verbal or the Quantitative subtests of the GRE. Cohort I's average on the GRE was 967.

Is the GRE offered frequently? Go to the GRE Webpage. The GRE is given in Sylvan Learning Centers in your area usually more than once a month. You will receive an UNOFFICIAL score when you leave.

Can I take the GRE again? Yes.

Should I study for the GRE? Yes. You may wish to buy software to "practice" the GRE on the computer. You can buy review books at any bookstore. You may wish to take a review course.

Who should I ask to write my letters of recommendation? You will want to ask one person who knows how well you do in academic classes. You will want another person who can attest to your clinical work (your employer or a clinic supervisor). Avoid friends and family and parents of children who you have worked with.

Can I transfer graduate hours that I completed at another university? No. This is a lock-step program. You begin together, take all the courses together, and end together.

Can I transfer clinic hours in this program? Yes. You can transfer 25 observation hours and up to 100 clinical hours. The Verification Form must be signed by the training director, department head or program director of the university where the hours were earned.

Since the dates have not been set for the application to be sent out, what can I do now? You can study for and take the GRE. The scores will be good for 5 years. You can ask people to write letters of reference. You can get your clinic hours signed by your university.

How do I know if this program would be "right" for me? Past experience has told us that this program requires a student to be HIGHLY motivated and HIGHLY organized.

Will I be eligible for Financial Aid? Yes if you meet the criteria. You will be a matriculated student. You may want to look at www.csun.edu and access information about financial aid.

Until 2001-my best to you!

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