

Application Resources

Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA):** <http://www.asha.org/students/>
- CSDCAS:** <http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas-student-page/>
- Program Directory:** Research your programs to determine if they use CSDCAS or if you apply directly to the college/university. <http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas/csdcas-participating-programs/>
- Instructions and FAQs:** <https://portal.csdcas.org/csdcasHelpPages/instructions-and-faq/>
- CSDCAS application.** The application opens in August 2017. The cost for a CSDCAS application is \$125 for the first program you apply to. Any additional programs you choose to apply to will cost \$50 per designation, even if you submit those programs later in the application cycle.
- Fee assistance:** For CSDCAS fee assistance go to the following website to determine if you qualify. <https://portal.csdcas.org/csdcasHelpPages/instructions-and-faq/school-information/csdcas-fee-waivers/> For programs not using CSDCAS, you will need to speak to them directly to see if they waive application fees.
- Transcripts.** Order your transcripts in person or online through the Office of the Registrar (<http://registrar.illinois.edu/transcripts>). Submit your transcript request form(s) the same day that you place your order. Make sure that you hold the order until spring grades are available. Generally, transcripts must be ordered from the institution where the course was taken, whether or not the courses transferred to your Illinois transcript.
- Potential letter writers.** Schedule a meeting with them or provide them with information about you (resume, personal statement, etc.). Make sure to tell them they will receive an e-mail from the application service or the individual program to complete their evaluation. You may also want to provide your letter writers with resources on what to include in their letter.
- GRE.** CSDCAS accepts official GRE Scores submitted electronically to CSDCAS using a special CSD program-specific CSDCAS GRE code which is different than the school's regular school code. <https://www.ets.org/gre>
- Social Media:** Follow ASHA on Facebook and Twitter- <https://www.facebook.com/asha.org>; @ASHAWeb



Application Tips

- Verification:** This means that CSDCAS has received your completed application, transcripts and payment. Until you have a “complete” application, you do not enter the verification process.
- Program Materials Section.** Some programs may ask you to complete additional essays. Make sure to answer the questions asked. Secondaries are often how admissions committees will distinguish which applicants have researched their programs, and how well they can communicate—beyond what has already been shared. Applicants may have applied early with primary applications, but holding onto secondary applications can have an impact, especially with schools that have a rolling admissions process.
- Coursework:** Use your academic history or unofficial transcript. Do not use DARS. Classify courses based on the content of the course.
- Proofread your entire application.** Print out a hard copy and review it for any errors or omissions.
- Demonstrate professionalism.** Your qualifications as an applicant are not solely based on official application materials—communication via email, over the phone, on interview day (even during informal interactions) can be a part of your evaluation as an applicant.
- Continue your preparation.** Keep your motivation going by continuing to be involved inside and outside of the classroom. This will allow you to have more to share in secondaries, interviews, letters of update, or possibly in a reapplication. Keep in contact with your letter writers—they’ll want to know how you’re doing, and this will help them if you need updated letters for any reason.

Health Professions Advising & Services

- April is Application Month:** Attend these workshops to learn more about the application process. We even help you write a personal statement. Visit www.careercenter.illinois.edu for calendar of events.
- Personal Statement Reviews:** Submit your personal statement online to be reviewed. www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/personal-statement-reviews
- Health Professions Advisors:** HP Advisors are available, even over summer, to assist you throughout the application process. Schedule a 30 minute appointment or visit us during Health Professions Advising Drop In Hours. www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/health-professions-advising
- Mock Interviews:** Schedule a mock interview (not available over summer.) www.careercenter.illinois.edu/service/mock-interviews