



Dear Prospective Graduate Student;

Thank you for your interest in the University of Kentucky's Communication Sciences & Disorders Program. You are very important to us and we look forward to receiving your application. Applications to our program are received through the University of Kentucky Graduate School's *Apply Yourself* Application system at https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=ukgrad. *Apply Yourself* provides a convenient and efficient process to apply using a web-based application. The system provides a real-time status tool so applicants may check the status of their application, transcripts, and letters of reference online at any time. **Currently our application fee includes \$60 to the CSD Program and \$65 to the UK Graduate School for a total of \$125 which must be paid at the time you apply.**

In order to be considered for our program, **you must complete your application through the University of Kentucky Graduate School @ https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=ukgrad** You must also send an official graduate record examination score (GRE) (**UK's "Institution Code" for the GRE is 1837**) and upload **unofficial** copies of all prior transcripts to the UK Graduate School as well. The minimum GPA for admission to our program is a 3.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0. The average GPA of students selected for our program is 3.5. We have no set criteria for GREs of students we accept, but the successful applicant must have GRE scores consistent with University of Kentucky standards. Our admission decisions are based on a composite of information about the applicant, not merely one factor. The composite includes GREs, grades and letters of recommendation from individuals who know you academically or clinically. A strong personal statement reflects your experiences and what unique attributes you would bring to our program.

The deadline for admission to the Graduate Program is **January 15th**. *If you already have an undergraduate degree in speech-language pathology* you will begin your graduate studies in the 8-week or "second" summer session (please do not apply for the "4-week summer session"). When filling out your application, please check "Summer" (Summer is listed as "8 week session") and indicate the same on the Graduate School application. *If you do not have an undergraduate degree in speech-language pathology or you have not completed required "prerequisite courses" for the graduate program*, you will begin your graduate studies in the Fall. When filling out your application, please check "Fall" and indicate the same on the Graduate School application.

As you write your personal statement in application to our program ***please tell us if you have a Bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders, speech-language pathology, etc., or if your Bachelor's degree is in another field of study***. Also be sure to write about why you are interested in the University of Kentucky program and why you think your educational background and experiences make you an excellent candidate for our master's degree program.

You should know that our curriculum requires two full calendar years (6 semesters) to complete and begins with the summer term. *If you do not have an undergraduate degree in communication disorders or speech-language pathology*, your program will take three full calendar years (8 semesters) to complete. We require three (3) references from people who can attest to your professional performance and provide an estimate of your ability to complete graduate study. Call us at (859) 218-0472 if you have questions regarding the graduate program or the application process.

If you are offered admission to our Graduate Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Kentucky **you will be asked to pay a tuition deposit** to accept and hold your place in the Program. *The tuition deposit must accompany your letter indicating that you are accepting your place in the program.* The non-refundable tuition deposit fee is \$500 for Kentucky residents and \$1000 for non-residents of Kentucky. The fee will then be credited to your first semester tuition. If you accept your place in our Graduate Program and then decline after April 15, 2016 you will not be eligible for a refund of the fee. Information about financial assistance can be obtained through the University of Kentucky Office of Student Financial Aid. In order to learn more about financial aid, you must contact the financial aid office directly.

If you would like to learn with us in Lexington and develop the skills and competency required of a speech-language pathologist, we welcome your application.

Sincerely,
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