

MA-SLP Graduate Application Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Do you offer rolling admissions?

No. All applications are reviewed following the deadline. Students are accepted to start during the fall semester only.

Is it possible to enroll in the program part-time?

No. All students are required to enroll full-time during the entire program.

Questions Related to the Application Process: In order to be considered for admission to our program, you must complete a CSDCAS and an Ohio University supplemental application. Details are outlined below.

The application portal will open on July 17, 2021. The link to the CSDCAS portals is:

<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

CSDCAS Application Instructions and FAQ:

https://help.liaisonedu.com/CSDCAS_Applicant_Help_Center

A completed application means that by December 15, 2021 you have:

- 1. Paid the CSDCAS fee**
- 2. Submitted the CSDCAS application including self-reporting your GRE scores**
 - a. Students are not required to submit official GRE scores to Ohio University
- 3. Completed the essay questions specific to Ohio University in CSDCAS**
- 4. All letters of reference are submitted to CSDCAS**
- 5. All transcripts have been RECEIVED by CSDCAS by December 15, 2021**
 - a. We understand that many current fall semester/quarter grades may not have been issued or available on transcripts. This is okay. Transcripts received after December 15 by CSDCAS or submitted to Ohio University CSD will not be considered.
 - b. All official transcripts MUST be sent to CSDCAS at the address below:
 - i. CSDCAS Transcript Processing Department, P.O. Box 9113, Watertown, MA 02471
- 6. Complete and submitted the Ohio University supplemental application by December 15, 2021**

Information and link to application can be found at: <https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply-degree-seeking-new>

Note: Although the CSDCAS and Ohio University supplemental applications are not due until December 15th, we strongly recommend submitting your materials well in advance of the deadline.

Finalists for the master of speech-language pathology program will be invited to complete an interview as part of the application process.

Additional Information for International Applicants

International applicants must additionally submit an English proficiency score (TOEFL or IELTS) to CSDGrad@ohio.edu. For more information about the English Proficiency Requirements and the Ohio University **minimum test score requirements** please go to: <https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/prospective-students/international-students/englishproficiency>

A **language sample is required** of all international applicants whose first language is not English. Please send us a sample (no more than about 2 minutes by email via a wave file). You may talk about something of interest to you or your reasons for wanting to study at OU. This sample must be "conversational" and CANNOT be a pre-written text that is read. The wave file can be sent directly to CSDGrad@ohio.edu.

Additional information for international applicants can be found at:

<http://www.ohio.edu/isfs/> and <https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply>

Applicant Preview Day

Ohio University CSD will offer students considering applying to our graduate MA-SLP or AuD program an opportunity to a Preview Day. Additional details including date(s) and registration will be posted by September 15, 2021 on the CSD website at: [MA-SLP Graduate Application Information and FAQs](#)

Frequently Asked Questions About Applying for Admission to the MA-SLP Program

What is the earliest I can be made to accept and offer by any University?

Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution*. Instances in which a student accepts an offer before April 15 and subsequently desires to withdraw that acceptance, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. For more details go to the Council of Graduate Schools link about the April 15 deadline at <http://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution> The PDF with the list of Universities who signed the resolution is viewable at [Resolution](#)

** This Resolution applies to offers of financial support only, not offers of admission.*

Answer to Questions About Prerequisites:

ALL of the classes listed below must be completed before you start the graduate program, although you do not have to complete all of them at the time that you apply for admission to one of our professional programs. Prerequisite courses do not have to be taken at OHIO University. They may be taken in the classroom or online at other institutions.

If you take a class at another institution, the content must be comparable to the ones listed below. Description of courses can be viewed at:

http://www.catalogs.ohio.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=39&poid=9051&hl=%22communication+sciences%22&returnto=search

For classes taken outside of OHIO University, you will be required to submit official transcripts to the CSD Office upon acceptance into a CSD graduate program at OHIO University.

Introduction to Communication Disorders
Anatomy/Physiology of Speech and Language
Development
Phonetics
American Sign Language I
Speech Science
Hearing Science
Basic Audiology
Aural Rehabilitation*

***Special note about Aural Rehabilitation:** MA students can take it as part of their graduate program although taking it as an undergraduate course provides you with a greater opportunity to take special topic electives during your graduate studies.

IN ADDITION, ASHA requires students to have a course in each of the following content areas:

Biological sciences (human or animal sciences)
Physical science (chemistry or physics)
Social/behavioral sciences
Statistics **(Stand alone course)**

FAQs About Applying for Admission to the MA-SLP Program

How many applicants do you receive for the MA-SLP program? How many slots will there be?

For the speech-language pathology program, we may get around 200 applications for approximately 35 slots.

What are your requirements for admission?

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to apply to our graduate program. While all applicants meeting that criteria will be reviewed, a GPA at or above a 3.5 would put you in a more competitive position for admission.

Our **"recommended"** percentile scores on the GRE score for each section of the GRE are: Verbal 45th percentile or above; Quantitative 40th percentile or above; Writing 50th percentile or above

What are your average GPA and GRE scores for admission?

This information is available at The ASHA EdFind at <http://www.asha.org/edfind/>. In the search enter: OHIO University.

Who can I use as a letter of reference?

Types of References Accepted:

EVALUATOR DESCRIPTION	PREFERRED	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Professors/Instructors/Graduate Teaching Assistants:			
in CSD/HSLs	Yes		
from other professional areas	Yes		
Academic Advisors:			
in CSD/HSLs	Yes		
from other professional areas	Yes		
*Speech Language Pathologist		Yes	
*Audiologist	Yes		
*Supervisor /Employer		Yes	
*Health Care Professional		Yes	
Politician/Elected Official			No
Friend			No
Family Member			No
Co-Worker			No
Clergy			No

*For nontraditional students we understand the difficulty of getting a professor/instructor/advisor to write a letter of recommendation. These would be acceptable letters of recommendation.

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Financial Assistance:

The State of OHIO also has a program called Forever Buckeye that extends the **in-state resident tuition rate** to any public or private OHIO high school graduate who leaves the state but returns to enroll in an undergraduate or graduate program at an OHIO college and also establishes residency in OHIO. The Forever Buckeyes provision of law removes the 12-month period of establishing domicile in OHIO before becoming eligible for in-state tuition rates. Go to <https://www.ohiohighered.org/forever-buckeyes> for full-details. The OHIO University Forever Buckeye Residency Application can be found at: bit.ly/lpzxaCp

Every student should fill out the FAFSA.

The Division of CSD has financial assistance for students in the form of partial and full GA positions. A partial GA position comes with a stipend and 50% tuition waiver. A full GA position also comes with a stipend (at a higher rate compared to the partial) and 100% tuition waiver. These positions are based on students' previous academic achievements as well as faculty, staff and clinic needs. There is no guarantee that a student will receive a GA position. These positions are determined year-by-year. If a student has a GA position his/her first year, there is no guarantee the student will have a GA position the following year.

Information about tuition rates can be found at:

<https://www.ohio.edu/bursar/graduate-tuition>

At OHIO University the maximum charge for graduate tuition is 9 hours, so tuition fees remain the same up to 18 credit hours. See the above tuition rate link for fees beyond 18 credit hours. MA-SLP students normally complete two externships during which time students will register for and only pay for 4 credit hours during each semester.

MA-SLP students are considered to be full-time during both externships making them eligible for loans. In addition, student loans stay in deferral and students are eligible to continue the OU Health Insurance coverage. A tuition estimator can be found at: <https://www.ohio.edu/financial-aid/cost/calculator>

When you complete your FAFSA you should indicate you will be enrolled full time for fall, spring, and summer.

MA credit hours during the program study are as follows:

YEAR 1

Fall semester - 15-18 hours

Spring Semester - 15-18 hours

Summer Semester - 15-18 hours

YEAR 2

Fall semester - 15-18 hours

Spring Semester - 4 hours

Summer Semester - 4 hours

Additional Sources for Financial Assistance, Employment, and Scholarship:

- Office of Financial Aid <http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid/>

Some links where various departments and units at OHIO University post their Graduate Appointment positions that are open to all incoming graduate students and current graduate students.

- Residential Housing: <https://www.ohio.edu/housing/jobs>
- Graduate College Appointments Central Listing: <http://www.ohio.edu/graduate/current/apptsDetail.cfm>
- Student Writing Center (Tutors): <http://ohiouswc.wordpress.com/tutoring-opportunities/>
- English Department Grad Positions: <https://www.ohio.edu/cas/english/scholarships/graduate-assistantships>
- Department of Modern Languages: <http://modlang.ohio.edu/tutoring/tutoring-opportunities/>

Students interested in **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)**. The prestigious FLAS Fellowships are awarded to students demonstrating superb academic achievement and a commitment to the study of African languages and area studies. Applicants should be aware that FLAS is awarded competitively and that their statement of purpose should reflect that competition. Application Deadline is January 1. For more information go to: <https://www.ohio.edu/cis/ids/application-information>

Other Graduate Student Opportunities

In addition, we want to let you know about three unique opportunities at OHIO University for CSD students to be involved in that are directed by faculty within our program:

- A Global Health Rehabilitation Services Initiative in Botswana occurs during summer semester. This is an opportunity for students in the School of Rehabilitation and Communication Sciences to explore different educational and healthcare settings and systems on a global level. Students will be able to build cultural competence in rehabilitation and educational settings in Francistown and Gaborone, Botswana. For more information please contact: Janice Howman, PT, DPT, Med at howman@ohio.edu or Janice M. Wright, MA CCC-SLP at wrightj2@ohio.edu, Rebecca Meier, AuD at meierr@ohio.edu or visit this website: www.ohio.edu/globalhealth
- For more information about Global Health opportunities please visit their website: www.ohio.edu/globalhealth
- SLP and AuD student may also have an opportunity participate in a program that promotes team- based medical care by taking courses and completing field experiences with students from different health care disciplines including medicine, nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, child and family studies, and social work.