



UNIVERSITY OF

Redlands

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Truesdail Center for Communication Sciences and Disorders

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to have a bachelor's degree in the field of communication sciences to apply for the graduate program? No. To be eligible for the M.S. program, you must have a bachelor's degree in any field and a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0.

Can I take classes online? No. All classes are conducted on the main campus in Redlands. The program is a full-time, daytime/evening program. Classes are usually Monday through Thursday. Classes begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and end as late as 9:00 p.m.

What are the prerequisites? The five prerequisites are: Speech and Language Science, Audiology and Hearing Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Language Development, and Phonetics and Phonology.

How do I complete the prerequisites? There are 3 ways you can complete the prerequisites. 1) Take the courses at another university, 2) take a post-baccalaureate program at another university, or 3) take the courses as a graduate student at University of Redlands as part of your graduate program. If you take them as a graduate student here, you will be considered a *Grad Plus* student.

What is a Grad Plus student? A Grad Plus student is one who will take the 5 prerequisite courses as a graduate student at University of Redlands. The 5 prerequisite courses will be taken in one semester starting in spring. The Grad Plus program is 2 ½ years.

Are there additional required courses needed to start the graduate program? Yes. You must have passed a college level Statistics course prior to starting the graduate or Grad Plus program. **An AP equivalency is not accepted.**

How many years will it take to complete the Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders? If you are coming into the program with an undergraduate degree in the field of communication sciences or have taken all of the prerequisites, it will take 2 years to complete the program. If you are in the Grad Plus program, it will take 2 ½ years.

How many units and clinical practicum hours are required to complete the program? 60 units and 400 clinical practicum hours are required to complete the graduate program.

When do classes begin? The 2-year graduate program begins in the fall semester following the application cycle. The Grad Plus program begins in spring semester following the application cycle.

When is the application cycle? Each application cycle begins in August (specific date is determined by CSDCAS) and University of Redlands' deadline is February 1.

How do I apply for the graduate program? You will apply through the CSDCAS website. <http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas-student-page/>. **All** documents must be submitted directly to CSDCAS.

Does my application need to be verified by CSDCAS by the deadline to be considered? **YES.** Your application must be submitted and verified by the deadline. Your transcripts must be verified by the deadline, so make sure CSDCAS receives them at least 4-6 weeks in advance. Your application is verified once your account states “VERIFIED” (not “Received” or “Complete”).

Do I need to take the GRE? Yes. Scores must be sent directly to CSDCAS from ETS. There is no minimum GRE score requirement.

Where do I send my transcripts? You must send your transcripts to CSDCAS. Do not send transcripts to University of Redlands.

How do I know when my application is verified? It is your responsibility to check the status of your CSDCAS application by logging into your CSDCAS account. University of Redlands (Carrie Dahlhauser) will also periodically send emails on what documents you may be missing and when your application appears to be verified. It is still your ultimate responsibility to make sure CSDCAS has all of the documents and verified your transcripts.

What is the timeline for the admissions selection process? The deadline for your CSDCAS application and verification is February 1st. The Admissions Committee should make their decisions in February/March and you should be notified by April 1st.

Do I have chance of being admitted if I’m placed on the waitlist? Yes. It is typical to offer admission to applicants on the waitlist. We do not offer the ranking order of the waitlist to applicants. If you are still on the waitlist when the class is full, you be notified via email.

Am I able to work while in the Master’s program? It is extremely difficult to have a job while in the program. The program is a full-time program. You may begin class as early as 8:00 a.m. and may end as late as 9:00 p.m., depending on your academic plan, which we will assign you. You may not ask to change your schedule to accommodate a work schedule.

Is there graduate housing available? Not at this time, but there are many apartment complexes near the university.

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