

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (CSD)  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA at GREENSBORO (UNCG)  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO  
THE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM DEGREE  
IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

The UNCG graduate program in speech-language pathology is a highly competitive program, currently ranked 30<sup>th</sup> in the nation by US News and World Report. In the last three years, we have received between 300-400 applications for the master's degree, with an acceptance rate of 12.6%. The CSD Admissions committee looks at the completed package, noting GRE scores, GPA, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities and outside interests related to CSD.

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND DEADLINES:** This is a post-bachelor's degree program. Deadline for submitting application materials to the UNCG Graduate School is February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applications are completed online via the UNCG Graduate School: <https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/>.

**APPLICATIONS:** The UNCG Graduate School reviews and makes applications available to the Department via Apply Yourself software. The CSD Admissions committee reviews each completed application. The committee meets in early March of each year to discuss and make admission decisions. This information is reported back to the UNCG Graduate School online via [Apply Yourself](#). The Graduate School sends out the official decision letters 2-3 weeks afterwards. Applicants should be notified regarding the decision on your application by April 1<sup>st</sup>. *The average GPA for students admitted to the program over the last three years was 3.75-4.0. GRE scores for students admitted to the program in the verbal and quantitative sections averaged at the 50th percentile and the average Analytic Writing score was 4.0.*

**INFORMATION SESSIONS:** Prospective students are invited to learn more about the CSD department and the graduate program by attending Information Sessions that are scheduled throughout the academic year. Information Session dates can be found at: <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/visit-us/>.

**FUNDING:** Numerous funding options are available for admitted students. These include the following:

- **Tuition waivers:** The CSD department has a limited number of tuition waivers each year for first-year graduate students. The department uses these waivers to recruit outstanding in and out of state prospective students. Tuition waivers are tied to graduate assistantships. If you are offered a tuition waiver you are automatically offered a graduate assistantship.

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- **Graduate Assistantships:** The CSD department offers graduate assistantships to first-year graduate students on a competitive basis. The work requirement for graduate assistantships vary between 10-12 hours per week. If you are interested in being considered check the box on the application.
- **Scholarships:** In addition to tuition waivers and graduate assistantships, the School of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) has a number of scholarships available. You can access these opportunities on the HHS website at <https://www.uncg.edu/hhs/scholarship/index.html>
- **Financial Aid Office:** Graduate school is a rigorous program both academically and clinically. It demands an extensive time commitment and therefore *it is advised that students do not plan to work outside their graduate studies*. If students need additional financial support it is strongly recommended that students seek financial aid options. The financial aid office can be reached at 336-334-5702 or <http://fia.uncg.edu/>

### **Your application packet needs to include the following items:**

- GRE scores
- All transcripts from colleges and universities you have attended or from which you have received a degree from. GPAs will be taken from these transcripts.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Completed online UNCG Application with application fee.
- TOEFL scores for students for whom English is a second language
- NOTE: Currently the UNCG Graduate School is not participating in the CAPCSD application system. You will need to notify those who are writing letters of recommendation for you that they will need to submit their letters directly to UNCG online.
- While an interview is not required, we strongly suggest that prospective students attend an Information Session (an Open House) and tour the CSD facility and UNCG campus. The dates for these Information Sessions can be found on our CSD website: <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/visit-us/>

### **FOR STUDENTS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE IN CSD AND/OR SLP:**

Students with an UG degree in CSD/SLP may apply directly to the UNCG CSD Program online at the UNCG Graduate School.

**The UG pre-requisite courses required by the CSD Department are:**

#### **Courses in Normal Processes:**

- CSD 306 Introduction to Phonetics
- CSD 307 Speech and Hearing Science
- CSD 308 Language and Speech Development
- CSD 309 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing

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### Courses in Communication Disorders (3 disorder courses required for admission to UNCG masters program):

- CSD 336 Articulation Disorders
- CSD 337 Language Disorders
- CSD 338 Voice & Fluency Disorders

### Audiology Courses:

- CSD 334 Introduction to Audiology
- CSD 556/557 Aural Rehabilitation (1 course required)

### Other Courses:

- CSD 588 Neurology (ASHA and UNCG requirement: Offered online at UNCG in summer term)
- CSD 550 Diagnostic Procedures (Elective offered at UNCG)

### Courses required by ASHA:

- 1 Stand-alone statistics course
- 1 Physical science course (chemistry or physics)
- 1 Biological science course
- 1 Social and Behavioral science course (psychology, sociology, etc.)

## Questions frequently asked by prospective students who have received an UG degree in CSD/SLP

**Q: I'm a senior in my Undergraduate CSD/SLP program and ready to apply for graduate school. Do you have any tips for scoring well on the GREs?**

There are several suggestions that former students have made to improve the GRE scores:

1. Prepare for the GRE by purchasing the Barron's "Guide to the GRE" or "Cracking the GRE" at your local bookstore and taking practice tests. You may also look online via Google for FREE online practice materials and tests. Knowing the sections, formatting, and types of questions on the GRE will help you when you take the test.
2. READ, READ, READ, AND READ!! Novels, biography, history, current affairs, drama, science, philosophy, religion. Get the syllabus from an American or British literature course and read everything on the reading list. The newspaper, Reading material required in college courses will help to increase your comprehension, vocabulary, and general knowledge. I Work through it, spending an hour a day on it. Regular, reasonable study periods will help more than cramming.

**Q. What does my statement of purpose need to look like?**

- <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/ma/statement-of-purpose/>

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- PowerPoint from UNCG website for pointers on how to write your personal statement: <http://csc.uncg.edu/students/getintogradschool/essays.html>
- Statement should be 1-2 pages in length and double spaced.

### Q. What is the Graduate School Code that I use to send my GRE scores?

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### Q: How many observation hours are needed?

- We strongly recommend that you have 25 observation hours completed prior to beginning your graduate work at UNCG.

### Questions frequently asked by prospective students who have received an UG degree in an area other than Communication Science and Disorders (CSD).

If your undergraduate degree is in an area other than CSD, you need to apply to UNCG through undergraduate admissions as a second-degree seeking student as well as apply to the CSD department. You will then apply to graduate school during your year of undergraduate pre-requisite coursework.

#### Fall Courses

- CSD 334 Introduction to Audiology
- CSD 306 Introduction to Phonetics
- CSD 307 Speech and Hearing Science
- CSD 308 Language and Speech Development
- CSD 309 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing

#### Spring Courses

- CSD 556/557 Aural Rehabilitation
- CSD 336 Articulation Disorders
- CSD 337 Language Disorders
- CSD 338 Voice & Fluency Disorders
- CSD 476 Structured Clinic Observations
- CSD 550 Diagnostic Procedures

Students need to also complete:

- CSD 588 Neurology (which can be taken online during the first summer session prior to starting graduate school)

#### Application process for Career Change students at UNCG:

- You can apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a second-degree seeking student at 336-334-5243 or go to: <http://web.uncg.edu/adm/>
- At the same time, apply for admission to the undergraduate major in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The application can be printed from our website at: <http://csc.wp.uncg.edu/students/application-for-major/>. The minimum requirement for applying to the undergraduate major in CSD is an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. The deadline for the application to the CSD major is May 15<sup>th</sup>.