

HHS COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MASTERS OF ARTS (M.A.) DEGREE PROGRAM

The UNCG graduate program in speech-language pathology is a highly competitive program, currently ranked 30th 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 completing application materials to the UNCG Graduate School is February 1st of each year. Applications are submitted online via the UNCG Graduate School website: <https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/>.

APPLICATIONS: The UNCG Graduate School reviews and forwards completed applications to the CSD Department. The CSD Admissions Committee members review each completed application. The committee meets in early March of each year to discuss, score, and make admission decisions. These decisions are reported back to the UNCG Graduate School. The Graduate School sends out the official decision letters 2-3 weeks afterward. Applicants should expect to be notified regarding the decision of their application by April 1st. *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.*

The following table presents UNCG Master of Arts Program in Speech-Language Pathology at a Glance

<h2 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">UNCG Master's Degree Program in Speech Language Pathology at a Glance</h2>	
Program Entry Point	Fall Term
Program Length	5 semesters
Credit Hours	66
National Ranking	30th
Application Deadline	February 1st
Admitted Class Size	Over the last five years, our incoming class has varied from 27-38 students. 38 students were admitted in 2016.
Application Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University Transcripts and GPA ● GRE Scores ● Three letters of recommendation ● A written statement of purpose/personal statement ● Resume (1 to 2 pages): Include research experience, study abroad experience, service work, awards, membership in student associations.
Minimum GPA to apply	UNCG Graduate School = 3.00 GPA
GPA RANGE of accepted students in last application cycle 2016	GPA Range: 3.62-4.00 in last 60 credit hours GPA Mean for 2016 = 3.86
GRE SCORES of accepted students in last application cycle 2016	GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verbal Reasoning 141-165 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verbal Mean = 154 ● Quantitative Reasoning 142-161 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantitative Mean = 150 ● Analytical Writing 3.5-5.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Writing Mean = 4.0
Prerequisites	A Bachelor's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Communication Sciences and Disorders, or a Related Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courses needed are: Phonetics, Speech & Hearing Science, Speech & Language Development, Anatomy & Physiology of

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	<p>Speech Production, Neurology, Articulation and Phonological Disorders, Language Disorders, Voice and Fluency Disorders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two Disorders courses and a Neurology course are required (see below). ● SLP Masters students may take Neurology and a Disorder class during their Master’s Program. ● Course deficiencies will be addressed during advising session during first term of enrollment.
<p>Disorder Courses and Neurology Course</p>	<p>The UNCG CSD Master’s Degree Program in SLP requires applicants to have taken TWO Disorders courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We strongly recommend applicants to have complete all three disorders courses (speech disorders, language disorders, and voice/fluency disorders). ● Applicants must take a course in Neurology. UNCG CSD offers an online Neurology course in UNCG’s first summer term (CSD 588) that admitted students can take before starting their Master’s program or that they can take the summer following their first year in the program. ● For students who have taken a class in Fluency Disorders but not Voice Disorders, we provide means for them to audit the second half (VOICE section) of our CSD 338 Voice and Fluency Disorders course.
<p>Informational Sessions</p>	<p>The UNCG CSD Department hosts monthly Information Sessions for prospective UG and Graduate Students.</p> <p><i>Dates for these session can be found on the "VISIT US" page on our website at http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/visit-us/</i></p>
<p>Student Outcome Data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 year average of 100% degree completion rate ▪ 3 year average of 100% pass rate on the PRAXIS exam in Speech Language Pathology

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- 100% employment following graduation
- 100% of graduates obtain North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Certification upon completion of their program
- 100% of graduates earn American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) certificates of Clinical Competence in SLP upon completion of their Clinical Fellowship Year
- 100% of graduates obtain licensure to practice SLP by the North Carolina Board of Examiners Speech Language Pathology and Audiology upon completion of their Clinical Fellowship Year

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.
- **Graduate Assistantships:** The CSD department offers graduate assistantships to first-year graduate students on a competitive basis. The work requirements 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:** The Speech-Language Pathology Master of Arts Program is rigorous both academically and clinically. It demands an extensive time

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commitment and therefore *it is advised that students do not plan to work externally during 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/>

You will apply to UNCG through the UNCG Graduate School

Your application packet needs to include the following items:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. The GRE code for UNCG is: 5913
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended. Grade Point Averages will be taken from these transcripts.
- Three letters of recommendation
The individuals who write your letters of recommendation will receive an email from The UNCG Graduate School. They submit their letters through the link provided in the email from The UNCG Graduate School.
- Personal Statement of Purpose
- UNCG Graduate School Application completed online with paid application fee.
- TOEFL scores for students for whom English is a second language
- Although an interview is not required, we strongly suggest that prospective students attend an Information Session (an Open House) and tour the CSD department and UNCG campus. The dates for these Information Sessions can be found on our CSD website: <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/visit-us/>

NOTE: IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE UNCG GRADUATE SCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAPCSD APPLICATION SYSTEM IN THE FALL OF 2018

FOR STUDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (SPAU) OR COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Students with Bachelor's degree in SPAU *may apply directly* to the UNCG SLP M.A. Program online at the UNCG Graduate School.

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

Courses in Normal Processes:

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- 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 Mechanism.

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

- CSD 336 Articulation and Phonological Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSD 337 Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSD 338 Voice & Fluency Disorders

Audiology Courses:

- CSD 334 Introduction to Audiology
- CSD 556 Aural rehabilitation or CSD 557 Pediatric Aural Rehabilitation (1 course required)

Other Courses:

- CSD 588 Neurology of Speech, Language and Hearing (ASHA and UNCG requirement: Offered online at UNCG in summer term)
- CSD 550 Diagnostic Procedures: Inquiry, Observation and Measurement (Elective offered at UNCG)

Courses required by ASHA:

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

Questions frequently asked by prospective students who have received an undergraduate 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 review books such as 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

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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. Regular, reasonable study periods will help more than cramming.

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

- <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/ma/statement-of-purpose/>
- 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? • 5913

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 undergraduate degree in an area other than Communication Science and Disorders (CSD) or Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SPAU).

If your undergraduate degree is in an area other than CSD or Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, 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 the UNCG 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 Mechanism

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Spring Courses

- CSD 556 Adult Aural Rehabilitation OR CSD 557 Pediatric Aural Rehabilitation
- CSD 336 Articulation and Phonological Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSD 337 Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSD 338 Voice & Fluency Disorders
- CSD 476 Structured Clinic Observations
- CSD 550 Diagnostic Procedures: Inquiry, Observation and Measurement

Students need to also complete:

- CSD 588 Neurology of Speech Language and Hearing (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://csd.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 15th.