



# SACRAMENTO STATE

## Doctor of Audiology Program

### Admissions and Application Instructions

Deadline

February 15, 2024

The faculty in the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) program at Sacramento State are excited that you have decided to apply to our program! We are committed to providing our students with an evidence-based curriculum and a range of clinical experiences that reflect contemporary practice of audiology. Our faculty have expertise across multiple areas of audiology to guide students through the program, and our smart classroom and state-of-the-art clinical and research facilities allow for innovative and supportive teaching and practice. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds who have an interest in joining an in-demand profession and working with patients of all ages. Applicants for the 2023-24 cycle are intending to start the program in Fall 2024.

Information about admissions and the application process is provided below. **Please read through this document in its entirety before applying.** Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application. Admission to the Au.D. program is determined by the Au.D. Program Admissions Committee using a holistic approach to evaluating applications.

In addition to the Sacramento State application, the Au.D. program utilizes the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application System (CSDCAS) for admissions. Applications may be submitted between October 1, 2023, and February 15, 2024. Applications must be received before February 15, 2024, at 9:00pm PT. The Au.D. Program Admissions Committee will only review applications verified by CSDCAS (i.e., applications that have verified grades, received three letters of recommendation, have updated grades, etc.) and completed in Cal State Apply that are received by February 15, 2024. We encourage applicants to apply early.

Please direct questions regarding the Au.D. program and application process to Laura Gaeta, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Au.D. Program Director, at [лгаeta@csus.edu](mailto:лгаeta@csus.edu) or 916-278-4701.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Students must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.
- Students must have completed a course in each of the following
  - Human Development Across the Lifespan
  - Introduction to Psychology
  - Introduction to Statistics
  - American Sign Language
  - Biological Science
  - Physical Science
- Students must also have completed the equivalent of the following courses:

- CSAD 110 Physics of Sound and Phonetics
  - CSAD 111 Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
  - CSAD 112 Language Science and Development
  - CSAD 125 Developmental and Acquired Neurogenic Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
  - CSAD 130 Introduction to Audiology
  - CSAD 133 Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation
- Students must have an overall GPA of 3.00 and a 3.00 GPA in the undergraduate major.
  - Domestic applicants with foreign documents and international students (F-1 or J-1 visa applicants) must consult the Office of Graduate Studies and Global Education/International Admissions Department for specific application instructions. These students must also submit TOEFL scores. The CSAD department-specific TOEFL scores are: Paper-based 560/Computer-based 220/Internet-based 100
  - Optional in 2023/24: GRE scores obtained in the last 5 years. Applicants are recommended to have a minimum combined score of 291 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the test, and a minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing portion of the test.
  - Three letters of recommendation, two of which must come from university faculty who can speak to the student's academic potential, and one must come from a professional reference in the field of audiology.
  - Written essay (see additional information below for prompts and other requirements)
  - Oral essay (see additional information for preparation and modality)
  - Resume of education, related work, volunteer and multicultural experience, any scholarships/awards, and other relevant skills or certifications.
  - Documentation of 25 completed observation hours in communication sciences and disorders, of which at least 50% must be in audiology. All hours must be documented using the form available on the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders' website.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must complete two applications: the California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Graduate Studies application and CSDCAS. Applicants will complete required fields and upload the above documentation.

### **For students who have an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders or the equivalent:**

1. Apply to CSUS through the Graduate Studies website.
  - a. The personal statement will be submitted through CSDCAS. In the personal statement category, type "Essay submitted directly to department."
  - b. Select "Doctor of Audiology" as the "Degree Objective."

- c. One set of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (including CSUS) should be sent to the Office of Graduate Studies at CSUS (even though the Graduate Studies website indicates that two sets of transcripts are needed). Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should also be submitted to CSDCAS.
2. Apply to CSUS through the CSDCAS web-based application. To register or log in, visit <https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
    - a. The portal opens on October 1. Applicants should create an account and profile with CSDCAS.
    - b. The admissions deadline is **February 15**.
      - i. Applications, official transcripts for all prior coursework, letters of recommendation, and payment must be submitted online by this date.
      - ii. Applications submitted after this date will not be reviewed.
    - c. CSDCAS applications are due at **midnight Eastern Time (ET)** on the date listed above.
      - i. **NOTE: The deadline of midnight ET is 9:00 p.m. in California.**
    - d. For questions regarding the CSDCAS application:
      - i. Student Customer Service: 617-612-2030 (available Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm ET) or [csdcasinfo@csdcas.org](mailto:csdcasinfo@csdcas.org)
    - e. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow all CSDCAS instructions and meet deadlines.

**For students who do not have an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders or the equivalent:**

- The Admissions Committee will determine course equivalency for completed undergraduate coursework that is equivalent to the pre-requisites and the six aforementioned CSAD-prefix courses.
- The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders does not offer pre-requisite courses for students who are not currently enrolled in the CSAD undergraduate program.
- Prospective applicants who wish to fulfill these pre-requisites at CSUS may apply to the CSUS College of Continuing Education (CCE). The CSUS CCE offers limited enrollment in the six CSAD-prefix courses listed above. Please note that this coursework should be completed by the anticipated enrollment date unless otherwise determined by the admissions committee. Completion of this coursework does not guarantee admission into the Au.D. program at CSUS.

**For domestic applicants with foreign documents:**

- Domestic applicants with foreign documents must consult the Office of Graduate Studies (<http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/index.html>) for specific application instructions. International students (Those on or who intend to apply for F-1 or J-1 visas) must consult the Office of Graduate Studies and Global Education/International Admissions Department for specific application instructions. Domestic applicants with foreign documents and international students whose native language is not English must also submit TOEFL scores.
- Communication Sciences and Disorders department-specific required TOEFL scores are as follows: Paper-based 560/Computer-based 220/Internet-based 100.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## TRANSCRIPTS

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- Under “Academic History,” applicants must list all coursework from all transcripts, including any coursework planned or in progress, from all institutions attended.
- Applicants must list all grades received in coursework through February 15 (i.e., list all grades received through February 15).
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that transcripts are received with ample time for CSDCAS to verify the grades.
- Transcripts from all institutions must be submitted through CSDCAS. An “academic update” is provided by CSDCAS. During this time, applicants may update coursework completed since the application was submitted online (e.g., students who submitted applications prior to receiving grades for coursework completed in Summer or Fall). This update must occur within the timeframe specified by CSDCAS and prior to the application due date. Grades for courses that are in progress or planned for after the application due date are not needed at the time of the CSDCAS submission.
- Undergraduate completion date should be estimated based on planned coursework.
- Official transcripts must be sent to CSDCAS at the address below:  
CSDCAS Verification Department  
P.O. Box 9113  
Watertown, MA 02471
- Additional sets of official transcripts must also be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies at CSUS through Cal State Apply.

## GPA

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- Students must have an overall GPA of no less than 3.00 overall and a GPA of no less than 3.00 in the major (i.e., CSAD-prefix courses).
  - This requirement must be met by all applicants, even those who do not have the undergraduate degree in CSAD but who completed the pre-requisites at a later date.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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- Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation electronically through CSDCAS.
- The letters of recommendation must be submitted before the application deadline.
- Two letters must come from university faculty in any area who can speak to the student’s academic potential in a challenging Au.D. program, and one letter must come from a professional reference in the field of audiology.
- If more than three letters are submitted, three letters will be selected based on the date received. If less than three letters are received, the applicant’s packet will be considered incomplete.

## GRE SCORES – OPTIONAL FOR 2023/24

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- Applicants must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores by the application deadline.
- GRE scores must be obtained in the last five years.

- It is recommended that applicants have a minimum combined (verbal + quantitative) score of 291 and a minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical writing portion of the test.
- Students must report their GRE scores on the CSDCAS application AND have the scores sent directly by ETS to CSUS and CSDCAS for verification (institution code #: 0702; audiology code #:0602). Scores must not be sent directly to CSUS.

#### OBSERVATION HOURS

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- Applicants must submit documentation of 25 completed observation hours in CSAD. At least 50% of those hours must be in audiology.
- Students who are completing an undergraduate degree in CSAD at CSUS may coordinate observations through CSAD 145 and CSAD 146. Applicants should seek to complete observation hours in the community, observing local audiologists in practice.
- All hours must be recorded using the observation hours log form provided on the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders website. Logs must be complete in order to be reviewed.
- Hours completed on a different form or through Master Clinician Network must be transferred to the observation hours log form provided by the department in order to be evaluated. Please attach other forms or documentation to the original observation hours log form(s).
- The observation hours log must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Other.”

#### RESUME / CV

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- Applicants must submit a resume that follows the template provided on the website.
- Resumes should be no more than two pages.
- The resume must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “CV/Resume”

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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- For 2023-24: Applicants are required to submit a written personal statement in response to the prompts:
  - Discuss the experiences and personal qualities that make you an ideal candidate for the Au.D. program at California State University, Sacramento.
  - Explain how an Au.D. from CSUS will help you achieve your career goals.
- The statement of purpose must be no more than 500 words, have 1” margins, be single-spaced, and use 12-point Arial font.
- The statement of purpose must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Personal Statement.”

#### ORAL ESSAY

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- For 2023-24: Applicants will be required to respond to a question during a brief live Zoom meeting with admissions committee members. The question will ask applicants to reflect on diversity and equity in the field of audiology. Applicants will be contacted after the admissions deadline to schedule this meeting.

*Note: Admission into the Au.D. program does not guarantee that students will obtain a license, certification, or credential. These requirements are set by agencies unaffiliated with CSUS, and requirements are subject to change. Tuition, fees, and associated costs will not be refunded to students who determine, after being admitted, that they cannot meet licensure requirements.*