



SACRAMENTO STATE

Doctor of Audiology Program

ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Priority deadline	January 5
Final deadline	February 15
Extended deadline	March 15

The faculty of 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 practices of audiology. Our faculty have expertise across multiple areas of audiology to guide students through the program, and our smart classrooms 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.

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, 2025, and March 15, 2026. Applications must be received by **March 15, 2026, 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 transcripts, etc.) and completed in Cal State Apply that are received by March 15, 2026. 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 l.gaeta@csus.edu or 916-278-4701.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Prospective students are invited to attend a virtual information session. Information covered in both sessions is the same, so applicants would attend one of the following sessions. The sessions and their associated Zoom links can be found on the department calendar:

<https://events.csus.edu/sac-state-communication-sciences-disorders>

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
 - Introduction to Statistics
 - College Algebra
 - Introduction to Physics
- Students must also have completed the equivalent of the following Sacramento State Communication Sciences and Disorders courses:
 - CSAD 110 Physics of Sound and Phonetics
 - 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 for the above pre-requisite courses.
- Domestic applicants with foreign documents and international students (F-1 or J-1 visa applicants) must consult the [Office of Graduate Studies](#) and the [International Programs and Global Engagement Office](#) for specific application instructions. These students must also submit TOEFL scores. Consult the [Department website](#) for department-specific TOEFL scores.
- GRE scores obtained in the last 5 years. Note: Waived for 2025-26 cycle.
- 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 prompt below).
- Personal interview.
- Resume of education, related work, volunteer and multicultural experience, and any scholarships, awards or other commendations (use provided template).
- Documentation of 25 completed documented observation hours in audiology (see log form).

Students must consult the Department website for additional current admission requirements and procedures.

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 final admissions deadline is **March 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, 9:00 am-5:00 pm ET) or 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 three 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 three 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

- 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 January 15 or February 15, depending on the admissions deadline sought (i.e., list all grades received through January 15 for those applying with the priority deadline).
- 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

- Students must have an overall GPA of no less than 3.00 overall and a GPA of no less than 3.00 in the above pre-requisite 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

- 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 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

- GRE scores are waived for the 2025-26 application cycle.

OBSERVATION HOURS

- Applicants must submit documentation of 25 completed observation hours in CSAD.
- 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

- Applicants must submit a resume using the provided template.
- The resume must be uploaded to CSDCAS under "CV/Resume."

WRITTEN ESSAY

- Prompt: Consider a day in the life of a successful audiologist. Based on the experiences obtained in your observation hours log and your personal experiences (e.g., coursework, volunteer experience, work experience):
 - What is your personal philosophy towards patient-centered care?
 - What are the challenges you expect to encounter as you start practicing as an audiologist?
 - How would you ensure an inclusive audiology practice? Consider the scope of practice of an audiologist and patient demographics in your answer.

- The statement of purpose must not exceed 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.”

INTERVIEW

- Interviews will be scheduled with the admissions committee in Spring 2026.

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.