Thank you for your interest in the Doctor of Audiology program at California State University, Sacramento! The clinical doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.) is offered through the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Health and Human Services at Sacramento State. The Au.D. program is designed to prepare students for clinical practice in audiology. The program requires full-time study for 11 semesters (i.e., fall, spring, and summer). There is only one application cycle per year for the Au.D. program.

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.

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, 2019 and February 15, 2020. Applications must be received before February 15, 2020. The Au.D. Program Admissions Committee will only review CSDCAS-verified (i.e., applications that have verified grades and verified GRE scores, received three letters of recommendation, have updated grades, etc.) and complete applications that are received by February 15, 2020. We encourage applicants to apply early.

Please direct questions regarding the Au.D. program and application process to Laura Gaeta, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Au.D. Program Director, at lgaeta@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 Sacramento State Communication Sciences and Disorders 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 Audiology and Hearing Testing
• CSAD 133 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

• GRE scores obtained in the last 5 years. Applicants are required 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)

• Resume of education, related work, volunteer and multicultural experience, and any scholarships, awards or other commendations.

• 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.

**The Council on Academic Accreditation will be conducting a site visit in Spring 2020. Pending the awarding of final candidacy status by the CAA, we will implement the program in the 2020-2021 academic year. Please note that admissions decisions will likely not be made until Summer 2020.**

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, 2019. Applicants should create an account and profile with CSDCAS.
   b. The 2019-2020 deadline is **February 15, 2020.**
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
   c. 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:

- Admission priority is given to applicants who have completed undergraduate coursework that is equivalent to the pre-requisites and CSAD-prefix coursework in the CSAD undergraduate curriculum. The Admissions Committee will determine course equivalency.

- 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 must be completed by the anticipated enrollment date (e.g., To enroll in the Fall 2021 cohort, all pre-requisite coursework must be completed by August 2021). Completion of this coursework does not guarantee admission into the Au.D. program at CSUS, and conditional admission decisions will not be granted.

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](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 31, 2020.
- 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.

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 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
• 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 by the faculty for review. If less than three letters are received, the applicant’s packet will be considered incomplete.

GRE Scores
• Applicants must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores by the application deadline.
• GRE scores must be obtained in the last five years.
• Applicants must 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 (code #: 0702). Scores must not be sent directly to CSUS.

Observation Hours
• 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 can coordinate observations through CSAD145 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.
• The observation hours log must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Other.”

Resume/CV
• Applicants must submit a resume that includes the following sections:
  • Education
  • Clinical experience, observation or practical experience
• Work experience
  ▪ List job title, employer, and time worked
• Honors and awards
• Volunteer experience, including multicultural experiences
• Languages
• Certifications
• Resumes should be no more than two pages
• The resume must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “CV/Resume”

Statement of Purpose
• Applicants are required to submit a written personal statement discussing their motivation for pursuing the Au.D. and how it relates to their future 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 discuss the factors that led to pursuing a graduate degree in audiology.
• Essays should also include: 1) career goals, 2) areas of interest, 3) reasons for applying to CSUS, 4) experiences with culturally and linguistically diverse groups, and 5) other personal, clinical, or academic experiences related to audiology
• The statement of purpose must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Personal Statement.”

Written essay
• Applicants are required to submit a written in response to the question: How have your background, work/volunteer experiences, and experiences with culturally and linguistically diverse populations prepared you for a career as an audiologist?
• The essay must be no more than 500 words, have 1” margins, be single-spaced, and use 12-point Arial font.
• The essay must discuss the factors that led to pursuing a graduate degree in audiology.
• The essay must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Other.”

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.

Tuition
The 2019-2020 tuition for the Au.D. program is $7371.00/semester. The total cost (tuition only) is approximately $81,081.00.