**Resources for HSLS Undergraduates applying for Graduate Programs**

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**MA/MS in Speech-Language Pathology**

1. **Application Process**
   * Consider a school you would like to go to. Visit the school Website for more information on applying to their graduate program.
     1. **Example: Ohio University Graduate College**: [Apply to Graduate Programs - This page provides a comprehensive guide on the application process, including deadlines and required materials1](https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply).
        + <https://www.ohio.edu/chsp/hearing-speech-language-sciences/graduate/speech-language-pathology-master> - for information about our program
   * **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**: Applying to Graduate School - Offers a step-by-step guide on applying to graduate programs in speech-language pathology. <https://www.asha.org/students/planning-your-education-in-csd/>
   * Consider if that school is accredited or not. If not, inquire as to why with the program so you can best decide what program is right for you.
   * Find the specific requirements for the program you are applying for. Generally you need:
     1. 3 letters of recommendation
     2. Your transcript
     3. A resume
     4. Cover letter/Statement of Purpose
     5. GRE? (Many schools got rid of this requirement post-COVID)
2. **Obtaining Letters of Recommendation**
   * Choose Faculty and Character References from people who a) know you well and b) are not your family. Set up a meeting with a faculty member and discuss your career plans. Most will be glad to meet and talk with students and offer guidance.
   * **Ohio University Psychology Department**: Letters of Recommendation Tips: <https://www.ohio.edu/cas/psychology/careers/graduate-school-preparation/letters-recommendation-grad-school>
   * **ASHA**: Letters of Recommendation - Guidance on who to ask and how to approach them. <https://www.asha.org/students/how-to-optimize-graduate-school-applications/>
3. **Comparing Programs**
   * Identify what is most important to you. Is proximity to family important to you? Consider if your programs have specialties that you are interested in. If there is a New Student Welcome opportunity to visit the program, this may help you get a feel for the campus, culture, and educational offerings.
   * **ASHA EdFind**: Find Graduate Programs - A searchable database of accredited graduate programs in speech-language pathology. <https://www.asha.org/edfind/>

**AuD Programs**

1. **Application Process**
   * Consider a school you would like to go to. Visit the school Website for more information on applying to their graduate program.
     1. **Ohio University Graduate College**: [Apply to Graduate Programs - General application guidelines1](https://www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply).
     2. **American Academy of Audiology (AAA)**: Applying to AuD Programs - Specific information on applying to Doctor of Audiology programs. <https://saa.audiology.org/education-and-events/undergraduate-programs/applying-to-audiology-graduate-school/>
   * Consider if that school is accredited or not. If not, inquire as to why with the program so you can best decide what program is right for you.
   * Find the specific requirements for the program you are applying for. Generally, you need:
     1. 3 letters of recommendation
     2. Your transcript
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   * **Ohio University Psychology Department**: Letters of Recommendation Tips: <https://www.ohio.edu/cas/psychology/careers/graduate-school-preparation/letters-recommendation-grad-school>
   * **AAA**: Letters of Recommendation - Guidance tailored for audiology applicants. <https://saa.audiology.org/education-and-events/undergraduate-programs/applying-to-audiology-graduate-school/>
3. **Comparing Programs**
   * Identify what is most important to you. Is proximity to family important to you? Consider if your programs have specialties that you are interested in. If there is a New Student Welcome opportunity to visit the program, this may help you get a feel for the campus, culture, and educational offerings.
   * **AAA**: Find an AuD Program - A directory of accredited AuD programs. <https://www.asha.org/edfind/>

**PhD Programs**

1. **Application Process**
   * Do you want to contribute to the research and knowledge in our profession? Then a PhD program may be the option for you! Consider your areas of interest and research graduate programs with specialties in that area. You will need to work with a faculty advisor, so having a faculty member with expertise will help you reach your goals.
   * **Ohio University Doctoring in Hearing or Speech-Language Science:** <https://www.ohio.edu/chsp/hearing-speech-language-sciences/graduate/doctorate>
   * **ASHA**: <https://www.asha.org/students/considering-and-pursuing-a-phd-in-csd/>
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   * Choose Faculty and Character References from people who a) know you well and b) are not your family. Set up a meeting with a faculty member and discuss your career plans. Most will be glad to meet and talk with students and offer guidance.
   * **Ohio University Psychology Department**: Letters of Recommendation Tips: <https://www.ohio.edu/cas/psychology/careers/graduate-school-preparation/letters-recommendation-grad-school>
3. **Comparing Programs**
   * Search for colleges/universities that offer the degree using available resources (e.g., [ASHA's EdFind](https://find.asha.org/ed))

**CSDCAS**

* + The [Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS)](http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas/) is a centralized admissions service that can be used to apply to multiple audiology or speech-language pathology programs.
  + Here are the steps to apply through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) for MA/MS in Speech-Language Pathology, PhD Programs, and AuD Programs:
  + **General CSDCAS Application Steps**
    1. **Create an Account**
       - Visit the [CSDCAS website](https://www.csdcas.org/) and create an account.
    2. **Select Programs**
       - Log in and select the programs you are interested in applying to.
    3. **Complete the Application**
       - Fill out the application form with your personal information, academic history, and other required details.
    4. **Request Transcripts**
       - Enter the colleges you have attended and request that your official transcripts be sent to CSDCAS.
    5. **Request Recommendations**
       - Request evaluations from three recommenders. Make sure to choose individuals who can provide strong, relevant recommendations.
    6. **Submit Application**
       - Complete any additional information required by your selected programs and submit your application.
    7. **Check Application Status**
       - Regularly check your application status to ensure all materials have been received and processed.
  + **Specific Resources**
    1. [Preparing Your CSDCAS Application: Detailed instructions on the application process can be found on the CSDCAS website1](https://www.csdcas.org/preparing-your-csdcas-application/).
  + **Additional Tips**
    1. **Personal Statement:** Tailor your personal statement to each program, highlighting your experiences and goals.
       - For review of your resume, visit Ohio University’s Writing Center! <https://www.ohio.edu/library/services/writing-and-tutoring>
    2. **Deadlines:** Pay close attention to application deadlines for each program.
    3. **Follow-Up:** After submitting, follow up with your recommenders and the institutions to ensure all materials are received.

Miscellaneous Resources

* Ohio University Library Writing Center:
  + A resource for writing and resumes
* Baker Career Center:
  + Consider doing a Mock Interview to practice if that is a part of the application process where you are applying.
* Ohio University HSLS Mentorship Program
  + Sign ups are in Spring PRIOR TO your application year.
  + You will get paired with a student in our MA program who will offer you guidance and support as you enter application season.
  + Contact Joann Benigno, department chair, for more information ([benigno@ohio.edu](mailto:benigno@ohio.edu))