**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/>
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>
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)