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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

School of Rehabilitation Sciences

Conditional Admit Policy

Policy SLP-AS-04-B

About This Policy:

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Scope

This policy applies to students seeking enrollment in the MS-SLP graduate program at Indiana University South Bend.

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria for conditional admission into the MS-SLP program.

Procedure

Admission Requirements

Admission to the IUSB Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program is competitive and selective; therefore, completion of the prerequisites and submission of an application does not guarantee admission to the program. This program is designed for students who have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and are seeking an entry-level graduate program in speech-language pathology. The admission application cycle will begin in August and continue on a rolling basis with a best consideration date of January 15. .

Students seeking admission to the MS-SLP program must submit application materials via both the Communication Sciences and Disorders Central Application System (CSDCAS) and Indiana University's Graduate School Application System (GRADCAS).

Website: <https://csdcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Applicants must meet the following criteria by the CSDCAS application deadline:

1. Complete a baccalaureate degree prior to the start of IUSB MS-SLP graduate program from a regionally accredited institution. The program will not have a preference as to the background or type of bachelor's degree.
2. A minimum GPA for the last 60 credit hours completed of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. (All prerequisites must be completed with a minimum grade of C).
3. Completed all prerequisites prior to the start of the program in the fall with a grade of 'C' or higher while maintaining at least the required 3.0 admission cumulative GPA. Students may still be working on prerequisites during the admission cycle and should report registered but outstanding courses. Final transcripts accounting for all prerequisite courses must be received prior to matriculation into the program.
4. Students who have not begun the required prerequisites may apply for conditional admission. Conditional admission would guarantee a position in the program following successful completion of this coursework at IUSB.
5. Submitted CSDCAS application by the preferred application deadline of January 15th. For serious consideration, all program materials, official transcripts and payments must be received and verified by January 30th.
6. Students may submit GRE scores to CSDCAS IUSB but the GRE is not required. The program has no minimum GRE requirement, but a combined verbal and qualitative GRE score of 280 is considered competitive.

*****Additional requirements for international applicants where English is not the primary language:***

7. **Test of English Proficiency (TOEFL)** For applicants whose native language is not English, submission of a TOEFL score which meets or exceeds the minimum passing scores by NBCOT, is required.

NBCOT Minimum passing scores TOEFL iBT® (Internet-based Test)

Total Score: 89

Speaking: 26

8. International applicants, or applicants with foreign transcripts, must meet additional requirements as determined by the IUSB Office of International Affairs:

- International Student Services
Indiana University South Bend
Administration Building, Rm 140
[1700 Mishawaka Avenue](#)
P.O Box 7111 (Mail)
South Bend, IN 46634-7111
United States
Phone: +1 (574) 520-4419
Fax: +1 (574) 520-4834
E-mail: oiss@iusb.edu
Office hours:
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For purposes of admission, students may submit copies of official academic documents in the original language along with an English translation. For more information, please refer to: <https://admissions.iusb.edu/apply/graduate.html>

Required CSDCAS Application Materials

1. CSDCAS application must be submitted by the recommended best application date for consideration. Applications submitted after the application deadline date will be considered on a rolling basis based on availability within the program.
2. Complete the Prerequisites section within the program's application.
3. Personal statement
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Program interview

Other Application Materials/Requirements

Indiana University Graduate Application. Complete the IUSB Graduate Application and pay the required application fee – must be completed before application cycle is closed to be considered “complete status.”

- a. Graduate students:
<https://admissions.iusb.edu/apply/graduate.html>
- b. International graduate students:
<https://admissions.iusb.edu/oiss/admissions/index.html>

Prerequisite Courses (8 courses)

Completion of pre-requisite coursework as defined:

- a. 1 course in biological science
- b. 1 course in physical science (physics or chemistry)
- c. 1 course in behavioral science

- d. 1 course in statistics taken outside of CSD major
- e. Minimum of 12 credits that includes coursework in head and neck anatomy, audiology and aural rehabilitation, speech and language development, and phonetics.

All prerequisite courses must be complete with a grade of "C" or higher.

All prerequisite course work must be completed not more than 5 years prior to the application deadline as outlined in Policy SLP AC-01 unless approval from program director was obtained

Students are approved to retake up to 15 credit hours of prerequisite courses, and the higher grade will be used to calculate the prerequisite GPA. Each prerequisite course can only be retaken twice.

Credit for Previous Courses

If graduate coursework has been completed in advance of acceptance into the program, the student may request approval to transfer up to 6 credits. Certain conditions apply and students should refer to the program handbook for further details.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit/Dual Credit

High School Advance Placement (AP) credit appearing on official college transcripts is accepted if score is 3 or higher. If the AP credit is for a prerequisite course, the course is omitted from the prerequisite GPA. For dual credit courses, the course title must appear on an official college transcript with letter grade.

Reporting Satisfactory/Pass Grades within CSDCAS

Acceptance of a Satisfactory grade for prerequisite courses completed in academic year 2020-21. The preference would be for all applicants to earn a letter grade.

If an applicant's school has transitioned to a Satisfactory/Fail or Pass/Fail grading option, grades would be accepted as follows: For students in the **Indiana University system**, a Satisfactory grade would be accepted although a Passing grade would not be accepted.

For applicants from universities **other than Indiana University**, either Satisfactory or Passing grades will be accepted, though Satisfactory is preferred if both S and P grades are an option.

Observation Hours:

ASHA requires a minimum of 25 observation hours. While it is not required for admission, it is highly recommended that students complete these hours in advance of matriculation into the program. Observation hours will need to be completed prior to being assigned clinical or diagnostic practicum.

Admissions Committee Procedures

The admissions committee will select applicants based on the following rubric determined by the program director:

- GPA of last 60 credit hours completed at undergraduate level-weighted 25%
- Prerequisite GPA-weighted 20%
- Personal statement-weighted 25%
- Letters of recommendation-weighted 10%
- Interview-weighted 20%

The program will then extend conditional acceptance to qualified applicants with a goal of fifteen (15) students in the first year of the program, eighteen (18) in years 2 and 3 and twenty (20) in subsequent years.

Full acceptance is granted upon receipt of final transcripts and completed criminal background check with the approved IU vendor. Drug screening will also be required upon admission and will be conducted during new student orientation per Dwyer College of Health Sciences Policy 7.5.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required at the time the student accepts admission into the program.