



## Communication Disorders and Sciences Application FAQs

### How do I apply to the Rush AuD or SLP program?

Applications are accepted through CSDCAS (Communication Sciences and Disorders Central Application Service). At the time of application, individuals should have completed or be in the process of completing, the baccalaureate degree at an accredited institution. Applications for Fall 2015 are due January 1, 2015. Applications will be reviewed as soon as the transcripts are verified by CSDCAS and letters of reference are received by CSDCAS. Official GRE scores are required for

admission. You are strongly advised to begin the process of arranging for transcripts, letters, and GRE scores prior to December 10.

[Link to CDS instructions re CSDCAS  
CSDCAS Application](#)

[SLP FAQs](#)  
[AuD FAQs](#)

### Who can write the letters of recommendation?

These letters must be from faculty acquainted with your most recent academic experiences. You may have additional letters of recommendation submitted, but only three are needed.

### What GRE Scores and Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are needed?

The recommended GPA for applicants is a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and minimum Major GPA of 3.5. The recommended minimum GRE score (Verbal and Quantitative) is greater than the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. The Rush CSDCAS program code is **0781** and the Rush University GRE code is **3263**. Please send your official GRE scores to both codes.

### What should I write in my personal statement?

Using your own words, we ask that you write a brief statement expressing plans you have to use your education and training, the needs and/or challenges you perceive as important in your field of study, and any personality qualities, characteristics, and skills you believe will enable you to be successful in your chosen field of study. There is a 5500 character limit.

### Does Rush University need my official transcripts?

CSDCAS requires official transcripts at the time of your application. If you are admitted to a program at Rush, then Rush requires official transcripts from all of the higher education institutions you have attended, and these must be received prior to your matriculation. This includes the transcript verifying your undergraduate degree.

**I received my degree from a university outside of the US. Can I still apply?**

All applicants whose native language is not English must present evidence of proficiency in English by satisfactorily completing the Test of English as a Foreign Language examination (TOEFL). A total TOEFL score of at least 88 on the Internet-based version, or 570 on the paper-based version, or 230 on the computer version, must be achieved. In addition, applicants must score no less than 55 on the paper version or, 20 on the computer version or, 18 on the Internet-based version on each of the three subtests of the TOEFL (listening, structure/writing, and reading).

For more information visit the TOEFL website at <http://www.toefl.org>. Your results should be sent Rush's Admissions Office using the institution code number **1676**.

Foreign transcripts need to be evaluated by the Educational Credential Evaluators or World Education Services. It is the student's responsibility to have their transcripts evaluated by one of these services. Please click on one of the following links for more information.

ECE <http://www.ece.org>

WES <http://www.wes.org>

**Is there a supplemental application that I need to fill out?**

No Supplemental Application is required by Communication Disorders and Sciences at the time of your initial application. You will be informed when it is time to complete a Supplemental Application.