

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES

CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Credential Office

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The Speech-Language Pathology Credential is designed for those who work as clinicians in primary and secondary school settings. The courses and clinical practice in Speech-Language Pathology that are needed for the credential are offered through the Department of Communicative Disorders in the College of Health and Human Development.

Students wishing to obtain the credential must first gain admission to the Master's Degree in the Department of Communicative Disorders.

Admission to Graduate School in Communicative Disorders

Departmental residential graduate applications are usually available beginning in October of each year for the subsequent fall admission. They can be obtained by calling 818-677-2852 or by picking them up at the residential campus office in Room 301 on the third floor of Monterey Hall on the CSUN campus. The deadline for the residential application is usually in February.

To apply to the distance masters program, access the following website: <http://exlweb.csun.edu/cds>. The departmental graduate application may be downloaded. It is mailed to the CDS Distance Learning Department no later than October 1st for admission to the cohort beginning the following May.

Please note that all graduate applicants also must apply for **admission to the University**. University applications may be accessed online at <http://www.csummentor.edu/>

Applicants applying for graduate status must possess either a baccalaureate degree in Communicative Disorders or 30 semester units in qualifying courses. The GRE or the MAT is required unless a student already has a master's degree. The university requirement is a score at the 50% or better on the Quantitative or Verbal section of the GRE or a 50% or better on the MAT.

Prospective graduate students who lack a qualifying degree or courses are encouraged to apply to the University for Post Baccalaureate Undeclared Major (PBU). Consult with the department academic advisors for assistance in determining the best option for you.

ADMISSION TO THE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

Those planning to complete a **credential** must apply and be accepted for **Credential Program Admission** after being admitted to the Master's Program in the Department of Communicative Disorders.

To be considered for admission to the CSU Northridge Speech Language Pathology Services Credential Program submit a **complete** application package to the Credential Office.

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CREDENTIAL OFFICE.

Complete application packets consist of:

1. **APPLICATION** - Please complete the application form included in this brochure and submit it with the items below in a complete packet.
2. **TRANSCRIPTS** - Transcripts showing a baccalaureate degree and all post-baccalaureate work must accompany your application package. Only transcripts from CSU Northridge may be unofficial. All other transcripts must be official in a sealed envelope. Arrange for the transcripts to be sent to you by the institution so you can submit them to us as part of this package. If applying for admission to CSU Northridge for the first time, an additional set of official transcripts will be required for University admission.
3. **BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENT** - Verification that you have taken the CBEST exam for admission. A passing score is not required for admission but it is required that the exam be passed to apply for the credential. Additional options to meet the Basic Skills Requirement are found on the CTC website at www.ctc.ca.gov under Coded Correspondence 07-11, or on the Credential Office Basic Skills Flyer http://www.csun.edu/~sch_educ/cred/news/basic_skills_req.pdf
4. **FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE** - Program applicants must submit verification of fingerprint clearance from California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Provide a copy of a valid CTC certificate or credential, or complete the online process Instructions on completing the online process can be found on the Credential Office Website under forms and flyers : http://www.csun.edu/~sch_educ/cred/forms/forms_cert_of_clearance.pdf
5. **MASTER'S PROGRAM ADMISSION** - Submit verification of admission to Communicative Disorders Masters Program.
6. **FEE** - Submit the fee of **\$25** by Cashier's Check or Money Order, payable to CSU Northridge.

THE CREDENTIAL OFFICE DOES NOT ACCEPT CASH, PERSONAL CHECKS, OR CREDIT CARDS.

Applying For Your Preliminary Speech-Language Pathology Credential

Credential Request

Within the first few weeks of your final semester of program coursework, students should submit a "Credential Request" form and verification of CBEST passage. The Credential Request form is available online at www.csun.edu/coe/cred under "forms".

At the end of the semester after the grades as well as the Master's Degree have been posted and the verification of program completed, (KASA summary form) has been received from the Communicative Disorders Department, the CSUN Credential Analyst will complete the credential recommendation process to CTC. The student will receive the Two Year Preliminary Credential.

Clear Speech-Language Pathology Credential

In order to meet the requirements for the Clear Credential, the person holding the Preliminary Credential must complete the following and apply directly to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

1. Passing score (currently 600) on the ETS Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology test (test code 0330)
2. Completion of a 36 week, full time, mentored clinical experience or equivalent supervised practicum (commonly known as the Clinical Fellowship Year [CFY]). Verification of completion may be on one of the following forms.
 - a. Required Professional Experience form which is commonly known as the RPE (form 77V- 21) from the California Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Board.
 - b. Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship and Rating Report Form from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Information about the forms referenced above and the detailed information relating to this credential and recent changes can be found at the CTC website at: www.ctc.ca.gov

