Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ 1. Complete the graduate application for admission to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

☐ 2. Complete the essay (Form A).

☐ 3. Send two official transcripts from each college or university previously attended.

☐ 4. Request three recommendations (Form B) to be sent directly to Rockhurst University’s Office of Graduate Admission. Of the three recommendations, at least two must be from current or former instructors and one professional.

☐ 5. Send GRE scores.

☐ 6. Mail materials to:

   Rockhurst University  
   Attn: Michele Huiatt  
   Office of Graduate Admission  
   1100 Rockhurst Road  
   Kansas City, MO 64110-2561

Completed applications and materials are due by Feb. 1.

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Rockhurst University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, 800-621-7440.
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. An undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders from an accredited college or university, or an undergraduate degree in another discipline plus appropriate leveling coursework in communication sciences and disorders that prepare student for entry into the Master of Science program. Undergraduate preparation should consist of at least 36 semester credit hours and reflect a well-integrated program.

2. Completion of the prerequisite courses in biological, physical and behavioral sciences and statistics as required by ASHA for application for certification.

3. A required minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and a 3.0 or better in your undergraduate major.

4. Completion of the GRE (Graduate Record Examination).

5. Excellent oral and written communication skills and appropriate interpersonal skills.

6. A personal interview with the CSD faculty may be required.

7. Demonstrate the ability to fulfill the essential functions of the profession.

8. All other requirements for admission to graduate study.

Note: Requirements may be subject to change without notice.

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Please submit a typed, 300-400 word statement on one of the following topics. Please include your name on your statement.

- Describe a challenging experience in your life and how you resolved or overcame it.
- Discuss characteristics of professionalism and how you convey those characteristics in your activities.
- Describe a service or leadership opportunity that you were involved in and how it affected your understanding of communication disorders.
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FORM B: CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION

Instructions to Applicant
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Name of Applicant

Name of Reference

Instructions to Recommender
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Because Rockhurst University is in compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, we discourage you from referring directly or indirectly to any disability that the applicant may have.

☐ I waive the right by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) to view this letter of recommendation in my file at Rockhurst University.

☐ I do not wish to waive this right. Rather, I wish to retain the right to view this letter in my file at Rockhurst University.

Signature of Applicant          Date

How well would you say you know the applicant? _____ Casually       _____ Well       _____ Very Well

In your estimation, what is the applicant’s potential for graduate school:
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Additional Comments
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