

# GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Minimum requirements to be considered for admission include the following:

1. An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution is required.
2. For regular admission, an undergraduate major or the equivalent in Communication Disorders is required. However, students without undergraduate majors in communication disorders may be considered for admission if they have strong undergraduate GPA's and strong GRE scores. Students with undergraduate majors in fields other than communication disorders will need to complete prerequisite undergraduate coursework after admission. Additionally, students with undergraduate communication disorders' majors who have deficits in undergraduate coursework, or students wishing public school certification may need to complete additional requirements after admission.
3. An overall and communication disorders grade point average of at least 3.0 is required for admission.
4. A completed application for admission to the Graduate College must be received by the Graduate Admissions Office by the specified deadline and must include official GRE scores and official transcripts from all undergraduate schools attended.
5. **A separate application form for the Graduate Program in Communication Disorders (available from the Communication Disorders Department) must be submitted to the Department by the specified deadline.**
6. Students with undergraduate degrees from institutions other than Marshall University must submit three letters of recommendation (written on appropriate letterhead) from individuals who can comment on their academic and clinical performance and potential. **All letters must be submitted to the Communication Disorders Department with the Program application, and must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the recommender's signature across the flap.** At least one letter must be from one of the applicant's classroom instructors in communication disorders. Additionally, if the undergraduate program included clinical practicum, at least one letter must be from a clinical supervisor.
7. Students with undergraduate degrees from Marshall University must submit three names of faculty who will serve as references.

The program admits students once per year. Generally, more students apply than can be accepted; therefore, the selection process is competitive. All completed applications are reviewed in the spring after the application deadline. Students begin their enrollment after their acceptance into the program, typically in the fall semester. Students admitted to the program who fail to enroll in the selected semester, as well as students already in the program who fail to enroll for a semester without prior permission from their academic advisor, are considered withdrawn from the program and not eligible for future enrollment.

**NOTE:** Applicants who are accepted for the graduate program will be simultaneously admitted as students in the Graduate College.

Deadline for receipt of completed application for students wishing to enter the program: **February 1<sup>st</sup>** .

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO NOTIFY YOU WHEN YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE COMPLETE, PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED POSTCARD.**