

# Graduate School Application Essays Instructions

## Overview

Applicants are required to submit their applications through two portals:

1. CSDCAS- Communication Disorder Programs National Application Portal
2. Purdue Graduate School Application Portal

## CSDCAS Application

1. Follow Prompts: Follow the prompts provided by CSDCAS.
2. Personal Essay: Write and submit a personal essay.
  - Essay Prompts: Your personal essay should address how your experiences have shaped your interest in speech-language pathology, what your career goals are, and why you believe you are a good fit for our program. Please elaborate on achievements, abilities, and/or professional history.
  - Requirement: Mandatory.
3. Other Additional Essay: Write and submit an additional essay.
  - Essay Prompt: Any topic that you feel would enhance your application, such as: any life experiences that contribute to your ability to be both persistent and resourceful in your graduate studies, and any life experiences that have prepared you to contribute to an academic community where scholars with diverse research interests, abilities, backgrounds, and experiences are supported, respected, and valued.
  - Requirement: Mandatory (although it is listed and titled as Optional on CSDCAS it is mandatory)!

## Purdue Graduate School Application

1. Academic Statement of Purpose:
  - Use the personal essay submitted to CSDCAS.
2. Personal History Statement:
  - Use the Other Additional Essay submitted to CSDCAS.

## Summary

Although it feels like four documents are being asked for, you essentially need to submit the same two documents to both portals. Here's the breakdown:

### CSDCAS:

1. Personal Essay
2. Optional Additional Essay

### Purdue Graduate School Application:

1. Academic Statement of Purpose: Use your *CSDCAS Personal Essay* here.
2. Personal History Statement: Use your *CSDCAS Other Additional Essay* here.

If you have any queries or require further assistance with your application process, please consult the 'Documents' tab on our homepage or contact the admissions office.