

The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders has an ‘Early Assurance’ program for students who are enrolled in the Pacific University Post-Baccalaureate (PB) sequence who are interested in attending our MS-SLP program in speech-language pathology.

The Early Assurance program offers currently enrolled PB students an opportunity to apply and interview for the Pacific MS-SLP up to 3 months earlier than the typical admission cycle, without any application fees. Specific criteria are required to apply to the Early Assurance program (see below). The process will include (a) eligible students submitting application materials and then (b) participating in an interview with CSD faculty. If accepted, an offer of admittance to the graduate program will be extended to the student (usually within two weeks following the interview).

Any PB students **who do not meet criteria** for Early Assurance will **still receive an automatic invitation to interview** if they apply to Pacific’s MS-SLP program through CSDCAS during the traditional application cycle. PB students who apply and are accepted for Early Assurance may still apply to other programs within CSDCAS.

Students accepted in the Early Assurance timeline are not required to accept the offer or submit their \$300 deposit until April 15th (a national deadline upheld by all graduate programs in the US). They may, however, choose to accept the offer before that date. A positive response to the offer and the deposit will indicate acceptance and intent to enroll in the program in the next academic year / Fall semester.

- Required Eligibility Criteria and Application Materials to be reviewed:
 - Please submit your
 - CV or resume (no more than 5 pages) - please include information about employment, extracurricular activities, and volunteer experiences
 - Writing sample – Students will receive two writing prompts
 - Letters Of Support - 2 from Pacific Faculty required. A third (optional) letter from an external source may also be submitted (please have all letters addressed to the Graduate Admissions Committee)

THE FOLLOWING WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED:

- Midterm grades for the current Fall semester - the Graduate Admissions committee will solicit these directly from faculty teaching PB courses
- Transcripts - these will already be on file from the PB admission process (i.e., no need to submit again).

- 3.25 GPA in the last 60 credits OR by post-bac advisor recommendation
- Interviews
 - Once your file is reviewed, we will hold individual, 30 minute interviews with one graduate faculty member and a community partner
- All materials (Application Requirements) are due by October 15
- Interviews will be held in late October
- Decisions will be made and communicated to applicants by November 1st