

**University of Utah
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Statement of Purpose**

This application is required for students applying for either the master's in speech-language pathology or doctor of audiology (AuD) program. This application requires you to address several important components. Please address components I-IV and completely; failure to do so will result in a non-review of your application. Items V and VI are optional.

- I. In one or two paragraphs, explain why you are pursuing a career in speech-language pathology or audiology. If you are applying for the M.S. /Ph.D. or Aud. /Ph.D. program, please include the name of the professor you wish to study with.**

- II. The CSD faculty, staff, and students promote a climate of respect, equity, and inclusion that cultivates and sustains transformative practices in the classroom, clinic, and community. Considering these important factors, please discuss attributes you bring to our program when working with clientele with communication disorders. In addition, what attributes or experiences make you unique as a candidate?**

III. In one or two paragraphs, state how your previous job(s), volunteer opportunities, and/or extracurricular experiences have prepared you for the responsibilities of being an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

IV. In one or two paragraphs, please tell us specifically why you are interested in completing your graduate training in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Utah.

V. If applicable, list any honors and/or awards you have received (i.e., Dean's list, membership in an honor society, scholarships, published research, etc.).

VI. If necessary, briefly discuss and clarify any extenuating circumstances underlying discrepancies or weaknesses with your grades or GRE scores.