

# Graduate Program in Communication Disorders

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## *Personal Statement Guidelines*

**Directions:** Please type your response in the boxes below and limit each response to 250 words. You may type on this form, or use a separate page. When using the provided form below, you may print out the finished form, or submit it to the Graduate Office online. When using separate paper, be sure to label each response (Part 1, 2, 3, 4) and include your full name on any attached sheets.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement, Part 1:** *Clinical Practicum or other relevant experience*. Briefly describe how your experiences working with people (for example, as a student clinician, volunteer, employee) have influenced your decision to pursue graduate work in speech-language pathology.

**Personal Statement, Part 2:** *Service learning and community involvement*. Briefly describe your role in a project or event which benefited others. Explain why this experience was meaningful to you.

**Personal Statement, Part 3: Challenge and achievement.** Briefly describe one or two academic or non-academic achievements of which you are most proud, and explain why.

**Personal Statement, Part 4: Cultural background and interests.** Briefly describe your background, interests, and/or hobbies. What do you want the admissions committee to know about you that we might otherwise miss?

**I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this Personal Statement is true and complete without evasion or misrepresentation. I understand that if it is later found to be otherwise, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal.**

Applicant's Signature (not required for electronic submission) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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