University of Pittsburgh
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS)
Communication Science (BA)

Supplemental Requirements

- Submit a personal essay addressing the following:
  1. What you have done to learn about the field of communication science and disorders (the science and clinical practice) in preparation for majoring in our undergraduate program in communication science? (max 200 words), and
  2. Communication science is a challenging major and admission to graduate school for speech-language pathology, audiology or other health-related and science fields is very competitive. Please explain what academic and personal skills you have developed since starting college that will allow you to be successful in this major. What do you feel are the critical skills, practices and attitudes that you must continue to work on as you proceed further in your academic studies? (max 500 words);
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a college instructor/professor, academic advisor, supervisor or employer, etc.;
- Resumes are strongly recommended.

Mail Supplemental Materials to:
SHRS Office of Admissions
4020 Forbes Tower
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Admission Information

- Application Deadline: OAFA Application Requirements must be received by February 15. Supplemental Materials (sent to SHRS) must be received by March 15;
- Admission is for the fall term only;
- Students may be admitted into the Communication Science program after successful completion of 60 general education credits;
- A minimum grade of C is required for transfer;
- Applications to the CS program will be reviewed after a student completes approximately 45 credits (in anticipation of completing a further 15 credits prior to commencing the program). A minimum cumulative QPA of 2.75 (based on 4.0) is required for admission. Students with a QPA of 2.5 may be admitted provisionally, based on the recommendation of the Director of Undergraduate Education, Dr. Janice Vance (jvance@pitt.edu).

General Education and Related Requirements

It is not necessary to complete all courses listed below prior to application to the major, but it is advisable to include as many of these courses as possible in the 60 required credits. Any
outstanding general education or related requirements courses can be completed while enrolled in the Communication Science program.

All transfer students are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Vance (jvance@pitt.edu) prior to applying so that she can guide you regarding suitable coursework at your current institution.

- Basic Writing (or exemption), 3 credits
- College Math, 3 credits
- Statistics, 4 credits
- English composition, 3 credits
- Intensive Writing (one approved ‘W’ course) (transfer students should plan to take this requirement at Pitt)
- Foreign Language, 6 credits (satisfied by 3 years high school foreign language)
- English or American Literature, 3 credits
- Music or Art, 3 credits
- Literature, music, art or creative expression (3 credits)
- History, 3 credits
- Philosophy of Science, 3 credits
- International Culture, 6 credits
- International Culture (non-western), 3 credits
- Natural Sciences
  - Behavioral Science: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
  - Biological Science: Human biology, anatomy and physiology (3 credits)
  - Physical Science: physics (3 credits)
  - Cognitive processing/neuroscience/biopsychology (3 credits)
- Sociocultural Issues (3 credits)
- Child development/developmental psychology (3 credits)

https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/csba

**For specific program questions, contact:**
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