

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

**College of Health Professions
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

**Undergraduate
Admissions
Application**

Refer to your degree plan year for admission requirements as they are different for degree plans PRIOR to 2020-2021.

Refer to your respective status (in this packet) when applying to the program:

- Current UTRGV students (who have never taken courses at another University/College) or students with a bachelor's degree from UTPA or UTB
- Current UTRGV students who have taken courses at another University/College
- Transfer students who have never attended UTRGV
- Students who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than Speech-Language Pathology from an institution other than UTRGV

Complete applications (application form, essay, and three [3] recommendation letters) for admission to the Undergraduate Program in Communication Sciences & Disorders (COMD) are due Friday, **February 16, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. to: <https://www.utrgv.edu/communication-disorders/>** for the upcoming class of Fall 2024. It is in the student's best interest to submit the complete application before **February 16, 2024**. No late applications will be accepted. Admission to the program is competitive. All students must be accepted to UTRGV prior to applying to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program. All required coursework must be on the UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks to be considered eligible to apply and to be considered for the COMD Undergraduate Program. Students must include their UTRGV email address in the application form and use the UTRGV email address when submitting their application.

For questions regarding the Undergraduate Admissions Application packet, please contact:

- COMD Department Secretary: Deisse Esparza
Email address: Deisse.Esparza@utrgv.edu
Office Phone Number: 956-665-7040
- COMD Undergraduate Program Coordinator: Ms. Lily Puente
Email address: Lily.Puente@utrgv.edu
Office Phone Number: 956-665-5275

If calling, please leave a message so that your call may be returned.

CURRENT UTRGV STUDENTS (WHO HAVE NEVER TAKEN COURSES AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE) & STUDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UTPA OR UTB

- Students must scan, and email application packet (as a pdf file) by **February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu No late applications will be accepted.
- All applicants (including transfer students and those who hold a bachelor's degree from UTPA/UTB or another institution) must apply and be accepted to UTRGV for Spring 2024 **PRIOR** to applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program (Apply at <http://www.applytexas.org> by UTRGV admission deadline).
- Students must have a Minimum Overall GPA of 2.8 to apply. Admission is competitive.
- All required coursework must have been completed by **December 31, 2023**, to be eligible to apply. **All required coursework must be on the applicant's UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks to be considered eligible to apply and to be considered for the COMD Undergraduate Program.**
- Students must submit their application packet (Form A: pgs. 1 & 2) which includes:
 - A completed application form
 - An essay in their own words: "Why I Want an Undergraduate Degree in Communication Disorders" (250-500 words).
- Students must have **three (3)** Letter of Recommendation forms (forms in application packet) submitted by their Recommenders by **February 16, 2024** by 5:00 p.m. to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu
 - One reference may be from someone unrelated to the applicant that can comment on the student's Academic Record. **The remaining two (2) must be from college instructors.** If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendation letters may be obtained from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.
 - Each student must download the recommendation forms, complete the top portion of each form, and sign each form indicating whether you will or will not waive your right to see any of the submitted recommendation forms.
 - Scan the form and send via email to each of your Recommenders.
 - The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email the form (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu and **submit it by February 16, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**
 - All application packets and recommendation forms must be scanned, emailed (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu and **RECEIVED** by **February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** **No late applications will be accepted. In the subject line on the email type in:** COMD Undergraduate Application
- Students may verify that their complete application packets were received by calling COMD Dept. Office: 956-665-7040 or via email to Mrs. Deisse Esparza at: Deisse.Esparza@utrgv.edu

CURRENT UTRGV STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN COURSES AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

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- Students must have a Minimum Overall GPA of 2.8 to apply. Admission is competitive.
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 - The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email the form (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu and **submit it by February 16, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**
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TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED UTRGV

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- All applicants (including transfer students and those who hold a bachelor's degree from UTPA/UTB or another institution) must apply and be accepted to UTRGV for Spring 2024 **PRIOR** to applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program (Apply at <http://www.applytexas.org> by **UTRGV admission deadline**).
- Transfer students must transfer all courses taken at other institutions (must include Fall 2023 courses, if taken) and have a course evaluation of those courses **PRIOR** to applying to the COMD program. Call 956-882-4026 or email recruitment@utrgv.edu for questions regarding UTRGV admission requirements. **All required coursework must be on the Course Evaluation and UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks to be eligible to apply and to be considered for the COMD Undergraduate Program.**
- Students must have a Minimum Overall GPA of 2.8 to apply. Admission is competitive. All required coursework must have been completed by **December 31, 2023**, to be eligible to apply. **All required coursework must be on the applicant's UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks prior to applying to the program to be considered for the COMD Undergraduate Program.**
- Students must submit their application packet (Form A: pgs. 1 & 2) which includes:
 - A completed application form
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 - The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email the form (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu and **submit it by February 16, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**
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STUDENTS WHO HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A FIELD OTHER THAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY FROM AN INSTITUTION OTHER THAN UTRGV

- All applicants must apply and be accepted to UTRGV for Spring 2024 **PRIOR** to applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program. **Students must apply to UTRGV (<http://www.applytexas.org>) by UTRGV admission deadline.**
- Students must scan, and email application packets (as a pdf file) by **February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu No late applications will be accepted.
- Students must have a Minimum Overall GPA of 2.8 to apply. Admission is competitive.
- All required coursework must have been completed by **December 31, 2023**
- to be eligible to apply. **All required coursework must be on the applicant's UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks in order to be considered eligible to apply.**

Students must submit all official transcripts obtained at other institutions (must include Fall 2023 courses, if taken) and request a Second Degree Evaluation of those courses **PRIOR** to applying to the COMD program (<https://www.utrgv.edu/undergraduate-admissions/second-degree-students/index.htm>) Students must submit all transcripts and any other documentation for review by UTRGV Admissions office by UTRGV Admissions Deadline for Spring 2024. Call 956-882-4026 or email recruitment@utrgv.edu for questions regarding UTRGV admission requirements.

- Students must have a Minimum Overall GPA of 2.8 to apply. Admission is competitive.
- Students must submit their application packet (Form A: pgs. 1 & 2) which includes:
 - A completed application form
 - An essay in their own words: "Why I Want an Undergraduate Degree in Communication Disorders" (250-500 words).
- Students must have **three (3)** Letter of Recommendation forms (forms in application packet) submitted by their Recommenders by **February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu
 - One reference may be from someone unrelated to the applicant that can comment on the student's Academic Record. **The remaining two (2) must be from college instructors.** If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendation letters may be obtained from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.
 - Each student must download the recommendation forms, complete the top portion of each form, and sign each form indicating whether you will or will not waive your right to see any of the submitted recommendation forms.
 - Scan the form and send via email to each of your Recommenders.
 - The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email the form (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu and submit it by **February 16, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**
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Form A (pg.1)
APPLICATION
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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PERSONAL DATA

First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Name:	ID#:
	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Address:		City:	State: Zip Code:
Major (if applicable):	Classification:	UTRGV E-Mail Address:	

Please list in chronological order all college or professional schools attended:

Institution	Location	Dates	Major	Degrees

Do you already hold a bachelor’s degree or will you complete a degree prior to the start of the Program?

Yes No Degree _____ Graduation date: _____

Please indicate any other information regarding your qualifications which you would like us to consider.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:

Academic Record/DegreeWorks Yes No

Essay Yes No

Three (3) Letters of Reference Received: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (Cumulative GPA) _____

FORM A (pg. 2)

ESSAY: An essay in your own words is required with the topic: “Why I Want an Undergraduate Degree in Communication Disorders” (250-500 words).

RECOMMENDATION FORMS:

- Three (3) recommendation forms are required.
- One reference may be from someone unrelated to the applicant that can comment on the student’s Academic Record. The remaining two (2) must be from college instructors.
- If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendation letters may be obtained from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.
- Contact your Recommenders and request if they will support you in applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program by completing a recommendation form for you.
- If the response is yes to your request for the recommendation form, send your Recommenders your unofficial transcript off of ASSIST and ask if any other documentation is required. Submit the documentation your recommenders requested along with the recommendation form.
- Each student must download the recommendation forms, complete the top portion of each form, and sign form indicating whether you will or will not waive your right to see any of the submitted recommendation forms.
- Scan the form and send via email to each of your Recommenders.
- The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email (as a pdf file) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu by February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

Note: All required coursework must have been completed by **December 31, 2023**, to be eligible to apply. All required coursework must be on the UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks and/or DegreeWorks to be considered eligible to apply.

I have read and understand the requirements and policies to be considered for acceptance to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Undergraduate Program. The information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Applicant’s Name (Print)

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Notice of Non-Discrimination

Title IX of the U.S. Department of Education’s Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex/gender in any aspect of a federally funded education program or activity. Such discrimination includes, but is not limited to: sexual harassment, sexual violence, sex or gender-based bullying, hazing, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, and failure to provide equal opportunity in admissions, activities, employment or athletics. As a recipient of federal funds, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) complies with Title IX and has designated a Title IX Coordinator to oversee all complaints of sex discrimination. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints. Additionally, other responsibilities include the coordination of training, education, and communications regarding Title IX procedures for the University community.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Undergraduate Admissions

Applicant Instructions: (Required) Please check one of the following and sign prior to scanning and emailing this form to your references.

I do _____ or do not _____ waive my right to see this completed Recommendation Form.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name (Print) _____ **ID#** _____ **DATE:** _____

If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendations must be received from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.

Deadline for receipt is February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

Recommender: Please download, fill out form, sign, scan and email (as a pdf file) the completed form to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu

6. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

7. For how many years have you known the applicant? _____

8. Rate the applicant in the following areas.

NA=No basis for judgment; 1=Unacceptable; 5=Excellent	NA	1	2	3	4	5
Enthusiasm						
Intellectual Ability						
Creativity						
Initiative						
Emotional Maturity						
Maintains high standard of work						
Written and Oral Expression						
Follows instructions well						
Responsible						
Professionalism						

9. What are two (2) positive qualities you have observed in this person that would help him/her to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?

a. _____

b. _____

10. What would be areas of improvement that you feel this applicant would need to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?

a. _____

b. _____

Do you recommend this applicant? (Circle one): Not at all With Reservations Without Reservations With Enthusiasm

Recommender Information:

Name of Respondent (Print) _____ Phone _____

Position _____ Agency _____

Address _____

(NOTE: If you prefer, you may attach your business card in lieu of completing the items above.)

Signature (required)

Date

Printed Name

RECOMMENDATION FORM

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Applicant Instructions: (Required) Please check one of the following and sign prior to scanning and emailing this form to your references.

I do _____ or do not _____ waive my right to see this completed Recommendation Form.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name (Print) _____ **ID#** _____ **DATE:** _____

If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendations must be received from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.

Deadline for receipt is February 16, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

Recommender: Please download, fill out form, sign, scan and email (as a pdf file) the completed form to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu

11. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

12. For how many years have you known the applicant? _____

13. Rate the applicant in the following areas.

NA=No basis for judgment; 1=Unacceptable; 5=Excellent	NA	1	2	3	4	5
Enthusiasm						
Intellectual Ability						
Creativity						
Initiative						
Emotional Maturity						
Maintains high standard of work						
Written and Oral Expression						
Follows instructions well						
Responsible						
Professionalism						

14. What are two (2) positive qualities you have observed in this person that would help him/her to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?

a. _____

b. _____

15. What would be areas of improvement that you feel this applicant would need to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?

a. _____

b. _____

Do you recommend this applicant? (Circle one): Not at all With Reservations Without Reservations With Enthusiasm

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(NOTE: If you prefer, you may attach your business card in lieu of completing the items above.)

Signature (required)

Date

Printed Name

COMD Undergraduate Admissions Application FAQs

1. Where do I submit my application packet?
 - Your application packet must be scanned and emailed to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu by **February 16, 2024**, by 5:00 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.
2. Will I be able to mail in or drop off my application packet to the Department office?
 - No, all packets must be scanned and emailed (**as a pdf file**) to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu by **February 16, 2024**, by 5:00 p.m.
 - **In the subject line on the email type in:** COMD Undergraduate Application
3. Can I submit screenshots as part of my application packet?
 - No, only scanned applications sent as a pdf file will be accepted.
4. How many completed Recommendation letter forms are required?
 - Three (3) Recommendation letter forms are required. One reference may be from someone unrelated to the applicant that can comment on the student's Academic Record. **The remaining two (2) must be from college instructors.**
5. If I have not been in school for more than two (2) years, who can I ask to be recommenders?
 - If you have been away from an academic institution for two (2) or more years, recommendation letters may be obtained from other persons able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.
6. When will I find out if I was accepted or not?
 - Students who are accepted will typically receive their letter by the end of April. Denial letters are sent after the accepted students have confirmed their acceptance.
7. Do I just scan and send the recommender the recommendation form without requesting a letter of recommendation first?
 - No, first contact a possible recommender and request if they will support you in your application to the COMD Undergraduate Program by completing a recommendation form for you. If they accept, send them a copy of your academic record (unofficial transcript) off of ASSIST and ask if any additional information is needed. If so, submit the documentation to the recommender requested along with the recommendation form.
8. Will each recommender need to scan and email the completed recommendation form by **Friday, February 16, 2024**, by 5:00 p.m.?
 - Yes, each recommender will need to scan and email the completed recommendation form by **Friday, February 16, 2024**, by 5:00 p.m. to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu