The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

COMD Undergraduate Admissions Application Packet

for

FALL 2027 ADMISSIONS

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DEADLINE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Admission to the program is competitive. All students must be accepted to UTRGV prior to applying to the Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) Program. Complete applications to the Undergraduate Program in Communication Sciences & Disorders are due **Friday**, **February 19, 2027** no later than **5:00 p.m** for the upcoming class of **Fall 2027**. It is in the student's best interest to submit their complete application before this deadline, as late applications will not be accepted.

Students must include their UTRGV email address on the application form (page 2) and use their UTRGV email address when submitting their application. Complete applications are to be mailed to:
https://www.utrgv.edu/communication- disorders/.

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.

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

- COMD Department Administrative Assistant: Deisse Esparza
  Email address: communicationdisorders@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

When emailing a completed application packet, indicate **COMD Undergraduate Application** in the subject line.

If calling, please leave a message including your name, student ID number, and a callback number so your call may be returned.

IMPORTANT

ALL required coursework and prerequisites must be on the student's UTRGV Academic Record/DegreeWorks to be considered eligible to apply and to be considered for the COMD Undergraduate Program. Students are to refer to their degree plan year for admission requirements, as they are different for degree plans PRIOR to 2020-2021.

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 2027 **BEFORE** applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program (**Apply at http://www.applytexas.org by UTRGV admission deadline**).

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: The following documents are required for a submission to be considered complete:

I. **APPLICATION (PAGES 1 & 2):** Please make sure all information is completed **before** submitting.

II. **THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Your recommender will be directly submitting this document to the department. See details below.

Blank RECOMMENDATION FORMs are included in this packet. The deadline for receiving letters of recommendation is the same as the application deadline. Late submissions will NOT be accepted. Further information regarding Recommendation Forms is as follows:

1. Download and **print three (3) BLANK** Recommendation Forms.
2. Complete the top portion of each form and sign each indicating whether you will or will not waive your right to see any of the submitted recommendation forms.
   - An example is provided for you. Do **not** send this form to your recommenders.
3. Scan each form with the filled top portion and send it via email to each of your Recommenders.
   - One recommender/reference may be from someone unrelated to the applicant who can comment on the student's academic record, work ethics, or potential for success. **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 people able to comment on your academic qualifications or work experience.
4. The Recommender will need to download the form, complete the form, sign, scan, and email the form **(as a pdf file)** directly to: **communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.**
5. Please let the recommender know to indicate **COMD Undergraduate Application** on the subject line of their email.

III. **Essay:** An essay in your own words responding to: "*Why I Want an Undergraduate Degree in Communication Disorders*" is required as part of a completed application packet. Essay must be between 250-500 words.

IV. **GPA:** Students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.8 to apply, and this GPA must be maintained through the admission to the program process.

NOTE: *All required coursework must be reflected on the applicant's UTRGV Academic Record / DegreeWorks prior to the deadline of an application to be considered for admission to the COMD Undergraduate Program.*

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COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

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TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED UTRGV

Transfer students must transfer all courses taken at other institutions (must include Fall 2025 courses, if taken) and have a course evaluation of those courses **BEFORE** 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 WHO HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A FIELD OTHER THAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY FROM AN INSTITUTION OTHER THAN UTRGV

Students must submit all official transcripts obtained at other institutions (must **include Fall 2025 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 SEEKING A SECOND DEGREE WHO HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A FIELD OTHER THAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Students must submit all official transcripts obtained at other institutions (must **include Fall 2025 courses**, if taken) and request a Second Degree Evaluation of those courses **BEFORE** 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 2027. Call 956-882-4026 or email recruitment@utrgv.edu for questions regarding UTRGV admission requirements.

STUDENTS WHO HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A FIELD OTHER THAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – LEVELING PROGRAM

Students who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than speech-language pathology and are interested in being eligible to apply to the master's program in COMD may contact Dr. Ruth Crutchfield, COMD Graduate Advisor/Chair at the following for more information: Ruth.Crutchfield@utrgv.edu 956-665-7040.

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ADMISSIONS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Check each box to indicate you are including ***ALL*** *required documents and include this page with your submission.* ☐ APPLICATION CHECKLIST ☐ APPLICATION ☐ ESSAY

Scan, and email the completed application and your essay to: **communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.**
*****************ONLY PDF files are accepted****************

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

☐ Minimum Overall GPA: 2.8

☐ **THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION are required.** The Recommender completes, signs, scans, and emails the form (as a pdf file) ***directly*** to: **communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.** Please let the recommender know to indicate **COMD Undergraduate Application** on the subject line of their email. The deadline for receiving letters of recommendation is the same as the application deadline. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

Name of Recommender #1: _____

Name of Recommender #2: _____

Name of Recommender #3: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that 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 Name (Printed)	**Applicant's Signature**	**UTRGV STUDENT ID #**	**Date**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex (gender) in educational programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination on the basis of sex (gender), including sexual harassment, sexual assault, non-consensual sexual touching, sexual exploitation, intimate partner (dating and domestic) violence, and stalking. The University provides resources and reporting options to students, faculty, and staff to address concerns related to sexual misconduct prohibited by Title IX and University policy.

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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.

_____

_____

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

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TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

*Check one of the following and sign **BEFORE** scanning and emailing this form to your recommender/respondent.*

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

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **UTRGV Email Address:** _____

BY RECOMMENDER/RESPONDENT

- Ple… **file**) the completed form to**:** communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.
- Indi… the subject line of the email.

*Before providing the recommendation form to their recommender, applicants must complete **ALL** information marked by the **arrows** below.*

Name of Re… …hone

Agency Address

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

How many years; months have you known the applicant? _____

Rate the applicant in the following areas:

NA=No basis for judgment; 1=Unacceptable; 5=Exce…					4	5
Enthusiasm						
Intellectual Ability						
Creativity						
Initiative						
Emotional Maturity						
Maintains high standard of w…						
Written and Oral Expressi…						
Follows instructions…						
Responsible						
Professionali…						

1. What two (2… …this individual that would contribute to their success in the field of Speech…
   a. _____
   b. _____

2. What areas of im… …you believe this applicant needs to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?
   _____
   _____

Do you recommend this applicant? ☐ Not at all ☐ With Reservations ☐ Without Reservations ☐ With Enthusiasm

Recommender Signature (required): _____ ***Date:*** _____

*****EXAMPLE ONLY; DO NOT USE. Print 3 copies of the "blank" form provided in this packet.**

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

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **UTRGV Email Address:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER/RESPONDENT

- Please complete, sign, scan and email (**as a pdf file**) the completed form to**:** communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.
- Indicate **COMD Undergraduate Application** on the subject line of the email.

_____ _____ _____
Name of Recommender/Respondent (Print) Phone Position

_____ _____
Agency Address

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

How many years; months have you known the applicant? _____

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						

3. What two (2) positive qualities have you observed in this individual that would contribute to their success in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?
   a. _____
   b. _____

4. What areas of improvement do you believe this applicant needs to succeed in the field of Speech-Language Pathology?
   _____
   _____

Do you recommend this applicant? ☐ Not at all ☐ With Reservations ☐ Without Reservations ☐ With Enthusiasm

Recommender Signature (required): _____ ***Date:*** _____

COMD Undergraduate Admissions Application FAQs for Fall 2027 ADMISSIONS

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1. ***Where do I submit my application packet?*** Your application packet must be **scanned** and **emailed** to: communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu.

2. ***Can I submit screenshots, regular mail in or drop off my application packet to the Department office?*** No, all packets must be scanned and emailed as a **PDF** file
    - **In the subject line of the email type:** COMD Undergraduate Application

3. ***How many completed Recommendation letter forms are required?***
    - **Three (3) recommendation letter forms are required.** One recommendation may be provided by an individual who is not related to the applicant and can speak about the applicant's academic performance, work ethics and potential for success. **The remaining two (2) recommendations must be completed by college instructors.**

4. ***If I have not been in school for more than two (2) years, who can I ask to be recommenders?***
    - Applicants who have not attended an academic institution for two (2) or more years may submit recommendation letters from individuals who can speak about their academic qualifications, professional experience, work performance, and potential for success.

5. ***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 and will be required to complete and pass a Criminal Background Check.
    - Denial letters are sent after the accepted students have confirmed their acceptance.

6. ***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) from ASSIST and ask if any additional information is needed. If so, submit the documentation to the recommender requested along with the recommendation form.

7. ***Will each recommender need to scan and email the completed recommendation form by the indicated deadline above?***
    - Yes, each recommender will need to scan and email the completed recommendation form to: **communicationdisorders@utrgv.edu**
    - Yes, ALL recommendation letters must be received by the established indicated deadline above.