Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What do you need to complete the admission application?**

* The first step in the application process for graduate school is to complete the online application. In order to do this, refer to the following link. <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/graduate-admissions/graduate-admissions-apply-now.php>
* The next step requires you to submit your supplemental documents to the **graduate school**. The following documents need to be sent:
  + Official transcripts from all schools previously attended
  + GRE or MAT scores
  + GACE scores. If you have not taken the GACE, exemption is an option but can only be based on SAT, ACT or GRE scores. (MAT does not provide equivalent exemption scores) If the scores from either the GRE, SAT or ACT are not adequate for exemption, the student will have to take and pass the GACE.

1. **How long does the application process take?**

Generally, the process takes several weeks to render a decision. The applications must first go through the graduate school office and then the department. The length of the process varies every semester.

1. **How do I know if I have been accepted?**

Once you have completed your online application, you will be given access to your online BannerWeb account. This is where your application decision will be located. Be sure to save your login information, your student ID number and password, in order to be able to continue logging in.

1. **How can I find my application status? How do I know if my application is incomplete?**

Your application status will also be located within your BannerWeb account. If you are having trouble accessing your account, please call The Graduate School at (229) 333-5694. The following link is provided so that you can directly access the application status portal. <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/application-status-check.php>

1. **How many applicants apply to the program?**

The number of applicants varies each semester.

1. **Do I need an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders to apply?**

Yes. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree in Communication Disorders. Pre-requisite courses and Bridge Program certification alone will not qualify you.

1. **Can I be accepted for any semester? What are the deadlines for applications?**

Yes! One unique feature of our graduate program here at VSU is that we accept applicants each semester. The deadline for Fall entrance is March 1. The deadline for Spring entrance is June 1. The deadline for Summer entrance is October 1.

1. **Are scholarships or financial aid available?**

Contact the [financial aid](http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/welcome.php) office for any questions regarding financial aid. For questions on Assistantships and tuition contact the Graduate School.

1. **Do we accept part time or online students?**

No. Our program is full time, with all classes taught face to face on our campus.

**10.When do I start my clinical practice?**

Once you enroll in your first semester courses, you will be placed in a Beginning Practicum course. This course gives you your first client and each semester after, you will be scheduled 2 and then 3 clients in your final semester on campus. Students are required to complete a medical externship semester and a school-based internship semester the last two semesters of the program.

1. **Can I send letter of recommendation?**

Unfortunately students cannot send in letters of recommendation or resumes. Our admissions board will not review them as part of the admissions process.

1. **Where should I have my official test scores sent?**

Scores should be sent to Valdosta State University Graduate School. Be sure they are sent to The Graduate School’s office and not the Communication Disorders Department.

1. **How long is our program?**

Our program can be completed in either 5 or 6 semesters. There are two options for the plan of study: 5 semesters or a 6-semester track is available. The 6-semester track includes the same courses but with fewer classes each semester.