DO YOUR RESEARCH

The admissions committees aren't the only ones making decisions here! Determine what you're looking for in a master's program to save time and money in applying. Some things to consider are accreditation (must be a CAA-accredited program), faculty and staff, facilities, elective course selection, research opportunities, clinical placements (on-campus vs. externships), and location. This can be in anything, but you may have to complete pre-requisites for admissions to a program.

APPLY WELL

Gather the application materials required for each university you're applying to and keep it organized (pro tip: use a spreadsheet with deadlines, materials, and costs). Application materials may include GRE scores, resume/CV, personal and academic statements, and letters of recommendation (another pro tip: ask for these at least four weeks before they need to be submitted).

Remember to submit an application to CSDCAS (Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service) for each university that requires it along with any supplemental applications to the university or department.

BE YOU

Ours a person-centered profession. The best way to connect with people as a clinician is to be a person yourself. Take care of yourself and explore interests and participate in activities that you enjoy, even ones outside of our field. You can set yourself apart by incorporating into your application these outside interests and activities.

The only thing you can offer this world is yourself, so be yourself. Let this be reflected in your application and it will be strengthened as a result.

YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

Congratulations! Now you need to review your admissions offer and discuss them with people close to you. Making a big decision by yourself can be difficult. Then, graduate with a bachelor's degree. This can be in anything, but you may have to complete pre-requisites for admissions to a program. And finally, begin graduate school. We're so proud of you.