

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences
Distance Learning Master's Degree Program
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Name of Applicant: _____

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Signature of Applicant

Date

To the Recommender: Thank you for providing your candid assessment of this applicant as part of their application for graduate study in our distance education program. Please assist us and the applicant by filling out this form at your earliest convenience, then placing it in the envelope provided, sealing it and signing over your seal. Please then return the sealed envelope to the applicant so that they may submit it as part of their application packet. Additional written comments are extremely helpful, particularly in cases when personal attributes distinguish the candidate in a way not revealed by transcripts and test scores. Please attach a separate letter or use the space at the end of the form for narrative comments. Thank you.

General Information

1. *How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?*

2. *Your level of experience with Graduate School applications and applicants (Check One):*

- I have completed many graduate school applications before this one.
- I have completed several graduate school applications before this one.
- This is my first time.

3. *How knowledgeable are you about distance learning/ on-line programs (Check one):*

- Very knowledgeable
- Fairly familiar
- Minimal knowledge
- Unfamiliar

Assessment of Applicant's Skills and Potential for Success in a Distance Learning Graduate Program

1. *Based on my knowledge of this applicant (Check one):*

- I think the applicant has the ability to work independently and complete assignments with minimal structure
- I think the applicant requires increased instructor feedback to complete assignments
- I think the applicant will struggle academically in a distance learning program
- I have no basis to judge this applicant's ability to work independently

2. *Based on my knowledge of this applicant (Check one):*

- I think the applicant will develop into an excellent clinician
- I think the applicant will become an adequate clinician given a reasonable amount of supervision
- I think that this applicant will have difficulty with some aspects of clinical work
- I have no basis to judge this applicant's suitability for clinical work

3. *Based on my knowledge of this applicant (Check one):*

- I think the applicant demonstrates excellent time management skills and meets all deadlines
- I think the applicant demonstrates fair time management skills and meets most deadlines
- I think the applicant will have difficulty managing their time and meeting deadlines in a distance learning environment
- I have no basis to judge this applicant's time management skills

4. *Based on my knowledge of this applicant (Check one):*

- I think the applicant is able to thoroughly express ideas both verbally and in writing
- I think the applicant is able to thoroughly express ideas verbally, although writing skills are average or less than average
- I think the applicant is able to thoroughly express ideas in writing, but verbal communication skills are average or less than average
- I think the applicant has difficulty thoroughly expressing ideas both verbally and in writing
- I have no basis to judge this applicant's communication skills

5. *Based on my knowledge of this applicant (Check one):*

- I think the applicant is self-motivated and is able to independently develop different/alternative solutions for problems
- I think the applicant is self-motivated, but requires increased feedback to develop different/alternative solutions for problems
- I think the applicant lacks the self-motivation and problem solving skills necessary to be successful in a distance learning environment
- I have no basis to judge this applicant's motivation and problem solving skills

Narrative Comments *(Please attach a separate letter or use the space below for narrative comments)*

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Institution

Position

Address

Telephone/Email