

Recommendations must be received at the Department of Communication Disorders no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Late enrolments will be considered if places are still available.

**Please return by mail or email to:** Coordinator of Postgraduate Programme (Masters of Speech Language Pathology)  
Department of Communication Disorders, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8041, New Zealand  
Or [speech-hearing-admin@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:speech-hearing-admin@canterbury.ac.nz)

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# Master of Speech Language Pathology (MSLP) Recommendation

Applicant's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of referee \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacities have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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The selection committee would appreciate your candid opinion of the applicant's likelihood of success in a rigorous professional Master's degree programme. Your reference is confidential to the selection committee and will not be shown to, nor discussed with, the applicant.

For further information about our MSLP degree, please see [www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/mslp.shtml](http://www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/mslp.shtml)

Please complete the following. Where possible, please use examples to support your comments.

## Academic

Please comment on the applicant's academic ability and likelihood of success in an intensive professional Master's degree. In your opinion, how does the candidate rank against other students you have known?

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## Communication skills

Please comment on the applicant's written and verbal skills:

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Do you trust the applicant in roles of responsibility over children, and if not, why not?

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Do you have any concerns about the applicant's suitability to work with children?

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Are there any matters you would like to discuss by phone?

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### Personal attributes

What personal attributes do you think the applicant demonstrates that would be likely to contribute to his/her success in working with people with communication and/or swallowing disorders?

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### Reservations

Do you have any reason to think that the applicant would not be suited to the MSLP degree or a career as a speech & language pathologist/therapist?

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For each of the attributes listed below, use the following scale to compare this applicant to other undergraduate students you have worked with and check the appropriate descriptor.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Problem solving								0 = cannot judge
Sense of humour								1 = outstanding
Perserverance								2 = excellent
Cooperation								3 = very good
Happiness								4 = good
Patience								5 = adequate
Initiative								6 = inadequate
Responsibility								
Leadership								
Maturity								
Organisation skills								

Please indicate your evaluation of this applicant's potential for postgraduate study:

- A. Outstanding candidate – a postgraduate programme should actively recruit this student.
- B. Strong candidate – this student is above average and will probably do well.
- C. Acceptable candidate – guarded optimism, might need extra support.
- D. Unacceptable candidate – unlikely to succeed at graduate level.

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