

**Online Courses in Speech-Language Pathology**  
**Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology**  
**Tennessee State University**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

**Master's Program in Speech and Hearing Science**

The "Distance Education" format for the Master of Science (MS) degree in Speech and Hearing Science, offered through the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Tennessee State University (TSU), is a 53 hour degree program which begins in the spring semester of every odd year. Because the Department has accepted a 2013 Cohort Group into its Master's Program, **a new distance education cohort group for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science will not be enrolled until the spring of 2015. NOTE:** To begin taking graduate level courses in January 2015, applicants must apply for admission to the graduate program in Speech and Hearing Science by **July 1, 2014**. To apply for the "Distance Education" format for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science at TSU, applicants must have:

- **Completed a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology, and/or**
- **Completed 15 hours of prerequisite coursework in speech-language pathology**

The proposed sequence of courses for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science is outlined below:

**Spring I**

SPTH 6550	Language Development	3
SPTH 5570	Anatomy & Physiology	3

**Summer I**

SPTH 5520	Studies in Articulation Disorders	3
SPTH 5530	Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

**Fall I**

SPTH 6560	Studies in Language Disorders	3
SPTH 6540	Organic Speech Disorders Dysphagia	3

**Spring II**

SPTH 5630	Adult Aphasia	3
SPTH 6530	Seminar in Stuttering	3

**Summer II**

SPTH 5580	Voice Disorders	3
SPTH 5250	Advanced Audiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

**Fall II**

SPTH 6400	Neurogenic (Motor Speech Disorders)	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 5710	Practicum in Audiology	1
SPTH 5110	Methods of Research	2

**Spring III**

SPTH 5510	Practicum Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 5250	Methods of S & H Services in Public Schools	3
SPTH 5750	Seminar in Aural Rehabilitation	3

**Summer III**

SPTH 5800	Speech Science & Instrumentation	3
SPTH 6420	Multicultural Literacy and Cultural Diversity	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

**TOTAL HOURS**

**53**

## Prerequisite Courses in Department of Speech Pathology

All applicants without a background in speech-language pathology must complete 15 hours of prerequisite coursework in the area of speech-language pathology prior to submitting an application for the graduate program. The prerequisite courses are offered yearly in a set sequence and are outlined below.

<u>Online Prerequisite Courses</u>	<u>credit hours</u>
SPTH 2600 Phonetics	3
SPTH 2800 Introduction to Language, Speech, Hearing Disorders	3
SPTH 2500 Speech & Hearing Science	3
SPTH 3500 Language and Speech Development in Children	3
SPTH 3300 Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders	3

**NOTE: The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology grants permission to take the prerequisite courses outlined above as a Non-Degree seeking student. This action does not ensure or obligate acceptance into the Graduate Program. A formal application must be made through the Graduate School following procedures and policies indicated in the current Graduate Catalog.**

## Eligibility Criteria

Individuals who **have not** been formally admitted to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science but are interested in enrolling in speech-language courses must satisfy the following University requirements:

- 1) Non-degree seeking applicants for the **prerequisite level courses** must:
  - a. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in an area **other than** speech-language pathology.
  - b. Make formal application for admission as a non-degree seeking student to the Graduate School.
  - c. Return the completed application form with a \$35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School.
  - d. Request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the Graduate School.
  
- 2) Applicants applying for the **MS Degree Program in Speech and Hearing Science** must:
  - a. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the area of speech-language pathology.
  - b. Make formal application for admission to the School of Graduate Studies and Research by **July 1, 2014** to begin the graduate program in Spring 2015.
  - c. Return the completed application form with a \$35.00 non-refundable fee to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.
  - d. Request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

- e. Possess a minimum score of 146 on the Verbal Section of the GRE and 140 on the Quantitative Section of the GRE or a scaled score of 380 on the MAT.
- f. Submit a letter of intent indicating why you feel you are a good candidate for the graduate program.
- g. Submit three letters of recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies and Research from professors or others who can attest to your ability to successfully complete graduate coursework.

### **Application Deadline**

#### **Admission to Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science.**

All students seeking admission to the 2015 Distance Education Graduate Cohort in Speech and Hearing Science are required to send a completed application packet to the School of Graduate Studies and Research by July 1, 2014.

### **Funding Opportunities**

“Licensure” Grant funding is available to support the education of a limited number of students admitted to the graduate program in Speech and Hearing Science. Funding is very competitive. To qualify for the funding, applicants must:

- Be a resident of Tennessee
- Hold a bachelor’s degree in speech-language, communication disorders or a related area, or satisfactory performance in the required bachelor-level pre-requisite courses.
- Have been formally admitted to the graduate program in Speech and Hearing Science.
- Hold a letter of acceptance to the graduate program in Speech and Hearing Science
- Complete the Licensure application
- Submit a 2-page typed personal statement indicating the pros and cons of taking classes online versus taking classes traditionally (on campus)
- Submit a letter of intent explaining:
  - a. Your intention to complete the Master’s degree program.
  - b. Your intention to serve in the TN Public Schools following the completion of the program (**two years for each 27 semester hours of support**).

### **Registration Deadline**

Courses are offered during the 17 Week Spring Session. Registration for the spring semester is always at the beginning of January. Please check the Tennessee State University academic calendar at [www.tnstate.edu](http://www.tnstate.edu) for exact dates for registration for Spring 2015.

### **How to Register**

#### **Registration Using myTSU**

- Talk to an advisor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- Prepare a list of all classes you wish to take and make sure to include the class numbers located in the Class Schedule book.
- Follow the instructions below.

### **MyTSU**

1. Access myTSU at <http://myTSU.tnstate.edu>

2. Enter your Username
3. Enter your Password
4. Please have the CRN numbers for your courses available.
5. Select the appropriate options to register for your classes.
6. Once you have completed your registration, print a copy of your course schedule.

**NOTE:**

- If you do not know your username click on the "How do I get a username" option on the main screen, and enter your SSN.
- If you are logging in for the first time, your initial Campus myTSU password is the first 6 digits of your social security number. Once you are successfully logged in you will be asked to provide a password of your choosing. Keep in mind that the password IS case sensitive.
- If you can not remember your password or myTSU will not accept it, make sure the caps lock is off (the password is case sensitive) enter your password again. If this does not work, contact your advisor to verify activation of your records or the Records Office at 963-5131.

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