

Admissions

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is in the College of Health Sciences (COHS). The Department serves two Deans: The Dean of the College of Health Sciences and the Dean of the Graduate School.

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a Masters of Science Degree in Speech and Hearing Science via two delivery modes (Traditional/On-Campus and Distance/Online). Students are admitted to either the Traditional Program or the Distance Education Cohort. Switching modes of delivery is prohibited.

Space is limited to approximately 20- 25 students for the Traditional mode and 30 students for the Distance mode; therefore, admission is competitive. Additionally, there are two separate application deadlines for the Traditional and Distance modes of delivery (See Below).

General Admission Requirements for the MS Program

1. **Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology or its equivalent**

OR

Any Bachelor's Degree and Prerequisite Courses (See Prerequisite courses below).

2. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores or Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) scores**
3. **Three Letters of Recommendation, preferably academic letters of reference**
4. **A strong essay of intent and interest in Speech Pathology with a resume**

Unconditional Admission

Minimum requirements for **Unconditional** admission to the M.S. Program in Speech and Hearing Science are listed below. Meeting the minimum requirements for admission **does not guarantee** admission to the MS Graduate program due to the high number of qualified students who compete for a limited number of seats.

- A minimum grade point average of 3.5 in a Bachelor's program
- A minimum GRE-Verbal score of 146 and a GRE-Quantitative score of 140 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Or a scaled score of 380 on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT).
- A strong essay of intent and interest in Speech Pathology with a resume.

- Three letters of recommendation, preferably from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic and/or clinical skills.

Students, who do not meet the minimum requirements for **Unconditional** admission, may be admitted **Conditionally**. Students admitted **Conditionally** must maintain a 3.0 GPA for the first 9 consecutive semester hours of graduate coursework to retain their position in the Master of Science (MS) program in Speech and Hearing Science.

Prerequisite Courses

Applicants, who do not have a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology or its equivalent must complete the following courses:

- Fifteen (15) hours of prerequisite courses in speech-language pathology
 - SPTH 2500: Speech & Hearing Science
 - SPTH 2600: Phonetics
 - SPTH 2800: Introduction to Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders
 - SPTH 3300: Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders
 - SPTH 3500: Language and Speech Development in Children
- Four of the five courses must be completed prior to the admissions' deadline for Traditional mode or Distance mode of delivery.
- Applicants must complete the remaining prerequisite course during the semester of the application deadline for Traditional (February 1 of each year) or Distance (July 1 of every even year). Therefore, all prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the Spring Semester for Traditional admissions and by the end of the Summer Semester for Distance admissions.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Traditional or On-Campus: February 1 of each year

Distance Education or Online: July 1 of every even year

****Click on the link for Distance Education for additional information on academic and clinical requirements.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application, instructions and recommendation forms can be obtain from the School of Graduate Studies and Research at www.tnstate.edu/graduate/formspublications.aspx

Please mail or electronically send your application and all required documents to the graduate school at the following address:

Office of Graduate Studies and Research
Tennessee State University,
Avon Williams Campus
330 10th Ave N
Nashville, TN 37203

Telephone inquiries may be made at 615 963 7371 or email inquiries at gradschool@tnstate.edu.