

## Distance Education Admissions

**IMPORTANT:** State and federal laws require colleges and universities to be authorized to offer online degree programs in states other than their own. Please make sure your state is on the list that authorizes Tennessee State University to offer online degrees.

<http://www.tnstate.edu/online/documents/Website%20Notification%20Regarding%20State%20Authorization.pdf>

**IMPORTANT Notice for Clinical Practicum Externships:** The state of Tennessee is a member of the national council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), which facilitates interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education. Applicants, who accept admission to the Department, will be assigned a clinical externship that is located in a SARA affiliated state. Out of state students, who accept admission to the Department and whose states are not SARA members, must be willing to accept clinical externship assignments in a SARA affiliated state. Please check to see if your state is a SARA member. <http://www.nc-sara.org/sara-states-institution>

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 School of Graduate Studies and Research. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a Master's of Science Degree (MS) in Speech and Hearing Science via two delivery modes (Traditional/On-Campus and Distance/Online).

Students are admitted to the MS program for either the traditional mode or the distance education mode. 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.

### **Prerequisite Courses**

Applicants, who do not possess a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology or its equivalent, must complete the following prerequisite 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

**\*SPTH2600 is a prerequisite for SPTH 3300.**

As of September 1, 2018, applicants must complete all prerequisite courses prior to the submission of application materials.

### **Application Instructions**

As of **August 10, 2017**, the application process for the Tennessee State University (TSU) MS program **must** be completed through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service ([CSDCAS](#)). Currently, there are two opportunities to submit applications for Distance Education. Applications may be submitted during one of two application cycles:

- Cycle one applications must have been submitted and completed via CSDCAS by April 1, 2018. This cycle is closed.
- Cycle two applications must be submitted via CSDCAS between August 2 and September 1, 2018.
- The CSDCAS portal is closed April through July, therefore applicants will not be able to submit an application through CSDCAS during this time.
- Do **NOT** apply to both cycles.
- Cycle One and Cycle Two applicants will have an equal opportunity for admittance into Distance Education.

For additional information about the application process at CSDCAS , please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

### **CSDCAS Application**

Incomplete and unverified applications will **not** be reviewed. Completed application packets must have the following:

- An official Bachelor's degree transcript and transcripts from every accredited US college and/or university attended.
- Standardized test scores: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) **or** Miller's Analogy Test (MAT):
  - GRE: send an official GRE Score submitted to CSDCAS. (Designated Institutional Code: 4126)
  - MAT: upload a copy of Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score by submitting under Documents: Other
- A minimum of three letters of recommendation.
  - It is strongly recommended that letters of recommendation be from college-level instructors who have taught you in an academic or clinical class.
  - It is required that letters of recommendation be submitted via CSDCAS.
  - Please note that CSDCAS will **ONLY accept electronic letters** of recommendations.
  - University and work related letters must be submitted on letterhead.
- A personal essay on your intent and interest in Speech/Language Pathology
- An application fee to CSDCAS <https://portal.csdcas.org/csdcasHelpPages/instructions-and-faq/school-information/submitting-paymentsfee-waivers/index.html>.

- An additional application fee to the **TSU Graduate & Professional Studies Department (\$35)** <http://www.tnstate.edu/graduate/pay.aspx/#top> \* Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

\*\*Admitted students, who plan to attend TSU: If submitting MAT in lieu of GRE, please submit an official MAT score to TSU's Graduate and Professional Studies. (Institutional Code: 1753)

### **International Applicants**

Applicants with international undergraduate degrees should review the information outlined on the Tennessee State University website and consult the appropriate sections of the [Graduate Catalog](#).

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

**(July 1 is no longer the Distance Education application deadline)**

Distance Education/Online:

- Cycle One- April 1, 2018 (application period opened on August 1, 2017. This cycle is closed)
- Cycle Two-September 1, 2018 (application period opens on August 2, 2018)

NOTE: Only apply to one cycle.

### **Admission Status:**

Applicants who are offered admission will be asked to send official transcripts to Tennessee State University School of Graduate Research and Studies and applicants who are offered admission to the MS program will be admitted either unconditionally or conditionally.

Unconditional offers of admission must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum grade point average (GPA) 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).

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 MS program in Speech and Hearing Science.