

# Non-Degree Seeking Students and Prerequisite Courses

Applicants who do not have a Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders are required to complete 15 hours of prerequisite courses. The courses are listed below. To enroll in prerequisite courses at Tennessee State University, students must apply to the Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student.

Instructions:

1. Go to GradCas: <https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>
2. Select the term that you would like to apply for.
3. When you log in to GradCas, search for Tennessee State University. A list of programs at TSU will appear. Scroll down until you see Non-Degree. You can select any Non-Degree option that appears.
4. As you go through the application process, you will see a section called Academic History. Under Academic History, Select College Attended. Order your transcripts through one of the online options. Be sure to Select GradCas as the recipient and use TSU's ID number which you will find listed on the website.
5. Non-degree seeking applicants for speech pathology and audiology should contact Trina Jordan at [tjordan1@tnstate.edu](mailto:tjordan1@tnstate.edu) for additional directions. Telephone inquiries may be made at 615-963-7371 or email inquiries at [gradschool@tnstate.edu](mailto:gradschool@tnstate.edu).

**Note: Admission to the Graduate School as a "non-degree seeking" student does not indicate or guarantee admission to the Speech Pathology and Audiology graduate program.**

## Advisement:

Once notification of admissions is granted by the Graduate School, contact Dr. Terrie Gibson at [tgibson2@tnstate.edu](mailto:tgibson2@tnstate.edu) and an advisor will be assigned from the Department. Please contact Dr. Gibson with additional questions regarding prerequisite courses and scheduling of informational tours.

## Courses:

Fifteen (15) hours of prerequisite courses in speech-language pathology:

- **SPTH 2500: Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism**
  - Summer semesters 5:30 PM CST-ONLINE
- **SPTH 2600: Phonetics\***
  - Fall semesters 5:30 PM CST-ONLINE
- **SPTH 2800: Introduction to Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders**
  - Spring semesters 5:30 PM CST-ONLINE
- **SPTH 3300: Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders**
  - Spring semesters 5:30 PM CST-ONLINE
- **SPTH 3500: Language and Speech Development in Children**
  - Summer semesters 5:30 PM CST-ONLINE

\*SPTH2600 is a prerequisite course for SPTH3300