

Traditional Education 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 Graduate and Professional Studies. 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

***SPTH 2600 is a prerequisite for SPTH 3300.**

Traditional Education Admissions: As of September 1, 2018 all prerequisite courses must be completed by the Fall semester prior to the Feb 1 application deadline.

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). CSDCAS applications are due on **February 1** of each year.

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:

Traditional Education/On-Campus: February 1 of each year

Admission Status:

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.