

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>

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

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.

Application Instructions

NOTE: Out of State Applicants—Please read before applying!

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) **and** through TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research. A completed CSDCAS application **AND** TSU graduate application are required for admission review. Students have two opportunities to submit applications for the Distance education program. You may choose to submit your application during one of two application cycles:

- Cycle one applications must be submitted via CSDCAS and TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research by April 1, 2018.
- Cycle two applications must be submitted via CSDCAS and TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research between August 1 and August 31, 2018.
- The CSDCAS portal is closed April through July, therefore applicants will not be able to submit an application through CSDCAS.
- Do **NOT** apply to both cycles.
- Cycle One and Cycle Two applicants will have an equal opportunity for admittance into the distance education program.

Instructions for the application submission process are provided on the Department's TSU homepage, [CSDCAS](#) website and the website at [TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research](#) website.

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

CSDCAS Application

Incomplete 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.
- A minimum of three letters of recommendation. It is strongly recommended that letters of recommendation come from college-level instructors who have taught you in an academic or clinical class. Please note that CSDCAS will **ONLY accept electronic letters** of recommendation. It is required that letters of recommendation be submitted via CSDCAS.
- 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>.
- A separate application and application fee to [TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research](#).

Tennessee State University School of Graduate Studies and Research Application

Incomplete applications will **not** be reviewed. Completed application packet must have the following:

- An electronic application for admission to the TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research office (\$35.00 application fee)
- An official Bachelor's degree transcript
- An official GRE Score submitted to TSU School of Graduate Studies and Research. (Institutional Code: 1803) **OR**
- An official Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score submitted to Tennessee State University's School of Graduate Studies and Research. (Institutional Code: 1753)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Distance education program applicants:

- Cycle One-April 1, 2018 (application period opened on August 1, 2017)
- Cycle Two-August 31, 2018 (application period opens on August 1, 2018)
- NOTE: Only apply to one cycle.

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.