Online Courses in Speech-Language Pathology  
Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology  
Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

**Master’s Program in Speech and Hearing Science**
The “Distance Education” format for the Master of Science (MS) degree in Speech and Hearing Science, offered thorough the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Tennessee State University (TSU), is a 53 hour degree program which begins in the spring semester of every odd year with an application deadline of July 1st of every even year (e.g. 2016, 2018, 2020).

To apply for the “Distance Education” format for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science at TSU, applicants must have:

- Completed a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology, and/or
- Completed 15 hours of prerequisite coursework in speech-language pathology

The proposed sequence of courses for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science is outlined below:

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**TOTAL HOURS**  53
Prerequisite Courses in Department of Speech Pathology

All applicants without a background in speech-language pathology must complete 15 hours of prerequisite coursework in the area of speech-language pathology prior to submitting an application for the graduate program. The prerequisite courses are offered yearly in a set sequence. Thus, all applicants needing to take prerequisite courses online should enroll in them beginning in the spring of each year. Below is an outline of the sequence for taking the prerequisite courses:

Courses needed: 15 Credit Hours of Prerequisite Coursework for Students without a Bachelor’s Degree in the Field

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<th>Online Prerequisite Courses</th>
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<td>SPTH 2800 Introduction to Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders</td>
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<td>SPTH 2600 Phonetics</td>
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<td>SPTH 3300 Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders</td>
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On-Campus Clinical Observation Course (Must complete before receiving clients)
SPTH 3514-80: Observation of Clinical Practicum                                              1 Summer

NOTE: The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology grants permission to take the prerequisite courses outlined above as a nondegree seeking student. This action does not ensure or obligate acceptance into the Graduate Program. A formal application must be made through the Graduate School following procedures and policies indicated in the current Graduate Catalog.

Eligibility Criteria for Prerequisite Course and the MS Graduate Degree Program

Individuals who have not been formally admitted to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science but are interested in enrolling in speech-language courses must satisfy the following University requirements:

1) Nondegree seeking applicants for the prerequisite level courses must:
   a. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in an area other than speech-language pathology.
   b. Make formal application for admission as a nondegree seeking student to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.
   c. Return the completed application form with a $35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School.
   d. Request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the Graduate School.

2) Applicants applying for the MS Degree Program in Speech and Hearing Science must:
   a. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the area of speech-language pathology or have completed 15 hours of prerequisite coursework in speech-language pathology.
b. Make formal application for admission to the Graduate School by **July 1st of every even year** to begin the graduate program in **spring of every odd year**.

c. Return the completed application form with a $35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School.

d. Request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the Graduate School.

e. Submit a score for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller’s Analogy Test (MAT)

f. Submit a letter of intent indicating why you are a good candidate for the graduate program.

g. Submit three letters of recommendation from professors who can discuss your ability to succeed in a graduate program.

**Application Deadline**

**Admission to Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science.**

All students applying to for the Distance Education Cohort are required to apply to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science by July 1st of every even year.

**Registration Deadline**

Courses are offered during the 17 Week Spring Session. Registration for the spring semester is always at the beginning of January. Please check the Tennessee State University academic calendar at [www.tnstate.edu](http://www.tnstate.edu) for exact dates for registration.

**How to Register**

**Registration Using myTSU**

- Talk to an advisor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- Prepare a list of all classes you wish to take and make sure to include the class numbers located in the Class Schedule book.
- Follow the instructions below.

**myTSU**

1. Access myTSU at [http://myTSU.tnstate.edu](http://myTSU.tnstate.edu)
2. Enter your Username
3. Enter your Password.
4. Please have the CRN numbers for your courses available.
5. Select the appropriate options to register for your classes.
6. Once you have completed your registration, print a copy of your course schedule.

**Technology Requirements**

The following is a list of the basic minimum requirements for all online courses.

**PC users...**

A minimum computer system that will help you access all the tools in the courses is a Pentium 166 or better
64 Megabytes of RAM or better
Windows 98 (or higher if possible)
A modem (56k minimum; Cable or DSL will give you best performance)
And a dependable internet service provider (ISP). Any provider will do as long as you get and
e-mail account, have access to the World Wide Web, and don't have serious problems
connecting.
For a list of ISPs in your area see The List

For Mac users…

Minimum system requirements for Mac users are a 604 PowerPC processor Preferably a G3
(iMac are included) or G4 processor computer running Mac OS 9.x or above
Your Macintosh should have a minimum or 64 MB RAM, preferably 128 with at least 25 MB
assigned to your browser. If you need assistance in adjusting memory please refer to your
Apple Help file searching under the header Memory - Adjusting your memory usage. It is
advised that you not have multiple applications open while working in your browser within the
Online Degree Program . This requires more RAM and will cause the browser to run very
slowly.
A modem (56k minimum; Cable or DSL will give you best performance)
And a dependable internet service provider (ISP). Any provider will do as long as you get an
email account, have access to the World Wide Web, and don't have serious problems
connecting or maintaining a connection. For a list of ISPs in your area see The List

Remember! The above specifications are minimal, and you'll get by with them, but more
sophisticated systems are better.

Software Requirements:

Students must possess a computer that is loaded with Microsoft PowerPoint. Additionally,
students should use "Microsoft Word" for all papers and assignments.

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