

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 through 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:

Spring I

SPTH 6550	Language Development	3
SPTH 5570	Anatomy & Physiology	3

Summer I

SPTH 5520	Studies in Articulation Disorders	3
SPTH 5530	Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

Fall I

SPTH 6560	Studies in Language Disorders	3
SPTH 6540	Organic Speech Disorders Dysphagia	3

Spring II

SPTH 5630	Adult Aphasia	3
SPTH 6530	Seminar in Stuttering	3

Summer II

SPTH 5580	Voice Disorders	3
SPTH 5250	Advanced Audiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

Fall II

SPTH 6400	Neurogenic (Motor Speech Disorders)	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 5710	Practicum in Audiology	1
SPTH 5110	Methods of Research	2

Spring III

SPTH 5510	Practicum Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 5250	Methods of S & H Services in Public Schools	3
SPTH 5750	Seminar in Aural Rehabilitation	3

Summer III

SPTH 5800	Speech Science & Instrumentation	3
SPTH 6420	Multicultural Literacy and Cultural Diversity	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

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

<u>Online Prerequisite Courses</u>	<u>credit hours</u>	<u>semester</u>
SPTH 2800 Introduction to Speech, Hearing and Language Disorders	3	Spring I
SPTH 2500 Anatomy & Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism	3	Summer
SPTH 3500 Language and Speech Development in Children	3	Summer
SPTH 2600 Phonetics	3	Fall
SPTH 3300 Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders	3	Spring II

On-Campus Clinical Observation Course (Must complete before receiving clients)

SPTH 3514-80: Observation of Clinical Practicum	1	Summer
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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 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>
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 of 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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