



TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Childhood Hearing Loss Specialty Track

In collaboration with Vanderbilt University's
Department of Hearing & Speech Sciences

This program is funded by a U.S. Department of Education training grant entitled "Interdisciplinary Personnel Preparation to Serve Infants and Young Children with Hearing Loss."

Students enrolled in the SLP program are required to complete at least five semesters of course work and a clinical externship. Students participating in the Childhood Hearing Loss Specialty Track must also complete the following additional coursework:

- **4 additional courses (7 hours)**
- **3-week Maymester (2 hours):** This training includes a 3-week immersion program at a site that specializes in childhood hearing loss.
- **Extended Clinical Practicum:** Trainees will receive placements in the VUMC preschool for children with hearing loss – the Mama Lere Hearing School, and the newborn nurseries at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, among others. Placements at these sites will include hands-on experience in delivering hearing loss-specific services.
- **2 half-day interdisciplinary seminars offered during one of the years in training. These are held on weekends.**

OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES:

Hearing Loss Journal Club: Trainees will participate in a monthly journal club devoted to research-to-practice guided readings and discussions in the area of childhood hearing loss.

Travel Award: Trainees will receive funding to attend the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting.

Stipend: \$10,000 per academic year

Interdisciplinary approach to training: TSU students will train with Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences program graduate students in fields of speech-language pathology, audiology, and deaf education.

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MS-SLP Program of Study with Childhood Hearing Loss Specialty Track

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All students	Childhood hearing loss track	
FALL - YEAR 1		
X		Language Development (3 hrs)
X		Anatomy & Physiology (3 hrs)
X		Studies in Artic Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Practicum in AUD (1 hr)
	X	Teaching Children with Hearing Loss to Listen and Speak (2 hrs)***
SPRING - YEAR 1		
X		Studies in Language Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Dysphagia (3 hrs)
X		Neuroanatomy/Neurophysiology (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Aural (Re)Habilitation (3 hrs)***
MAYMESTER		
	X	Clinical Practicum - Vanderbilt ***
SUMMER - YEAR 1		
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr) **
X		Adult Aphasia (3 hrs)
X		Seminar in Stuttering (3 hrs)
		Methods of Speech and Hearing Services in the Public Schools * (3 hrs)
	X	Language/Literacy in Deaf Children (3 hrs)***
	X	Educ Programming and Service Delivery (1 hr)***

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All students	Childhood hearing loss track	
FALL - YEAR 2		
X		Voice Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Motor Speech Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Advanced Audiology (3 hrs)
SPRING - YEAR 2		
X		Methods of Research (1 hr)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Multicultural Literacy and Cultural Diversity (3 hrs)
X		Speech Science & Instrument (3 hrs)
	X	Cochlear Implants (1 hr)***

* Optional

**Practicum assignment - Maymester practicum

*** Taken at VU but registered for at TSU

