Master of Science in Deaf Education

The Master of Science in Deaf Education (MSDE) (https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/master-of-science-in-deaf-education/) program is a two-year course of study that prepares students as teachers of children (birth to grade 12) who are deaf or hard of hearing. The early identification of hearing loss and advanced hearing technologies have increased the national need for teachers with experience in listening and spoken language, thus creating opportunities for our graduates across the country. The program’s curriculum is rooted in the development of speech, language, and social skills, with students studying the factors necessary for high-quality education. Students build their knowledge and skills through classroom instruction and immersive, hands-on student teaching experiences. They learn about and engage in the teaching process, from the first diagnosis and early intervention through family-centered counseling and educational options for the child. During the first year of study, students complete foundational course work and begin observation and practice teaching; advanced course work and formal practice teaching experiences are completed during the second year.