

Master of Science in Deaf Education

The Master of Science in Deaf Education (MSDE) program prepares early interventionists and teachers to work with infants and children who are deaf or hard of hearing (d/hh). The early identification of hearing loss and advanced hearing technologies have increased the national need for professionals with experience in listening and spoken language to work in early intervention and as teachers of the d/hh, creating opportunities for our graduates across the country and in a wide variety of settings. With origins dating back to 1914, the program is recognized internationally as one of the most prestigious of its kind. Our program's intensive curriculum, emphasis on immersion in practice teaching, and experienced faculty attract students nationally from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Curriculum

Two curriculum paths are available:

1. The **Certification Track** is a four-semester curriculum that is rooted in the development of speech, language, and academics. With that as a foundation, students study the factors necessary for high-quality education for children who are d/hh. The MSDE program is recognized as an approved teacher training program, with graduates of the Certification Track eligible for teacher certification recommendation in the State of Missouri (Deaf/Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12) and national certification by the Council on Education of the Deaf (CED). For complete information, please visit the Accreditation & Certification page of the Program in Audiology & Communication Sciences website.
2. The **Degree-Only Track** provides advanced education and experience in deaf education and is designed for full-time students to complete in two semesters. This track is designed for qualified students with a degree and teacher certification in deaf education and for related professionals seeking to expand their training in deaf education. Course work and experiences are tailored to meet the individual interests and backgrounds of the students who enroll. The Degree-Only Track does not lead to recommendation for teacher certification or licensure.

Student Teaching Experiences

Our students build their knowledge and skills through classroom instruction and immersive student teaching experiences. Teaching experiences are available at a number of local sites, including both public and private schools and the on-campus Central Institute for the Deaf, which collectively serve more than 700 children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Teaching experiences outside of the St. Louis area are also available.

In addition, our nationally recognized medical school and hospitals provide unique opportunities, such as observing cochlear implant surgery seminars and touring a hospital neonatal intensive care unit.

Additional Information

Additional information, including Student Outcome Data and information on Accreditation & Certification, can be found on the Program in Audiology & Communication Sciences website.