VANDERBILT School of Medicine | Hearing and Speech Sciences

Specialty Training Track: Early Identification and Management of Children with Hearing Loss

for 6-Semester SLP students

This program is funded by two U.S. Department of Education training grants entitled "Interdisciplinary Personnel Preparation to Serve Infants and Young Children with Hearing Loss" Grant #H325K190068.

Students enrolled in the SLP program are required to complete at least six semesters of course work and a 10-week clinical or research externship. Students can join the Hearing Loss Specialty Track as (1) a 'grantee' (with tuition support) or (2) an affiliate (without tuition support). All students participating in the Childhood Hearing Loss Specialty Track must also complete the following additional coursework and activities:

- **11 hours of additional coursework plus Maymester**
- **3 week Maymester:** This training includes a 3-week immersion program at a site that specializes in childhood hearing loss.
- **Extended Clinical Practicums:** All students will receive placements in the department's 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.
- **100 volunteer hours:** This time is spent with our pediatric hearing loss programs and can be spread across the first year of the program.
- **Hearing Loss Journal Club:** All students will participate in a monthly journal club devoted to research-to-practice guided readings and discussions in the area of childhood hearing loss.

OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES:

Travel Award: Grantees will receive funding to attend the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting. Funding for affiliates may be available.

This interdisciplinary approach to training – by including speech-language pathology, audiology, and deaf education students together in core courses while maintaining separate courses that are specific to their disciplines – is unique to our Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences program.

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDIES

6-Semester MS-SLP Program of Study Curriculum

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All SLP students	Early Identification Track	
FALL - YEAR 1		
X		Physiological Bases of Comm. I (3 hrs.)
X		Clin Principles and Procedures (2 hrs.)
X		Child Language Acquisition (3 hrs.)
X		Speech Sound Disorders (3 hrs.)
X		Phonetic Science (1 hr.)
X		Language Science (1 hr.)
X		Intro to Amp for Infants/Children (2 hrs.)
X		Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Case Conference I (1 hr.)
	X	Teaching Children w/Hearing Loss i (2 hrs.)
SPRING - YEAR 1		
X		Traumatic Brain Injury (2 hrs.)
X		Dysphagia (3 hrs.)
X		Aphasia (3 hrs.)
X		Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Case Conference I (1 hr.)
X		Aural Rehab for Children (3 hrs.)
	X	Cochlear Implants in Infants & Children (1 hr.)
MAYMESTER - YEAR 1		
	X	Internship/Externship (2hrs.)
SUMMER - YEAR 1		
X		Motor Speech Disorders (2 hrs.)
X		Craniofacial Disorders (1 hr.)
X		Voice Disorders (2 hrs.)
X		Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Case Conference I (1 hr.)
	X	Edu. Prog. and Service Delivery Children w/ HL (1 hr.)
	X	Language & Literacy in Deaf Children (2 hrs.)

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All SLP students	Early Identification Track	
FALL - YEAR 2		
X		Child Lang Impairment I: Nature (2 hrs.)
X		Acoustics and Perception (3 hrs.)
X		Stuttering (3 hrs.)
X		Augmentative/Alternative Communication (3 hrs.)
X		Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Case Conference II (1 hr.)
X		Research Communication Sc. & Dis. (2 hrs.)
SPRING - YEAR 2		
X		Child Lang Impairment II: Assessment (2 hrs.)
X		Child Language Impairment III: Intervention (2 hrs.)
X		Professional Issues (4 weeks - 1 hr.)
X		Family Ctrd Counseling/Interview (4 weeks - 1 hr.)
X		Aural Rehab for Children (3 hrs.)*
X		Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1 hr.)
X		Clinical Case Conference II (1 hr.)
	X	Cochlear Implants (1 hr.)**
SUMMER - YEAR 2		
X		Externship (10 weeks - 6 hrs.)

*Can be taken in 1st or 2nd spring semester.

**Can be taken in Spring 1 or 2 but must be taken either after or in the same semester with Aural Rehab for Children.

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