



VANDERBILT®
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Hearing and Speech Sciences

Specialty Training Track: Early Identification and Management of Children with Hearing Loss Specialty Track for SLP students with background

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 10-week clinical or research externship. Students participating in the Childhood Hearing Loss Specialty Track must also complete the following additional coursework:

- **15 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:** Trainees 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.

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.

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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MS-SLP (with background) Program of Study Curriculum

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All SLP students	Early Identification Track	
FALL - YEAR 1		
X		SLP 5235 Physiological Bases of Comm. I (3 hrs.)
X		SLP 5240 Intro to Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5280 Child Lang Impairment I: Nature (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5281 Child Lang Impairment IIa: Assessment (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5305 Clin Principles and Procedures (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5314 Artic Disorders and Phonetics (3 hrs.)
X		SLP 5338 Research Methods (1 hr.)
	X	MDE 5392 Teaching children w/ Hearing Loss I (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5583 Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
SPRING - YEAR 1		
X		SLP 5236 Physiological Bases of Comm. II (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5282 Child Lang Impairment IIb: Assessment (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5283 Child Language Impairment III: Intervention (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5317 Traumatic Brain Injury (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5319 Dysphagia (3 hrs.)
X		SLP 5331 Aphasia (3 hrs.)
	X	MDE 5354 Cochlear Implants (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5583 Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
MAYMESTER - YEAR 1		
	X	MDE 5356 Maymester Internship/Externship in Deaf Ed (2 hrs.)

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All SLP students	Early Identification Track	
SUMMER - YEAR 1		
	X	MDE 5308 Lang & Literacy in Deaf Children (3 hrs.)
X		SLP 5316 Motor Speech Disorders (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5326 Craniofacial Disorders (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5336 Voice Disorders (2 hrs.)
	X	MDE 5394 Edu. Prog. And Service Delivery Children w/ HL (1 hr.)
X		SLP 5583 Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
FALL - YEAR 2		
X		SLP 5311 Stuttering (3 hrs.)
	X	MDE 5320 Intro to Amp for Infants/Children (Optional if taken as undergrad. - 2hrs.)
X		SLP 5335 Augmentative/Alternative Communication (2 hrs.)
X		SLP 5583 Clinical Practicum (1 hr.)
SPRING - YEAR 2		
X		SLP 5355 Externship (10 weeks - 6 hrs.)
X		SLP 5357 Professional Issues (1 hr.) (4 weeks - 1 hr.)
X		SLP 5361 Fam Ctrd Counseling/Inter (4 weeks - 1 hr.)