

Sample Curriculum

SAMPLE TWO YEAR CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 (FALL)

Teaching Children with Hearing Loss to Listen & Speak (Development)
Introduction to Amplification for Infants & Children
Child Language Acquisition
Student Teaching & Field Experience
American Sign Language I

YEAR 1 (SPRING)

Educational Assessment for Children with Hearing Loss
Curriculum & Methods for Deaf Children
Psychology & Culture of the Deaf
Aural Rehabilitation for Infants & Children
Student Teaching & Field Experience
American Sign Language II

YEAR 1 (SUMMER)

Educational Programming and Service Delivery for Children with Hearing Loss
Language and Literacy in Deaf Children
Children with Hearing Loss & Multiple Disabilities
Internship/Externship in Deaf Education
Student Teaching & Field Experience

YEAR 2 (FALL)

Research Methods
Advanced Issues in Family Intervention
Management Procedures for Academic & Social Behavior
Early Childhood Special Education
Student Teaching & Field Experience

YEAR 2 (SPRING)

Seminar in Deaf Education
Cochlear Implants for Children
Speech & Language:
The Exceptional Learner
Student Teaching & Field Experience

SAMPLE ONE YEAR CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 (FALL)

Articulation Disorders & Phonetics
Advanced Issues in Family Intervention
Teaching Infants and Children with Hearing Loss to Listen & Speak
Introduction to Amplification for Infants & Children
Student Teaching & Field Experience

YEAR 1 (SPRING)

Aural Rehabilitation for Infants & Children
Educational Assessment for Children with Hearing Loss
Curriculum & Methods for Deaf Children
Cochlear Implants for Infants & Children
Research Methods in Special Education
Student Teaching & Field Experience

YEAR 1 (SUMMER)

Children with Hearing Loss & Additional Disabilities
Language and Literacy in Deaf Children
Internship/Externship in Deaf Education
Student Teaching & Field Experience

VANDERBILT  School of Medicine

Hearing and Speech Sciences

Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
1215 21st Avenue South, Suite 8310
Nashville, TN 37232-8342

615.936.5104

Master's in Education of the Deaf (MDE)

OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES
VANDERBILT BILL WILKERSON CENTER
FOR OTOLARYNGOLOGY
AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

medschool.vanderbilt.edu/hear-speech
vanderbiltbillwilkinsoncenter.com

VANDERBILT  School of Medicine

Hearing and Speech Sciences



The Vanderbilt University Graduate Program in Hearing and Speech Sciences was established in 1951. It is the largest graduate program in the School of Medicine and one of the largest graduate programs at Vanderbilt University. The Master's in Education of the Deaf is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Degree Program

The Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences offers a Master's in Education of the Deaf degree (MDE), which prepares students to become teachers of children with hearing loss. The one to two year program emphasizes the training needed to develop language and auditory skills for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The MDE program stresses an interdisciplinary, family-centered educational approach. This unique approach to teacher training integrates the disciplines of audiology, speech-language pathology, and deaf education. Several special education courses are offered through the Department of Special Education on the Vanderbilt University Peabody campus. The program's physical location within the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center provides students with easy access to all of the resources offered by the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences and the Department of Otolaryngology, and includes resources offered within the National Center for Childhood Deafness and Family Communication (NCCDFC), the

Preschool for Children with Autism, the Vanderbilt Cochlear Implant Program, Newborn Hearing Screening Program, and research laboratories focusing on childhood hearing loss.

National Center for Childhood Deafness and Family Communication

Vanderbilt students have the opportunity for professional development through the Mama Lere Hearing School at Vanderbilt in the NCCDFC. This early childhood school for children who are deaf or hard of hearing is known for its outstanding work in the areas of speech development, auditory training, cochlear implant habilitation, and language and reading.

Students in the MDE program also participate in both urban and rural practicum placements (e.g., itinerant, self-contained, resource, and mainstream classrooms) in the greater Nashville area. Off-campus practicum placements provide a variety of rich experiences with children using spoken language and/or sign language.

Admissions and Application

All applicants to the MDE program at Vanderbilt University must have an undergraduate degree in education of the deaf, special education, early childhood education or general education and must have teacher certification. The program will be one year in length (three semesters including summer plus Maymester) for those coming in with a certification in deaf education and two years (five semesters including summer plus Maymester) for those without certification.

MDE students in the two-year program of study are eligible for endorsement in Special Education Hearing PreK-12 at the end of the program and completion of all state (Praxis) examinations.

Online Application

The MDE Program at Vanderbilt University has been developed for full-time residential students only. Applications are accepted only for fall enrollment, with the deadline for fall semester applications being January 15.

MDE applicants may apply for the MDE degree online by going to the School of Medicine's website at: apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please email the Department of Hearing and Speech Science's Education Specialist, Christelle Luchsinger at christelle.luchsinger@vanderbilt.edu.

Financial Aid

The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences has scholarships available for outstanding MDE students through Project Deaf Education: Meeting Student Needs through Education, Speech, and Audiology grant. All applicants to our program are automatically considered for scholarship support. In addition, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine supports a financial aid department that is committed to assisting students with financial aid and loans. For additional information log onto the Department of Financial Aid's website at: vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/

Phone: 615-322-2145
E-mail: medfinaid@vanderbilt.edu

On-campus Visits

You can visit the department during our scheduled tours where you will learn more about the program and the facilities. To schedule your visit, fill out the online form on our website.

medschool.vanderbilt.edu/hearing-speech/about-us/visit/

For more information about the MDE program, please contact the program director:

Lynn Hayes, Ed.D.
Associate Professor
lynn.hayes@vanderbilt.edu

This program involves interdisciplinary Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences Faculty

RENÉ GIFFORD, Ph.D., Professor

LYNN HAYES, Ed.D., Associate Professor

DANA KAN, Ph.D., NBCT, Assistant Professor

ERIN PICOU, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor

C. MELANIE SCHUELE, Ph.D., Associate Professor

ANNE MARIE THARPE, Ph.D., Professor and Chair

STEPHEN CAMARATA, Ph.D., Professor

Vanderbilt University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status in any student program or activity administered by the University or with regard to admission or employment.

Questions regarding Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 should be referred to the Office of Compliance, 3100 Village at Vanderbilt, 1500 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Phone (615) 343-7266, Fax (615) 343-9138.