

Vanderbilt Department of Hearing & Speech Sciences (DHSS)

Master's in Education of the Deaf

This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education training grant (# H325K190046) entitled **"Project Deaf Education: Meeting Student Needs through Education, Speech, and Audiology"** which addresses the high intensity needs of children and youth with hearing loss. All students must have teacher certification to be eligible for this program of study. Students with an undergraduate degree in Deaf Education are eligible for the 1-year program (3 semesters) and all other students complete 2 years (5 semesters) of study. The DHSS grant provides the following opportunities and supports to students:

- **Tuition award:** 100% per academic year
- **Travel award:** Travel monies are available to attend local and/or national conferences. Students must apply for funding in fall of each calendar year.
- **Multidisciplinary training cohort:** Students complete coursework with audiology and speech language pathology students who participate in the Early Identification and Management of Children with Hearing Loss Specialty Track. In addition, students complete coursework in Special Education on the Peabody College of Vanderbilt campus.
- **Enhanced Study and Social Events:** Students in all three disciplines will participate in both social and academic events beyond those offered in the classroom.
- **Maymester:** An immersive 3-week educational placement working with children in settings across the United States.
- **Practicum Placements:** Students complete practicum placements: 250 hours (1-year) and 350 hours (2-year), in the greater Nashville area which includes both rural and urban settings with opportunities to teach in a variety of classroom formats.
- **Licensure:** Students who complete this program of study and meet the Tennessee standards are eligible for Tennessee Special Education Hearing PreK - 12 endorsement.



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