Master of Science in Deaf Education

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Master of Science in Deaf Education must apply to and meet all criteria for admission to the Graduate School and all college requirements for admission and retention. Individuals applying for admission to the Master of Science in Deaf Education must meet the following admission requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, or equivalent
- from a school in another country.
- Grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all upper-division credits taken at the undergraduate level.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Interview with program faculty
- Letter of Intent stating the desired option
- Proof of teaching certification for this option

The deadlines for submission of applications are July 15 (Fall Semester), November 15 (Spring Semester) and April 15 (Summer Semester). Applications will be reviewed and degree-seeking students will continue to be admitted until program capacity is reached.

General Requirements

Candidates completing a Master of Science in Deaf Education (without teacher certification) must complete a capstone project with defense presentation, and language proficiency verification (established through various sign language quality assurance examinations (e.g., RID, NAD, or EIPA [3.5 or above] certification). Please see the requirements below for the Masters of Science in Deaf Education with/and without teacher certification.

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Specialty Deaf Education Studies

EDHH 5528 Language Plans and Curriculum 3
EDHH 5537 Foundations of Deaf Education 3
EDHH 5556 Diversity in the Deaf Classroom 3
EDHH 5559 Bilingual-Bimodal Methodology 3
EDHH 6609 Teaching Internship in Deaf Education 3
EDHH 6627 Literacy Framework in Deaf Education 3
EDHH 6658 Use of Academic ASL in Deaf Ed 3

Elective Course Requirements:

Elective Course (CSD 5560 Educational Audiology Recommended) 3

Certification Courses

EDUC 6651 Field Project or Case Study in Education 1-6
EDUC 6652 Field Practicum in Education 1-6
EDUC 5519 Developmental Literacy 3
SPED 5538 Policies and Procedures in Special Education 3

Total Credits 35-45

Elective credits to total a minimum of 33 credits hours for the master’s degree must be taken from relevant graduate-level courses. Elective credits must be approved in advance by the student’s major advisor. In certain situations, a student’s program of study might exceed 33 credits. The three most common situations are:

1. Applicants will be evaluated as to their teaching experience with Deaf/hard of hearing children:
   a. those with three or more years of such teaching experience will be able to waive EDHH 6609 (http://coursecat.isu.edu/previouscatalogs/2024-25/search/?P=EDHH%206609) Teaching Internship in Deaf Education (3 credits), but will need to take added electives;
   b. those who do not meet the three years of teaching experience will need to take EDHH 6609 (http://coursecat.isu.edu/previouscatalogs/2024-25/search/?P=EDHH%206609) (3 credits).

2. Applicants who do not meet American Sign Language proficiency will need to complete appropriate coursework; verification can be established through various sign language quality assurance examinations (e.g., RID, NAD, or EIPA [3.5 or above] certification), or transcript verification.

3. Applicants who do not have appropriate coursework in communication sciences/disorders and audiology will be advised to take appropriate courses in order to meet the teacher of the Deaf and hard of hearing standards as identified in state certification/licensing documents. A thorough examination of each applicant’s transcript will be completed to determine what coursework the student has completed and what coursework is needed to complete the Master of Science in Deaf Education, as well as state certification/licensure requirements to become a teacher of the Deaf/hard of hearing.