

M.S. 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.

Master of Science in Deaf Education (33 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Professional Studies Core		
EDUC 6601	Research and Writing	3
EDUC 6610	Applied Educational Statistics	3
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
Integrative Field Research Studies		
EDHH 6651	Capstone Seminar in Deaf Education	3
Elective Course Requirements:		
CSD 5560	Educational Audiology (recommended)	3
Total Credits		33

Master of Science in Deaf Education with Certification (42 Credits)

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Professional Studies Core		
EDUC 6601	Research and Writing	3
EDUC 6610	Applied Educational Statistics	3

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 6627	Literacy Framework in Deaf Education	3
EDHH 6658	Use of Academic ASL in Deaf Ed	3

Elective Course Requirements

CSD 5560	Educational Audiology (recommended)	3
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Certification Courses

EDUC 6651	Field Project or Case Study in Education	1-6
EDUC 6652	Field Practicum in Education	1-6
EDUC 5512	Foundations and Methods of Elementary 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/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/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.