ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:
Entering Fall 2014

This master’s degree is designed to prepare professionals for specialization in listening and spoken language intervention. Students develop skills in educating children with hearing loss through spoken language and through maximized auditory development without the use of sign language. Classes and practicum placements are offered at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, the UT Health Science Center, partnership schools, and clinics in the San Antonio area. In addition to two student teaching rotations, many of the courses have a practical component, providing experience working with children with hearing loss.

OVERVIEW:

Admission to the Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science program is on a competitive basis. The program is rigorous, requiring students to combine knowledge in technology (hearing aids, FM systems, cochlear implants and computers), science (audiology, anatomy and physiology, acoustics) and special education (curriculum, parent involvement, classroom modifications) to the education children with hearing loss. The ability to use a computer efficiently is expected of incoming students because all educators must be able to prepare children for the technology of the future.

The MDEHS program is completed in 6 semesters. The program consists of 36 semester credit hours of course work that includes observations, seminars, demonstrations, research opportunities, and practicum. Program includes 2 six week full-day student teaching rotations. Students must be available during the school day for student teaching. Students must maintain a B average in all coursework. Upon successful completion of all coursework and an oral comprehensive exam, students are eligible for the Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science degree through the UT Health Science Center.

This program is accredited nationally through the Council on Deaf Education, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20002-3695, phone (202) 651-5525, fax (202) 651-5749.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the Texas State exam (TExES) for state certification and may also apply for national certification through CED. After successful completion of the TExES and recommendation by the DEHS Program Director for acceptance through CED, the graduate student will be a certified teacher in the field of deaf education locally and nationally.
DEAF EDUCATION AND HEARING SCIENCE

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CHECKLIST:
All items listed below are required for a complete application. If items are missing, your application may not be processed.

☐ Completed Apply Texas application: www.applytexas.org
☐ $45 application fee (submit online through Apply Texas application)
☐ Bachelor’s degree in education, or related field
☐ Average grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
☐ Personal Statement
☐ Three reference forms completed by former instructors (preferably science instructors) or employers. http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/forms
☐ Resume
☐ Official college/university transcripts from every institution you have attended. Transcripts from institutions outside of the United States must be submitted and accompanied with a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) Member agency evaluation (English translation with a course-by-course evaluation.) http://www.naces.org

Note: If official transcript(s) are sent to you, you may send them to the Office of the Registrar if the seal on the envelope is not broken.

☐ Applicants with a Teaching Certificate or License:
  ● Teaching Certificate or License—Mail a copy of your teaching certificate or license.

☐ Applicants without a Teaching Certificate or License:
  ● Completion of prerequisite coursework (Language Development, Introduction to Exceptionality, Classroom Management, Teaching Reading)
  ● Classroom Observation Experience—At least 50 hours of observation in a classroom with children under the age of 10 years, with at least 3 different teachers.
  ● Volunteer Activity or Employment With Children—At least 30 hours of volunteer activity or employment with children under the age of 10 in daycare, camps, scouts, religious groups or schools, etc. To document your experiences:
    1) Keep a journal that includes a reflective diary of observations and experiences
    2) Provide documentation of hours from each site supervisor using the Documentation of Field Experience Log. Submit your journal and log by enrollment date (not application date), Forms: http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/forms

COST:
Tuition and required fees for the program are detailed on the UT Health Science Center website.
Visit: http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/03/information-for-the-masters-of-deaf-education/

Textbook expenses are detailed on the official campus bookstore website.
Visit: http://uthscsa.bncollege.com

Additional expenses are determined by the program based in part on program-specific requirements and supplies. Please contact the Deaf Education and Hearing Science Program for more detailed information. There is no on-campus housing at the UT Health Science Center and program expenses do not reflect day-to-day living expenses.

DEADLINE:
February 15, Summer Registration
The Apply Texas application must be completed online. Submit official, sealed transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, three reference forms, resume and personal statement, by mail to the Office of the Registrar. (See mailing address on reverse side.)