

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND ORAL HEALTH

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The Department of Communication Sciences and Oral Health offers undergraduate programs in communication sciences and dental hygiene, as well as graduate programs in speech-language pathology and education of the deaf.

Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.S. in Education of the Deaf (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/education-deaf-ms/>)
- M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/speech-language-pathology-ms/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/post-baccalaureate-certificate-bilingual-speech-language-pathology/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Deaf & Hard of Hearing for S.L.P. (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/post-baccalaureate-certificate-speech-language-pathology-deaf-hard-hearing/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Multicultural & Diversity Studies for S.L.P. (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/post-baccalaureate-multicultural-diversity-studies-certificate-speech-language-pathologist/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching STEM in DEAF Education (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-oral-health/pb-certificate-teaching-stem-deaf-education/>)

Education of the Deaf Program Overview

The TWU Education of the Deaf master's degree specializes in preparing teachers of pre-K-12 students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The program prepares teachers to work in a variety of educational settings. We are committed to a comprehensive communication philosophy that focuses on meeting the individual needs of diverse students across all communication methods. Teachers learn to work collaboratively with families, students, and professionals.

The program is online and flexible in nature and includes a diverse cohort from varied backgrounds. Online classes are both synchronous and asynchronous and fully accessible. Practice-based coursework focuses on communication, language, and content. Graduates are equipped with broad knowledge and skills for promoting strong social, linguistic, and academic outcomes among students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Speech-Language Pathology Program Overview

Working with the full range of human communication, speech-language pathologists (SLPs) evaluate and diagnose speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders and treat such disorders in individuals of all ages, from infants to the elderly (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<http://www.asha.org>)).

The TWU master's degree program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The program has two different learning venues.

The on-campus venue admits students each summer and fall and provides evening classes on the Denton and Dallas campuses. Students participate in clinical experiences two to five days a week at the TWU Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (<https://twu.edu/speech-language-hearing-clinic/>) in Denton, the Mike A Myers Stroke Center (<http://www.strokecenterdallas.org/>) in Dallas, and pediatric and adult externship sites throughout the Denton and Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The distance learning venue runs in two-year cohort cycles and offers a schools-focused cohort and a healthcare-focused cohort. Students attend synchronous online classes and participate in clinical experiences in their local communities.