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DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

M.A.T. for Teachers in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education

Majors in special education/deaf education demonstrate content knowledge through passing the state required content assessment in deaf education. Students in this graduate program will demonstrate skills in assessment, instructional strategies, use of technology and monitoring/modifying instruction during observed teaching episodes evaluated by a university supervisor and P-12 mentor teacher. Teacher candidates in this program also demonstrate their competency in American Sign Language (ASL) as measured by a Level 2 on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI). This is an online program.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- Passing score or exemption of GACE I
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. Submission of all transcripts.
- Satisfactory completion of EDUC 2999
- Acceptance into the VSU Graduate School
- Must be employed in a classroom with students with disabilities or be able to spend 20 hours/week in classroom for the duration of the program.

Program of Study

Core Curriculum (10 hours)

EDUC 2999: Entry to the Profession

RSCH 7100: Research Methodology in Education

PSYC 7010: Learning and Assessment

LEAD 7210: Ethics and Laws

Major of Concentration (26 hours)

DEAF 5310: Methods of Teaching Reading and Writing to Deaf Students

DEAF 5370: Teaching Thinking Skills to Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children

DEAF 5380: Curriculum Development Instruction for Deaf Students

DEAF 6000: Integration and Management of Instruction in the Classroom

DEAF 6010: Integrated Instruction: Individualized Education Program

DEAF 6020: Audiological Considerations & Auditory/Oral Methods for Teachers of the Deaf

DEAF 6030: Internship in Teaching

DEAF 6100: Seminar in Deaf Education and Language Learning

DEAF 6110: Professional Capstone Course

Total hours required for the degree - 36 semester hours

*Work in course must focus on content of candidate's certification field.

M.A.T. for Teachers in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long does it take to complete the online Master's for Teachers in Deaf and Hard of Hearing program?

This 12-course, 36 semester hour program can be completed in four consecutive semesters (approximate 16 months) depending upon the number of courses a student is able to successfully complete each semester. For students who are unable to enroll full-time, courses are offered on a continuous basis allowing for part-time enrollment. The majority of the candidates take two courses per semester.

2. Is the program designed as a cohort that determines a specific order for coursework?

No, students may enter the program and complete during any semester.

3. Can required courses be taken in any order or do some courses have prerequisites?

The courses required for the program of study have no prerequisites, but every course is not offered each semester, so students must take courses according to the scheduled course offerings. For example, DEAF 5380 is offered spring only, so while candidates may take the course at any point in the program, they would have to complete DEAF 5380 during a spring semester.

4. Can I transfer credit from another institution into the program?

A maximum of 9 semester hours of graduate coursework may be considered; credits must be less than 7 years of age at the point of completing the program. Requests for transfer credit prior to entering the M.Ed. program must be documented in the form of an official transcript during the admission process. Eligibility is determined by the candidate's academic advisor.

5. Is there a certification test that is required after the completion of the program?

Candidates must pass the content area tests in Deaf Education to be recommended for certification.

6. What is the estimated cost for tuition?

The estimated cost is \$13,000** for 4 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

**All cost estimates are based on fall, 2021 tuition and fees.

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