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**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

**M.Ed. in Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Track 2)**

The M.Ed.-Track 2 is designed for individuals holding clear renewable teaching degrees outside of the field of Deaf Education. This degree prepares teachers to work with students who are D/deaf or hard of hearing. By providing teachers with content knowledge and pedagogical skills, graduates complete the program prepared to meet the diverse needs of this unique student population. This pre-professional degree (P – 12) is designed to provide graduates with competency in American Sign Language (ASL), as measured by an Intermediate rating or above on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI). This equips graduates with the skill set needed to communicate with students enrolled in schools for the deaf, as well as those served in resource rooms and general education settings.

**Admission Requirements**

- Completed Graduate School application for admission and fee of \$35.
- Bachelor’s degree in education from a regionally-accredited institution
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. Submission of all transcripts.
- GRE score of not less than 750 on verbal and quantitative combined (minimum of 400 on verbal) and 3.0 on analytical writing or Minimum MAT requirement of 375.

**Program of Study**

*Core Curriculum (7 hours)*

- EDUC 2999: Entry to the Profession
- LEAD 7210: Ethics and Laws
- RSCH 7100: Research Methodology in Education
- DEAF 6100: Seminar Deaf Education and Language Learning

*Major of Concentration (20 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
- OR
- \*DEAF 6010: Integrated Instruction: Individualized Education Program
- DEAF 6020: Audiological Considerations & Auditory/Oral Methods for Teachers of the Deaf
- DEAF 6030: Internship in Teaching

*Required Endorsement (9 hours)*

READ 7100: Trends and Issues in Reading READ 7010: Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties READ 7130: Comprehension and Study Strategy Instruction	<b>OR</b>	ESOL 6010: Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teachers ESOL 6020: Cultural Perspectives for ESOL Teachers ESOL 6030: Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL
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**Total hours required for the degree - 36 semester hours**

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

## **M.Ed. in Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. How long does it take to complete the online M.Ed. in Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing program?**

This 13-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. What are the admission requirements?**

Applicants must have clear/renewable teaching certificates (T-4) and be employed as teachers with an overall bachelor's degree GPA of 2.75 or higher. A student may be admitted for one semester ("Quick Admit") by completing an application and paying the fee. To continue in the program, the student must provide copies of official transcripts from every college attended and other documents noted on the Quick Admission letter.

**3. 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.

**4. Could you give me more information about taking DEAF 6000 or DEAF 6010?**

Candidates certified in a field of special education at entry but not in a general education field take DEAF 6000; Candidates certified in general education at entry but not any special education field take DEAF 6010.

**5. 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 5370 is offered fall only, so while candidates may take the course at any point in the program, they would have to complete DEAF 5370 during a fall semester.

**6. 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.

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

GACE content area tests in Deaf Education must be passed before candidates are recommended for certification.

**8. What is the estimated cost for tuition?**

The estimated cost is \$12,028\*\* for 4 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

\*\*All cost estimates are based on in state fall, 2019 tuition and fees.

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