

Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialization

Candidates who are admitted to the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential – Deaf and Hard of Hearing program will enter as a cohort in the summer session only and participate in program activities in sequence.

It is possible to obtain the Master of Science in the Education of the Deaf without completing the credential requirements; however, CLU has developed the credential and master's degree so candidates may work on the two concurrently. Requirements for completion of the two are not exactly the same. The master's degree alone does not authorize the recipient to teach special education in K-12 public schools. To do so, the graduate student must meet California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requirements and be recommended by the university.

Program Outcomes

Reflective, principled Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher program graduates will be able to:

1. Assess learning of students with hearing loss;
2. Plan instruction and design learning experiences for students with hearing loss;
3. Understand and organize subject matter knowledge for students with hearing loss;
4. Create and maintain an effective environment for students with hearing loss;
5. Engage and support all students with hearing loss in learning;
6. Represent the different roles of a deaf educator, including interactions with parents and school staff;
7. Develop as a professional educator for students with hearing loss.

Admission to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

CLU offers the Preliminary Education Specialist, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teaching Credential. A general education teaching credential is not a prerequisite for completion of this credential.

To assure a prompt admission decision, applicants for admission to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program should submit all application materials by:

- April 1 for summer semester

Deaf and Hard of hearing program has one application cycle which is April 1 for summer admission.

All application materials are to be collected by the applicant and submitted together. Admission decisions for regular standing are based on the following materials in the applicant file:

1. Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7 for credential-only programs; 3.0 upper division GPA for Master of Science in Special Education (M.S.)
2. Admission appointment with admission counselor
3. Application for Admission form and non-refundable application fee
4. Official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities
5. A personal statement following the guidelines included in the admission packet
6. Three academic or professional recommendations
7. For Master of Science applicants only, submission of GRE scores (unless Petition to Waive GRE Requirement is submitted and approved)
8. The admission test may be waived for applicants who present an official transcript of previous college work from a regionally accredited college or university reflecting any one of the following criteria:

- (a) An undergraduate, upper division grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale); or
- (b) A combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the most recent 60 units of study consisting of any of the following: graduate course work, upper division postbaccalaureate course work (exclusive of extension or continuing education work) and upper division undergraduate course work; or
- (c) A minimum of nine units of graduate course work completed with a 3.5 grade point average; or
- (d) A previously earned master's degree

International applicants must submit the following:

1. An International Student Application Form and additional required documents.

- GRE and TOEFL scores if undergraduate work was completed at other than a regionally accredited U.S. institution.

Requirements for Continued Advancement into the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

- Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or equivalency
- Certificate of Clearance (fingerprint clearance)
- TB test (negative-results test taken within one year of program admission)
- Basic Skills – verification of passing score on California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) or equivalent
- Subject Matter Competence – verification of passing score on California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) or by completion of approved Subject Matter Program¹
- U.S. Constitution - verification by official transcript or passage of exam

¹ Authorized subjects include general subjects (CSET, Multiple Subjects) and single subjects of art, English, foreign language, mathematics, music, science and social science.

The Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) is not required for M.S. program completion, but is required for the preliminary credential.

Note: These requirements are subject to change by the CTC.

Requirements for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Preliminary Education Specialist Credential

Required Courses (40 units)

EDDH 500	Characteristics of Diverse Learners With Hearing Loss	3
EDDH 502	Audiology: Diagnostics in Infants and Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
EDDH 504	Educational Audiology and Hearing Technologies for Children and Youth Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
EDDH 508	Speech, Aural Habilitation and Advanced Communication	3
EDDH 516	Language and Literacy for Students With Hearing Loss (including English Language Learners)	3
EDDH 518	Early Childhood Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Working With Families From Diverse Backgrounds	4
EDDH 525	Academic Curriculum, Differentiated Instruction, and Technology for Students With Hearing Loss (including English Language Learners) Grades K-5	3
EDDH 527	Curriculum, Instruction and Technology For Students Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Grades 6-12	3
EDDH 545	Developing Audition, Speech and Spoken English Language in Children and Youth Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3
EDDH 546	Inclusion/Collaboration/Itinerant Teaching With Diverse Learners	3
EDDH 548	Teaching Students With Hearing Loss and Additional Special Needs Including Autism	3
EDDH 560	Extended Practicum and Seminar	6
Total Hours		40

Requirements for the Master of Science in the Education of the Deaf

Candidates who satisfactorily complete the Preliminary course of study are eligible for the Master of Science degree in the Education of the Deaf with the following additional requirements: EDSP 510 and EDSP 599 .