Undergraduate
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education

About Our Program
The mission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Program is to prepare teachers who are competent professionals with the ability to make appropriate decisions regarding the evaluation and implementation of educational programs to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The program was established in 1974 and is accredited by both the State Department of Education and NCATE. Montevallo is the only university in the state of Alabama to offer a degree in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Upon completion of the requirements for the B.S. degree, graduates are eligible for Class B special education teacher certification in the area of deaf education.

After completing 60 hours of college credit (48 hours with General Studies), students will apply to become teacher candidates in the Teacher Education Program (TEP). Specific admission criteria are below.

Admission Requirements

Teacher Education Program
- 50 hours of college credit (40 hours from General Studies)
- Minimum 2.75 GPA on all work attempted, teaching field, and professional studies
- Completion of ED 401 with a grade of “C” or better
- Completion of COMS 101 with a grade of “C” or better
- Completion of ENG 101 and 102 with a grade of “C” or better
- Passing score on Teacher Education Program Interview
- Minimum grade of “C” on all general studies courses
- Passing score on the Core Academic Skills for Educators test
- Fingerprint background clearance from ALSDE.

Completion Requirements
In addition to meeting the above requirements, students must complete a LiveText online portfolio. Other departmental requirements may exist. Please check with your advisor.

Course Overview

Major Course Requirements:
CSD 253: Applied Phonetics (3)
CSD 291: Normal Language Development (3)
SPED 297: Language Analysis (3)
SPED 300: American Sign Language II (3)
SPED 307: American Sign Language III (3)
SPED 320: Auditory/Oral Communication for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (3)
SPED 477: Language Development and Methods of Literacy Instruction for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (3)

Professional Studies:
ED 401: Introduction to Teaching (1)
ED 330: Educational Psychology (3)
ED 375: School and Society (3)
ED 447: Instructional Technology (3)
SPED 407: Exceptional Learners in P-12 and Secondary Programs (3)
ED 410: The Teaching of Reading (3)
FCS 391: Child Development (3)
SPED 476: Methods of Teaching Academic Subjects for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (3)
SPED 482: Assessment: Deaf and Hard of Hearing (2)
EDI 462: Internship-Deaf and Hard of Hearing (12)

For Additional Information
If you would like to learn more about earning a degree in this program, please contact us.

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