

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING FOR THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/communication-sciences-coms/coms-programs/post-baccalaureate-certificate-in-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-for-the-slp/>

This 13 semester credit hour certificate program teaches best practices and provides supervised clinical experiences in the assessment and treatment of communication skills for children who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH), with a focus on the school setting. The program includes online academic coursework and a supervised clinical practicum opportunity. The certificate program is offered to students enrolled in TWU's M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology program and to licensed and certified speech-language pathologists who want additional knowledge and skills working with DHH children. Sign language skills (intermediate or better) are required.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Effectively diagnose communication disorders in children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Effectively treat communication disorders in children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

13 semester credit hours (SCH).

The required coursework includes 10 SCH of online academic classes and 3 SCH of a clinical practicum experience with at least 75 clock hours assessing and treating children who are DHH under the supervision of a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist who has experience working with children who are DHH. Students must earn grades of A or B in all classes and successfully pass a case study examination.

Code	Title	SCHs
COMS 5012	Aural Habilitation	2
COMS 5022	Integrating Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Professional Practice	2
COMS 5443	Clinical Externship	3
<b>Electives (based on area of interest)</b>		
Select two of the following		6
COMS 5133	Families and Young Children in Deaf Education	
COMS 5143	Classroom Assessment and Access to Print Literacy in Deaf Education	
COMS 5663	Strategies for Supporting Language Development in Deaf Education	
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>13</b>