



TENNESSEE  
STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

## Autism Grant Curriculum

In collaboration with Vanderbilt University's  
Department of Hearing & Speech Sciences

**This program is funded by a U.S. Department of Education training grant entitled "High-Quality Personnel Preparation to Serve Infants and Children with Autism."**

Students participating in the Autism Specialty Track must complete the following additional coursework and activities:

- **2 additional courses (Autism and AAC)**
- **Clinical observation experience at** The Preschool for Children with Autism
- **Extended Clinical Practicum:** Trainees will receive 2 clinical placements in the VUMC Preschool for Children with Autism
- **ADOS training in December**
- **Autism Journal Club:** Trainees will participate in a monthly journal club devoted to research-to-practice guided readings and discussions in the area of Autism.

### **OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Travel Award:** Trainees will receive funding to attend an approved professional development meeting

**Stipend:** \$13,000 per academic year

**Interdisciplinary approach to training:** TSU students will train with Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences program graduate students in fields of speech-language pathology, audiology, and deaf education.

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## MS-SLP Program of Study with Autism Specialty Track

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All students	Autism Curriculum	
<b>FALL - YEAR 1</b>		
X		Language Development (3 hrs)
X		Anatomy & Physiology (3 hrs)
X		Studies in Artic Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Practicum in AUD (1 hr)
<b>SPRING - YEAR 1</b>		
X		Studies in Language Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Dysphagia (3 hrs)
X		Neuroanatomy/Neurophysiology (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
<b>MAYMESTER</b>		
	X	Clinical Practicum - Vanderbilt ***
<b>SUMMER - YEAR 1</b>		
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr) **
X		Adult Aphasia (3 hrs)
X		Seminar in Stuttering (3 hrs)
		Methods of Speech and Hearing Services in the Public Schools * (3 hrs)

Courses Required		Course Name/hours
All students	Autism Curriculum	
<b>FALL - YEAR 2</b>		
X		Voice Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Motor Speech Disorders (3 hrs)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Advanced Audiology (3 hrs)
	X	Autism
	X	AAC
<b>SPRING - YEAR 2</b>		
X		Methods of Research (1 hr)
X		Practicum in SLP (1 hr)
X		Multicultural Literacy and Cultural Diversity (3 hrs)
X		Speech Science & Instrument (3 hrs)
X		Aural (Re)Habilitation (3 hrs)***

\* Optional

\*\*Practicum assignment - Maymester practicum

\*\*\* Taken at VU but registered for at TSU

Please note that the TSU and Vanderbilt calendars are different. It is important that you review the Vanderbilt calendar to ensure that your schedule can accommodate all classes and required grant activities.

The Vanderbilt calendar can be found at:  
<https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/explore-vusm/academic-calendars/>

