The Vanderbilt Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences offers a Master’s in Education of the Deaf (MDE) degree, and now - a specialty track in deaf-blindness. This two-year program of study addresses education and medical implications of combined hearing and vision loss. World renowned professionals in deaf-blindness will provide both instruction and their own perspective in seminars for masters and doctoral level students.

The Vanderbilt program offers a unique interdisciplinary approach to teacher training. Students entering this program will have an opportunity to take coursework in special education, vision, audiology, and speech-language pathology from three premier programs, all of which are ranked in the top three nationwide. In addition, Vanderbilt University houses the Tennessee State Deaf Blind Project and the National Center for Childhood Deafness and Family Communication (NCCDF) which provide a variety of resources for MDE students.

**Entrance Background/Requirements and Undergraduate Prerequisites**

Students entering the two-year program must have an undergraduate degree in special education, early childhood, or general education, and hold teacher certification. Documentation of teacher certification and praxis scores must be provided for both one-and two year students. Students complete coursework in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences and Vanderbilt Peabody College of Education and Human Development.

All students must possess GRE scores consistent with Vanderbilt standards, a strong record of past academic achievement, a commitment to hearing health care, excellent oral and written communication skills, a willingness to work collaboratively, a strong work ethic, perseverance, and strong organizational and time management skills.