

Fontbonne Northeast Interdisciplinary Preparation Project

Deaf Education

**New Grant
Scholarships
Available!**

Fontbonne University has developed a Master of Arts in Deaf Education to prepare teachers of the deaf to work with children and families in the Northeast. This program is a hybrid model that offers Fontbonne University coursework using synchronous distance video technology and field experience for graduate students in the Northeast region of the U.S. at any of the four Clarke Schools in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia or Northampton. In addition to these locations, students have the opportunity to participate in the program in Connecticut and New Jersey.

This program is a unique model for preparing a new generation of professionals. It stresses an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating the principles of best practice from deaf education, speech-language pathology, early childhood education, and special education. Classes are small and interactive. Faculty are nationally recognized, experienced and committed to each graduate student's success. Many of our faculty continue to work with children and families, sharing their expertise through technological advancements, evidence-based practices and innovative techniques.

Deaf Education Graduate Program

All coursework is presented by instructors through face-to-face instruction or via video conferencing.

The curriculum prepares graduate students with the content and experiences they need to:

- provide educational services to students who use listening and spoken language,
- collaborate with professionals in inclusive settings,
- monitor and facilitate the use of hearing technology,
- support learners with modifications and accommodations,
- support learners' self-advocacy and social-emotional development,
- participate on interdisciplinary teams to assess and plan data-driven intervention.

Graduate students typically participate in over 400 hours of field experience in or near the city where they reside.

About the Program

For over 50 years, Fontbonne University's deaf education program has prepared professionals to teach children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Graduates are knowledgeable of current trends in deaf education and speech and hearing science and are skilled to work with children who are deaf and hard of hearing from early intervention through high school.

In the last 30 years, technological advances have dramatically changed the educational opportunities for children who are deaf and hard hearing. Early identification through newborn hearing screening, early intervention services and the development of sophisticated listening technology including digital hearing aids, cochlear implants, and personal classroom listening systems have increased the opportunity for the development of listening and spoken language in early childhood. These advances have created an increasing need for qualified teachers of the deaf prepared to work with school age children who are using a listening and spoken language approach in inclusive educational settings.

Funding

Fontbonne University has received a federal grant to support scholars specializing in serving school-aged learners who are deaf and hard of hearing. Tuition support is available for scholars through our grant from the federal Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

Speech-language pathology graduate students are also eligible for scholarship funding for interprofessional preparation. Students accepted into the Communication Disorders and MA in Deaf Education Programs are eligible for this scholarship funding.

Apply Now

Scholarships are available for accepted applicants.

Resources of other funding options:

- TEACH Grants (The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete coursework needed to begin a career in teaching)
- Federal Student Aid
- For individuals with hearing loss: The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing College Scholarship Program

For more information, visit:

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