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To: Potential Candidates for Teacher of the Deaf Endorsement
From: Sarah Cramm, Administrative Specialist
Re: Application for Grant Support

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Teacher of the Deaf (TOD). Please find attached the application forms that need to be submitted to Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). Please note there is an application that must be completed by the district or educational cooperative that currently employs the potential candidate. Deaf Education requires a team approach so it is imperative that the LEA is supportive of this endeavor. This form can be filled out by any administrator that has the authority to delegate the supports needed for the candidate to successfully complete this program.

Also attached is the admissions checklist for our partner in this program, Valdosta State University (VSU) located in Valdosta, GA. Contact information for both KSD and VSU are located at the end of the VSU checklist. Do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions regarding the application process, grant procedures, or the plan of study. Candidates will be notified if they are accepted into the TASN TOD grant project.



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Teacher of the Deaf Candidate Application

Please complete this section and submit it with your District/Cooperative Application to the address or email listed below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell **Home** **Work**

District/Coop: _____

- 1. Please attach a copy of your resume and Kansas teaching license. Be sure to include your teaching experience (include both general education and special education experiences).**

- 2. On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:**

What is your motivation to obtain a Master's in Deaf Education? Please include experiences or background you have in working with people/students who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH). How would you share the knowledge gained through the VSU program with other team members serving students who are D/HH?

- 3. You will be contacted by KSD once all materials have been submitted and your application has been approved. After approval, you may then apply at VSU. Please send a copy of your VSU acceptance letter to scramm@kssdb.org.**

***Return all forms to:
Sarah Cramm, Administrative Specialist
Kansas School for the Deaf
450 E. Park
Olathe, KS 66061
scramm@kssdb.org***

District/Cooperative Application – Teacher of the Deaf (TOD)

Please have your immediate supervisor complete this section and return it to you for submission with the Candidate Application.

District/Coop: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Home Work

How many students who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) does your coop/district serve?

What counties does your coop/district serve?

Are you supportive of team members collaborating with the potential TOD to allow for all professionals working with D/HH students to improve their skills?

Yes No

Would you allow release time to permit the TOD candidate, and other team members to attend professional development, immersion classes, and/or practicum experiences focusing on students who are D/HH?

Yes No

Would you encourage, and support, the TOD candidate and other team members in their participation in a professional book study to improve their knowledge of working with students who are D/HH?

Yes No

Would you support the student teacher from your district to be evaluated synchronously via video conferencing technology?

Yes No

Signature of Supervisor

Date

M.Ed. in Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education
Valdosta State University

- **Tuition and Fees** (does not include instructional materials)
 - <http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/financial-services/students/services/tuition-and-fee-schedules.php>

- **Admission Requirements**
 - <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school>
 - Apply and be accepted by VSU's Graduate School
 - Take and submit test scores from either the GRE or the MAT to the Graduate School
 - Submit official transcripts from all institutions previously attended to the Graduate School
 - Specific scores and other information are available at this link:
<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/master-of-education-in-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-education-5th-year-phd>
 - Completion of DEAF 2999 – Entry to the Profession
 - Successfully pass the GACE Basic Skills Test / Program Admission Assessment or qualify for an exemption
Exemption scores are:
SAT – 1000
ACT 43 (Math + English)
GRE before August 1, 2011 – 1030 (Verbal and Quantitative)
GRE on or after August 1, 2011 – 297 (Verbal and Quantitative)
 - Possess a minimum 2.75 GPA (based on all college coursework previously completed. A “no forgiveness” policy applies.)
 - Complete a criminal background check
 - Submit proof of liability insurance
 - Purchase Live Text and complete the online training
 - Evidence of ASL fluency indicated by an Intermediate on the SLPI, or national interpreting certification
<http://www.ncasla.org/slpi-sign-language-proficiency-interview.html>
 - Provide documentation of fluency at the Intermediate level on the SLPI or a Level 1+ on the ASLPI at the time of admission (prior to graduation a level 2 is required).

- **Additional Requirements**
 - Student teaching to be evaluated synchronously via video conferencing technology or asynchronously via digital recording of teaching of D/HH students
 - Complete and sign a release form allowing VSU Program Coordinator to discuss student progress with grant personnel.
 - Students completing the program will take and successfully pass the GACE content knowledge tests in Deaf Education so they can be recommended for certification in Georgia.
 - Verification of successful completion of the appropriate endorsement content assessment:

- The Georgia test can be accepted if the educator obtains licensure in Georgia based on the program completion and content testing
- The Praxis assessment required by Kansas can be accepted if the educator has a current Kansas teaching license. Kansas Praxis requirements for licensure can be found at www.ets.org/praxis/ks

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