

TN Department of Education Grant: Institute in
Speech-Language Pathology TN Teacher Cohort ETSU
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East Tennessee State University is excited to offer a training grant sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education for individuals who are practicing in the schools as speech-language therapists and are interested in completing a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. The students must be currently working in the schools as a speech-language associate or therapist. The requirements for the grant include:

- Have completed undergraduate required courses.
- Be admitted to the Master's Program in Speech-Language Pathology at East Tennessee State University (application deadline is February 1 each year).
- Sign a Student Agreement Form which
 - Requires graduation from the program
 - Commits the student to work in the TN public schools for two years for each 30 credits they complete

The grant covers tuition for courses taken to complete the master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology only. Students pay for their books and other activity fees.

The impact of the grant according to current students:

The TN teachers grant means having the opportunity to complete my education in a profession that I am passionate about. The grant has provided course work to further develop my knowledge and skills and faculty with open doors to guide me.

The Tennessee Teacher Grant has been life changing for me. Becoming a Speech Pathologist has always been a dream of mine, but I was not in the place financially to go back to school without also being able to work full time. This grant has allowed me to fulfill my dreams while still being able to provide for my family. I am so thankful for all of the opportunities it has allowed me to have and for the ones it will provide for me in the future.

The TNT grant means EVERYTHING to me! Simply put, without the grant, my hopes of a career in speech-language pathology would never have been attainable. I will never be able to express my gratitude to the ETSU program and the TNT grant. Without either of them, I would never have been able to fulfill what I believe is my true path throughout life.