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Orientation to Deafness

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Tennessee School for the Deaf

June 14 – July 16, 2010

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# Orientation to Deafness Program 2010

*Designed for rehabilitation practitioners serving individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing*

## Focus

The Orientation to Deafness (OTD) program has a long history with rehabilitation specialists and the University of Tennessee. Although grant funding is not available, the Center on Deafness and the Tennessee School for the Deaf believe this is a program very worthy of our support. The 2010 OTD program will provide the same innovative, hands-on and **intensive** series of classes/seminars specifically designed to teach rehabilitation practitioners how to work and communicate with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Rehabilitation specialists return to their communities with momentum to share their new knowledge that is both practical and effective.

## Outcomes

Participants will:

- Return to work with knowledge and skills they can put into action immediately
- Return to work with a tools and strategies that work specifically with deaf and hard of hearing clients
- Learn about the effects of hearing loss from an audiological perspective
- Be able to describe and search for appropriate assistive devices
- Learn about the cultural aspects so strong in Deaf culture
- Develop a basic knowledge of American Sign Language or improve their sign skills
- Learn special assessment strategies designed for deaf and hard of hearing individuals
- Develop team-building strategies
- Develop effective caseload management strategies
- Establish a professional network of professionals in the field of deafness and rehabilitation

## Notable Program Additions

Participants will:

- Have access to an online environment designed for support for new and past graduates of the Orientation to Deafness program
- Have access to an online, experienced rehabilitation mentor for one year
- Have access to individuals who have an extensive background in school to work transition
- Have access to individuals who have an extensive background in postsecondary education

### **Pre-program Assessment and Assignments**

Counselors will be expected to complete a rather extensive pre-program assessment and assignments. This information provides the faculty and staff with knowledge of the counselors and provides the foundation for individual plans for each counselor. The assessments include a pre and post Sign Language Proficiency Interview.

### **On-Site Housing**

Housing is provided free of charge by the Tennessee School for the Deaf. All counselors are expected to spend the five weeks together in the cottages. This “togetherness” provides an environment for the development of cultural sensitivity for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. We provide a total immersion experience. The program provides faculty on site to assist with the development of communicative strategies and to provide optimal learning environments for each counselor.

### **COD Training Faculty**

The Center’s professional faculty will provide top-notch education and practice in rehabilitation counseling. Taught by outstanding professionals in the field, the OTD faculty provides participants with a rich diversity of culture and linguistic styles. Faculty members teach in their expertise. Our faculty include a Rehabilitation Counselor with a Ph.D., practicing audiologists, and Deaf individuals who have years of experience teaching ASL. Our Spotlight on Deafness series features professionals who work with clients with hearing loss. Counselors can count on a high level of personal attention from faculty and team members. The Center on Deafness and the staff share a commitment to the highest level of professional standards including client confidentiality.

### **Post-COD Assignments**

Counselors will be expected to complete some assignments after returning to their communities. This year’s graduates will also have the opportunity to interact with each other and professionals through the online community we will create at the OTD website. An outstanding and experienced rehabilitation counselor who works with deaf and hard of hearing individuals will be available for questions that arise during the year.

### **CRC**

Application for CRC credits will be submitted.

### **Cost**

The University of Tennessee Center on Deafness and the Tennessee School for the Deaf are collaborating to keep costs as low as possible. Federal grant monies for rehabilitation counselors have focused on degrees rather than shorter training programs. Since this training is important but does not end in any type of degree, there are no grants for this type of program at this time.

With a minimum of 14 registrations, the cost will be \$1900 plus books.

## Tentative Weekly Agenda

### Week 1

- Overview of OTD
- Interviews and SLPI
- Opening session
- Evaluation of Pre-program Assessment
- Development of individual goals for participants
- Shared Experiences in Rehabilitation
- Overview of the knowledge and skills and practices of RCDs
- Rehabilitation Counseling Module 1 & 6 (see Appendix A)
- ASL immersion
- Guest Speaker with experience in Rehabilitation with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clients
- Homework

### Week 2

- Vocational Guidance in Working With Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clients
- Case Studies
- Audiology: What you NEED to know
- Rehabilitation Counseling Module 2 & 6
- Spotlight on Deafness
- ASL immersion
- Homework

### Week 3

- Vocational Guidance in Working With Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clients
- Case Studies
- Audiology: The Mechanics
- Rehabilitation Counseling Module 3 & 6
- Spotlight on Deafness
- Homework

### Week 4

- Vocational Guidance in Working With Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clients
- Case Studies
- Rehabilitation Counseling Module 4 & 6
- Spotlight on Deafness
- ASL immersion
- Homework

### Week 5

- Vocational Guidance in Working With Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clients
- Case Studies
- Rehabilitation Counseling Modules 5 & 6
- ASL immersion
- Summative Session
- Program evaluation
- Exit SLPI
- Exit interviews
- Homework

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# Orientation to Deafness



## Application Procedures

The application fee is included in the tuition fee of \$1900.

- Applications can be found at <http://centerondeafness.utk.edu/otd>
- Applications can be requested by calling (865) 974-0607
- Request for applications can be faxed to (865) 974-3522 or e-mailed to [deafness@utk.edu](mailto:deafness@utk.edu).
- **Applications deadline: March 31, 2010**
- **Payment deadline: May 14, 2010**
- Send your completed application to:  
**University of Tennessee**  
**OTD Program**  
**Jane and David Bailey Education Complex, A 239**  
**1122 Volunteer Blvd.**  
**Knoxville, TN 37996-3442**  
**Fax: 865-974-3522**  
**E-mail: [deafness@utk.edu](mailto:deafness@utk.edu)**

Please enroll early. We must have a cohort of 14 individuals.

## Questions?

E-mail

Call us! (865) 974-0607 (v/tty)

(865) 974-4137 (v/tty/Sorenson)

## No-Cost Housing at the Tennessee School for the Deaf

To ensure that participants have comfortable, convenient accommodations, the Center has reserved a block of rooms at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. If your plans change, please notify us. Additional information on accommodations will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

## Timeline

1. **Application Deadline: March 31, 2010.**
2. Once notified of acceptance you will be given pre-assignments and a map.
3. You will be sent an application form for PPD for tuition payment. – **Payment deadline: May 14, 2010**
4. Please describe your sign skills and note any accommodations you may need.
5. Complete your pre-assignments. They are due June 1, 2010.
6. Plan to arrive by 2 p.m. EST on Sunday June 13, 2010. We use Sunday afternoon for sign communication interviews which are used to place you into an ASL class.
7. Class times may vary but generally will be from 8:00 – 5:00 with evening and weekend immersion activities.

To register, complete and return this form by mail.

Or, choose one of the following options:

- ❖ E-mail the form to [deafness@utk.edu](mailto:deafness@utk.edu)
- ❖ Fax the form to (865) 974-3522
- ❖ For additional information call (865) 974-0607
- ❖ Dates: June 14 – July 16, 2010
- ❖ Cost: \$1900 plus books



## Registration Form: Orientation to Deafness, June 14 – July 16, 2010

### Personal Data

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Dr. Mr. Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest degree earned: High School/ AA-AS? MA-MS/ Ed.D. or Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sign Language Skills

1. Are you hearing/Deaf/hard of hearing? (Please circle one)

2. In the space below, please describe your experience with sign language. How many courses have you taken? How often do you use sign language? Do you consider yourself a beginner, an intermediate signer, or an advanced signer?

3. Please describe your needs and any additional information that would be helpful for us to know.

### Accommodations Needed:

Please arrange:

Interpreting Services

Notetaking Services