



Deaf & Hard of Hearing Education Specialist Credential & Master of Science

California Lutheran University and John Tracy Center are proud to announce a formal partnership to deliver CLU's Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Education Specialist Credential and Master of Science program, beginning with the Summer 2026 cohort.

This collaboration brings together two institutions with deep roots, shared values, and an unwavering belief that children who are deaf and hard of hearing deserve the most exceptionally prepared educators in the field.

Upon completion of the program, candidates will be eligible for the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential with a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialty offered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. After obtaining your credential through this program, you can complete a Master of Science (M.S.) in the Education of the Deaf degree for only 3 additional classes.



"The collaboration between Cal Lutheran and John Tracy Center demonstrates the power of partnership in advancing innovative, practice-based preparation for educators of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. We are excited to help in this shared effort to prepare the next generation of educators."

**— Dr. Michael R. Hillis, Dean & Professor,
CLU Graduate School of Education**

WHY THIS PARTNERSHIP IS DIFFERENT

As a CLU/JTC candidate, you'll learn alongside audiologists, LSL therapists, speech-language pathologists, and working DHH educators, within one of the most richly resourced DHH training environments in California. You'll graduate not just credentialed, but truly ready.





A New Chapter in DHH Educator Preparation

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Education Specialist Credential & Master of Science
CTC-Accredited · Hybrid · Cohort Model · Classes Begin June 22, 2026

70+

YEARS DHH TEACHER PREP

100%

JOB PLACEMENT
BEFORE GRADUATION

2 yrs

HYBRID - FOR WORKING EDUCATORS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

As a candidate in the CLU/JTC program, you will enter an interdisciplinary training environment unlike any other in California:

- CTC-accredited curriculum aligned with California's DHH Teaching Performance Expectations
- Small cohorts, close mentorship from practitioners actively shaping the field of DHH education
- Immersive access to JTC's network of audiologists, LSL specialists, SLPs, DHH educators, and families
- Practicum experiences spanning birth through age 22
- Interdisciplinary coursework rooted in listening and spoken language philosophy
- 100% job placement before graduation

Federal OSEP Grant Support Available

CLU's active OSEP personnel preparation grant helps qualifying candidates offset tuition costs - making this path accessible for working educators.



Ready to become a DHH educator?

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