Audiology, AuD

Understand how to identify, manage and treat hearing loss and balance disorders in individuals of all ages. As a licensed audiologist, you can provide technological and aural rehabilitative support in an evidence-based manner to alleviate communication difficulties, assist patients in reestablishing social connections, and improve quality of life.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: AuD Audiology
The three-year course of study for the AuD degree consists of basic science coursework, professional knowledge coursework and clinical practicum experiences. Full-time commitment is critical because graduate courses are offered once per academic year. In addition, course content and the sequence of courses are closely tied to clinical practicum assignments. Moreover, full-time enrollment assures timely completion of the program. Students who complete the Doctor of Audiology degree find rewarding careers in hospitals, physician's offices, audiology clinics, school districts and industry.

Students have the option of graduating after the completion of the three-year program of study or enrolling in a clinical externship during their fourth year for up to an additional three credit hours of clinical training. A minimum of 850 hours of clinical training is obtained during the first three years of training. Additional practicum hours toward the 1,280 hours required for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, also known as CCC-A, by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association can be met during completion of the fourth year externship under the supervision of an ASHA-certified audiologist. The remaining clinical clock hours for ASHA certification can also be met after graduation. However students should be aware of state licensure requirements when making the determination of whether or not to complete an externship.

At a Glance
Degree Requirements

88 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam

Required Core (58 credit hours)
SHS 502 Basic Audiometry (4)
SHS 504 Amplification I (4)
SHS 505 Sign Language for Audiologists and Speech Pathologists (2)
SHS 508 Pediatric Audiology (3)
SHS 510 Amplification II (3)
SHS 511 Auditory Perception by the Hearing Impaired (3)
SHS 513 Neurophysiology of the Auditory System (3)
SHS 516 Auditory Evoked Potentials (4)
SHS 517 Balance Assessment (4)
SHS 518 Auditory Rehabilitation (3)
SHS 520 Auditory Pathologies/Disorders and Otoneurologic Applications (4)
SHS 522 Tinnitus/Advanced Audiometry (3)
SHS 523 Central Auditory Processing Disorders (4)
SHS 524 Counseling in Communication Disorders (2)
SHS 525 Audiology Practice Management (3)
SHS 526 Launch to Clinical Methods in Audiology (1)
SHS 552 Physiological Measures of Auditory Function (4)
SHS 555 Cochlear Implants (4)

Other Requirements (27-30 credit hours)
SHS 500 Research Methods (3)
SHS 580 Clinical Practicum (8)
SHS 584 Clinical Internship (12)
SHS 589 Audiology Grand Rounds (4)
SHS 590 Reading and Conference (Audiology Clerkship) (0-3)
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Praxis national certification examination in audiology (0)

Electives and Research (3 credit hours)

Culminating Experience
written and oral comprehensive exam

Additional Curriculum Information
Students have the option to continue enrollment in SHS 590 at one credit per semester for up to three semesters to complete the externship requirements of the ASHA certification. These extra hours of clinical experience allow students to apply for ASHA certification upon graduation or for state licensure.
for certain states. Students should maintain continuous enrollment and not apply for graduation until they have completed the additional clinical hours for the certification.

Since certification and licensure requirements vary by profession and from state to state, the College of Health Solutions recommends students visit the ASU licensure website at https://asuonline.asu.edu/about-us/licensure/ to determine if their program meets the requirements of individual state licensures or national certifications, as applicable. The decision to complete an externship or not is an individual decision based on career objectives and desired state of licensure among other factors.

In addition to the Graduate College requirements, eligibility for graduation is based upon the following:

**Formative Exam (Year 1)**
Students must pass a formative exam given at the end of the first academic year of the program. This is a 100-question, multiple-choice test covering the content of the courses taken during the fall and spring semesters. Students receiving scores of less than 70% are given one opportunity to retake the exam.

**Summative Exam (Year 3)**
Students must pass a summative exam in the fall of the third academic year of the program. This is a comprehensive written and oral exam pertaining to clinical case diagnosis and management. One retake is allowed if the student does not pass on the initial attempt.

**National Certification Exam (Praxis)**
All students pursuing the Doctor of Audiology degree must pass the praxis examination in audiology as a graduation requirement. There are no credit hours tied to it. The praxis exam result must be sent directly from the Education Testing Service to the ASU audiology program office in order to process the graduation approval.

**Clinical Clock Hours**
Students must successfully complete 850 hours of supervised clinical clock hours as accrued between on-campus clinic, off-campus internship sites and possible simulation opportunities.

**Admission Requirements**
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science or another related discipline from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants with degrees in related fields, such as nursing, education and any of the biological sciences, may apply, although they may be admitted as leveling students and must complete at least one year of prerequisite courses in speech and hearing science at the undergraduate level.
Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. GRE scores
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Admission is a two-stage process involving a review of the application materials and a required online video submission. Applicants meeting the first-stage admission criteria are notified and invited to provide additional information to complete the second stage of the admissions process. All other applicants are denied admission. In lieu of an on-campus interview, invited applicants who wish to continue the application process must provide a seven- to 10-minute video introducing themselves and answering several questions from the admission committee. The same questions are given to all applicants along with instructions about format and submission. Applicants who do not submit a video are denied admission. The committee makes final decisions regarding admission from the videos received. Space is available in the program for 15 students. Invitations for a video submission are sent by the beginning of February with a deadline for submission in mid-February.

The personal statement should not exceed 300 words and should describe the reasons for pursuing graduate study in audiology; successful applicants submit statements that are free of grammatical errors and demonstrate proficiency in written communication.

Letters of recommendation should outline the applicant's potential success for graduate-level coursework. Letters from faculty members are most useful. A standard form is not used; letters should be submitted on letterhead from the recommender's institution.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Career Opportunities

A career as an audiologist offers fulfilling work with an exceptional work-life balance. Careers associated with a doctoral degree in audiology and areas of specialization include:

- audiologist
• research audiologist
• educational audiologist
• vestibular audiologist
• cochlear implant audiologist
• pediatric audiologist
• intraoperative monitoring
• manufacturer representative
• industry representative
• cochlear implant manufacturer representative
• hearing aid manufacturer representative

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