Audiology, AuD

With a doctorate in audiology from ASU's College of Health Solutions, you will understand how to identify, manage and treat hearing loss and balance disorders in individuals. As a licensed audiologist, you can provide technological support to alleviate communication difficulties, assist patients in re-establishing connections, and improve quality of life.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: AuD Audiology

The three-year course of study for the AuD degree is comprised of basic science coursework, professional knowledge coursework, and clinical practicum experiences. The curriculum is designed such that upon completion students will have satisfied all academic and clinical requirements necessary for state licensure. 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 in the Doctor of Audiology program have the option of graduating after 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. Completion of 1,820 practicum hours is required for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, also known as CCC-A, by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and can be met by completion of the 4th-year externship under the supervision of an ASHA-certified audiologist.

Students who complete the Doctor of Audiology degree find rewarding careers in hospitals, physician's offices, audiology clinics, school districts and industry.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
• Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

86 credit hours and a written comprehensive exam

Required Core (57 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 Hearing Conservation/Instrumentation (3)
SHS 523 Advanced Audiometry (3)
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 (25-28 credit hours)
SHS 500 Research Methods (3)
SHS 580 Clinical Practicum (8)
SHS 584 Clinical Internship (12)
SHS 589 Audiology Grand Rounds (2)
SHS 590 Reading and Conference (Audiology Clerkship) (0-3)
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Praxis national certification examination in audiology (0)

Electives and Research (4 credit hours)

Culminating Experience
written and oral comprehensive exam

Additional Curriculum Information
Students will 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 will allow students to apply for ASHA certification upon graduation. Students should maintain continuous enrollment and not apply for graduation until they have completed the additional clinical hours for the certification.

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 80 percent will be given one opportunity to retake the exam.

Summative Exam (Year 2)
Students must pass a summative exam given at the end of the second academic year of the program. This is a comprehensive written and oral exam pertaining to clinical.

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 audiology program office in order to process the graduation approval.

Clinical Clock Hours
Students must successfully complete 850 hours of supervised clinical clock hours at both on-campus and off-campus internship sites.

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 of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

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 15-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 are sent by the end of February with a deadline of mid-March for video submission.

The personal statement should not exceed 200 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

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Global Degree

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