

AUDIOLOGY - AU.D.

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Description

The Doctor of Audiology degree is a professional doctorate that prepares students to be licensed clinical audiologists. The program emphasizes the principles and practices underlying evaluation, treatment and provision of hearing care services. Graduates are independent professionals who specialize in the diagnosis, management and treatment of hearing and balance disorders.

The Au.D. degree is a full-time, continuous, 48-month post-baccalaureate course of study designed to integrate classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences, culminating in the qualification for national certification and state (Ohio) licensure as an audiologist. All students attend full-time and take a fixed sequence of classroom- and clinic-based courses.

The Au.D. may be undertaken in conjunction with Kent State's Ph.D. degree program.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Accreditation

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university (not necessarily in speech-language pathology and audiology) for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official college transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 82 MELAB score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on

international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of standards of ethical conduct.
2. Apply knowledge of the principles and methods of prevention, assessment and intervention for people with hearing impairments.
3. Demonstrate knowledge about certification, specialty recognition, licensure and other relevant professional issues.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary professional issues.
5. Apply knowledge of research processes by integration of research principles into evidence-based practice.
6. Demonstrate skill in oral and written and other forms of communication sufficient for entry into professional practice.
7. Apply knowledge of and experience with individuals from culturally/linguistically diverse backgrounds with client/patient populations across the lifespan.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
SPA 70615	CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT	2
SPA 70616	HEARING AID FITTING AND SELECTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	4
SPA 70618	IMPLANTABLE TECHNOLOGY	4
SPA 70627	MULTICULTURAL ISSUES IN AUDIOLOGY	2
SPA 70630	PRACTICE MANAGEMENT IN AUDIOLOGY	3
SPA 70691	SEMINAR IN AUDIOLOGY	2
SPA 70701	BASIC AND APPLIED PHYSICAL ACOUSTICS FOR AUDIOLOGY	4
SPA 70702	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF PERIPHERAL AUDITORY AND VESTIBULAR SYSTEMS	3
SPA 70703	ACOUSTIC PHONETICS	3
SPA 70704	CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH IN AUDIOLOGY	2
SPA 70705	AUDITORY DISORDERS	2
SPA 70706	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY UNDERLYING NEURO-OTOLOGY	4
SPA 70707	PSYCHOACOUSTICS	3
SPA 70708	CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH	2
SPA 70709	AUDIOLOGIC ASSESSMENT	3
SPA 70710	INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY NOISE	3
SPA 70712	DIAGNOSIS OF AUDITORY DISORDERS	3
SPA 70713	HEARING AID TECHNOLOGY	4
SPA 70714	GERONTOLOGICAL ISSUES IN AUDIOLOGY	3
SPA 70717	PEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY	3
SPA 70719	COUNSELING IN AUDIOLOGY	3
SPA 70721	EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BALANCE DISORDERS	3
SPA 70725	MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF AUDITORY DISORDERS	2
SPA 70726	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES IN AUDIOLOGY	3

SPA 70732	AUDIOLOGIC TREATMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	4
SPA 70733	ADVANCED ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC AND VESTIBULAR MEASURES	4
SPA 70734	PRINCIPLES IN PRECEPTING	1
SPA 70747	GRADUATE AUDIOLOGIST I	3
SPA 70748	GRADUATE AUDIOLOGIST II	3
SPA 70750	GRADUATE AUDIOLOGIST IV	8
SPA 70753	LABORATORY FOR ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES IN AUDIOLOGY	1
SPA 70754	LABORATORY FOR EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BALANCE DISORDERS	1
SPA 70755	LABORATORY FOR ADVANCED ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC AND VESTIBULAR MEASURES	1
SPA 70791	FOURTH YEAR SEMINAR (course is repeatable)	2
SPA 70892	INTERNSHIP III	2
SPA 70992	INTERNSHIP IV	2
SPA 74592	CLERKSHIP I	1
SPA 74692	CLERKSHIP II	1
SPA 74792	GRADUATE AUDIOLOGIST III	6
SPA 74892	GRADUATE AUDIOLOGIST V	8
SPA 75792	INTERNSHIP I	1
SPA 76792	INTERNSHIP II	1
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Accrue 2000 clock hours of clinical experience
- Meet the requirements for conditional Ohio licensure in audiology
- Pass academic and clinical competency-based examinations

Clinical Setting

For any clinical practicum (on campus or off campus) in speech pathology or audiology that requires candidates to be placed within the on-campus speech and hearing clinics, school or agency setting, the SPA program requires candidates to complete Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check and submit the results to authorized personnel at their assigned clinic/school/agency before the beginning of their placement or the first day of the semester in which the practicum will take place. Authorized school/agency personnel will determine whether a candidate may participate in practicum in the off-campus setting. The BCII and FBI background checks are good for one year and the candidates will need to complete one each year that they are in graduate school.

Electronic fingerprinting is available for BCII and FBI in 221 White Hall and should be completed one month prior to clinical practicum. Candidates are responsible for fees incurred for this requirement. For more