AUDIOLOGY - AU.D.

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Description
The Doctor of Audiology 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. This program 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 (not necessarily in speech-language pathology and audiology)
• Official college transcript(s)
• GRE scores
• Goal statement
• Three letters of recommendation

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 587 TOEFL score (94 on the Internet-based version), minimum 82 MELAB score, minimum 7.0 IELTS score or minimum 65 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies 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
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SPA 70615 CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING 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 70711 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY FOR THE AUDIOLOGIST 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
Graduation Requirements

- Maintain minimum 3.000 overall GPA
- 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 information on this policy contact the Clinical Coordinators for the Speech and Hearing Clinics. Visit the Ohio Department of Education website for more information about background check requirements for those wishing to hold pupil personnel licenses in Ohio. Contact the Office of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education for specific information about the results of the background check.

Licensure Information

Candidates seeking Audiology licensure are required to pass Praxis II test Audiology.