AUDIOLOGY - AU.D.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Health Sciences
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About This Program
The Doctor of Audiology degree program provides you with the theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience needed to excel in this rewarding field. With access to advanced technology and experienced faculty, you'll be prepared to diagnose and treat hearing and balance disorders and make a meaningful impact in patients' lives. Read more...

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Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Audiologists
• 13.3% much faster than the average
• 13,800 number of jobs
• $81,030 potential earnings

Health specialties teachers, postsecondary
• 20.5% much faster than the average
• 254,000 number of jobs
• $99,090 potential earnings

Accreditation
The Doctor of Audiology degree in Audiology (residential) at Kent State University is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, 800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700.

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements
Applications to the Northeast Ohio Audiology Consortium through Kent State University needs to be submitted through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Services (CSDCAS) by the application deadline.
• Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university (not necessarily in speech-language pathology and audiology)
• Minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
• Official college transcript(s)
• GRE scores (starting with fall 2025 admission term, the GRE will no longer be required)
• Goal statement
• Three letters of recommendation
• Starting with fall 2025 admission term: Interview during NOAC Visitation Day or remote videoconference when unable to attend this event
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:1
  • Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
  • Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 65 PTE score
  • Minimum 120 DET score

1 International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Priority deadline: January 15
  Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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SP 70733  ADVANCED ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC AND VESTIBULAR MEASURES  4
SP 70734  PRINCIPLES IN PRECEPTING  1
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SP 70755  LABORATORY FOR ADVANCED ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC AND VESTIBULAR MEASURES  1
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SP 76792  INTERNSHIP II  1

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  120

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major 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, candidates are required to complete Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background checks and submit the results to authorized personnel at their assigned clinic/school/agency personnel 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 the Au.D. degree.

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.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a broad-based knowledge of the foundations, theories and application of audiology.
2. Demonstrate clinical competencies in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hearing and balance disorders.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of research principles and their integration into evidence-based clinical practice in audiology.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in the principles and practices of patient and family-centered care.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the ethical standards and conduct expected in the profession of audiology.

Full 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, 45-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 sequentially with Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Au.D. degree in Audiology is offered in affiliation with the Cleveland Clinic and the University of Akron.