

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY, AU.D.

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Program Description

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree provides an academic and clinical foundation for professionals providing service to children and adults with auditory impairments. Completion of the Au.D. degree qualifies graduates for state licensure in the profession of Audiology and National certification. The program requires four years of full-time study, including summer sessions during the first three years. Thirty-four semester hours of clinical practicum are required.

The Au.D. professional program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is a four-year, residence-based, post-baccalaureate program that culminates in the Au.D. degree. The first three years of the Au.D. student's program includes intensive academic training in conjunction with the progressive development of clinical skills. The final year of the Au.D. program includes a 48-week full-time clinical experience at a high-quality practicum host site.

The Au.D. is a clinically-oriented professional degree. Effective clinical practice in the modern healthcare environment requires critically evaluating research and assessing intervention outcomes. These skills will be developed through courses in research methods and statistics and the development of a capstone research project.

By fulfilling departmental requirements, students will meet all academic and clinical practicum requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Certificate of Clinical Competence and State of Oklahoma Licensure.

Program Defined

The entry-level degree needed to practice audiology is the doctor of audiology (Au.D.) degree. Audiologists may hold a doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree with emphasis in audiology. Licensure is required to practice audiology. Audiologists may choose to hold certification from the American Board of Audiology and/or the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association. Audiologists provide comprehensive diagnostic and rehabilitative services to individuals with auditory disorders, vestibular disorders, and related disorders. These services are provided to individuals across the age span from birth through adulthood; to individuals from diverse language, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds and individuals with multiple disabilities.

Cost

Students may expect additional costs that include but are not limited to a personal computer, textbooks, lab fees, insurance, and supplies. Students are required to assume financial responsibilities for expenses associated with clinical requirements. For financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid Office (<http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/>) at (405) 271-2118.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

Accreditation

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) education program in audiology (residential) at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center 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.

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology awarded the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Audiology Program accreditation for eight years beginning March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2025.

Admissions Procedure

1. Complete an application through the Communication Science and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) (<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>);
2. As part of the application process through CSDCAS, you will complete an online asynchronous interview/assessment through Kira Talent;
3. Three evaluations (also called Letters of Recommendation) are required and should communicate the abilities of the applicant's success in graduate school. This will be submitted through CSDCAS;
4. Complete an online application through the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Office of Admissions and Records (<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>);
5. Submit official, sealed transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended directly to CSDCAS:
 - a. Transcripts sent directly to the OUHS Admissions and Records will not be considered for the application as they must be assessed by CSDCAS
 - b. If previous coursework is from colleges or universities outside of the US, have all transcripts/mark sheets processed through World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>) (WES);
6. Selection
 - a. Once an application is complete, including the CSDCAS application, Kira Talent Assessment, Official Transcripts, and OUHS Application, it will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning October 1st.
 - i. Decisions may include admitted, waitlisted, or denied. We do not publish our waitlist and will continue to admit students until the class is filled, which may continue through Summer 2025.
 - ii. Admitted applicants will be notified via an electronic letter sent by OU Health Sciences Admissions and Records. Waitlisted or Denied students will be notified via CSDCAS of their status.
 - iii. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they have provided a correct email address in both CSDCAS and the OU application systems and be monitoring their email for updates.
7. Admitted applicants must accept their position according to the timeline communicated on their electronic letter received through OU Health Sciences Admissions and Records, or the position will be considered declined. If admitted, applicants must accept their position by paying a non-refundable deposit, which will be applied toward tuition and fees during the first term.

8. Students are required to attend a mandatory orientation the week before the start of their first semester beginning in August 2025 as well as meet all university compliance and eligibility requirements. Admission is conditional based on meeting all requirements and the college reserves the right to rescind admission offers up until the start of the first week of school.

Curriculum

Lateral Entry

Code	Title	Hours
CSD 7113	Terminology in CSD	3
CSD 7443	Foundations of Speech Language Development	3
CSD 7463	Foundations of Audiology	3
CSD 9153	Sign Language I	3
CSD 7423	Anatomy and Physiology of the Hearing Mechanism	3
CSD 7453	Clinical Observations in CSD	3
CSD 7493	Diagnosis and Rehabilitation (DX/RX) in Audiology	3
CSD 7413	Speech and Hearing Science	3

Lateral Entry: For those with an undergraduate degree in a field other than speech/hearing.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall Semester		
CSD 8133	Audiology I	3
CSD 8813	Hearing Science	3
CSD 8173	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology of Hearing	3
CSD 8273	Pathologies of the Auditory System	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	1
Hours		13
Spring Semester		
CSD 8253	Physiologic Measures I	3
CSD 8233	Audiology II	3
CSD 8213	Hearing Aids I	3
CSD 8153	Instrumentation and Electroacoustics	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	1
Hours		13
Summer Semester		
CSD 8313	Pediatric Audiology	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	2
CSD 8490	Special Studies in Communication Disorders	1
Y1 Clinical Skills Assessment		
Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
CSD 8333	Hearing Aid II	3
CSD 8193	Physiology Measures II	3
CSD 8352	Counseling in Audiology	2
CSD 8490	Special Studies in Communication Disorders	2
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	1
CSD 9233	Medical Arts/Otolaryngology Practices	3
Hours		14
Spring Semester		
CSD 9133	Balance Assessment	3
CSD 9213	Advanced Amplification Systems	3
CSD 9273	Adult Aural Rehabilitation	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	1
Hours		10

Summer Semester		
CSD 8293	Industrial Audiology	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	2
CSD 8490	Special Studies in Communication Disorders	2
Y2 Clinical Skills Assessment		
Hours		7
Year 3		
Fall Semester		
CSD 9253	Professional Practices in Audiology	3
CSD 9173	Central Auditory Assessment	3
CSD 9123	Tinnitus and Sound Sensitivities	3
CSD 9142	Ototoxicity and Pharmacology	2
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	2
Hours		13
Spring Semester		
BSE 5163	Biostatistical Methods I	3
CSD 9333	Research Foundations in Communication Disorders	3
CSD 8490	Special Studies in Communication Disorders	4
CSD 9113	Pediatric Habilitation	3
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	1
January Comprehensive Examination		
Hours		14
Summer Semester		
Practicum Rotations (Starting 1st Week of June)		
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	5
Y3 Clinical Skills Assessment		
Hours		5
Year 4		
Fall Semester		
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	9
Hours		9
Spring Semester		
CSD 8420	Practicum in Communication Disorders	9
Practicum Rotations Capstone (Grand Rounds) Presentations		
Hours		9
Total Hours		113

Prerequisites

1. Meet the following degree requirements:
 - a. Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the program.
 - i. If the bachelor's degree is in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) then admitted students will follow a 4-year regular entry curriculum (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Academic-Programs/AuD-Doctor-of-Audiology/#13855149-curriculum>);
 - ii. If the bachelor's degree is not in CSD, admitted students will additionally be enrolled in 24 semester hours of leveling coursework (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1058/Assets/documents/CSD/AuD%20Lateral%20Entry%20Policy.pdf?ver=2022-10-27-160953-683>) as part of a lateral entry;
2. AND meet the following GPA requirements:
 - a. At minimum, earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in the last 60 hours of coursework applied to the degree OR at minimum, earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on graded graduate coursework of 12 or more hours;
 - b. The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences does not recognize academic forgiveness nor reprieve policies (<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/How-to-Apply/>

- Academic-Forgiveness/). All attempts of a course are included in the calculation of GPAs;
- c. Courses taken during the spring 2020 semester may have a “P” for passing or “S” for satisfactory due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that the required minimum GPA still applies;
 - d. Be in good standing with the college or university last or currently attending;
 - e. While a 3.0 is the minimum eligibility requirement, please review our admission statistics (<https://alliedhealth.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Information-for-Appling/>) from the previous year to ensure that you are a competitive applicant.
3. There are no required pre-requisite courses, however, it is recommended that applicants complete coursework in Biology, Physics or Chemistry, Behavioral or Social Science, and Statistics before beginning the curriculum or during the first year of the professional degree program. These courses support the successful completion of graduate coursework and are required for national certification as an audiologist.
- a. If your prior courses are from a college or university other than the University of Oklahoma, please refer to the Transfer Equivalency Database (<https://sis.ou.edu/ted/>) to find out if your courses transfer.
4. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is no longer required as part of the application process.
5. If English is a second language, submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (<https://www.ets.org/toefl.html>)(TOEFL) scores. Applicants must earn a minimum score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (Internet-based) within two years prior to application. The CSDCAS TOEFL Designated Institution Code for the AuD program at OUHS is C122. The department may waive TOEFL scores if the applicant provides evidence of graduation from a U.S. High School or a 4-year Bachelor’s degree or higher from a U.S. institution. Click here (<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/International-Aplicants/English-Proficiency-Requirement-TOEFL/>) to review additional information regarding the TOEFL and TOEFL waiver.