

**Au.D. Degree Program
Intercampus Program in Communicative Disorders
The University of Kansas**

Requirements

The Au.D. program is designed to prepare students to meet the academic and clinical requirements for the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence, and is fully accredited by the ASHA Council on Academic Accreditation. The degree is designed to be completed in four years (including summers and with a common entry point in the fall semester). Students who wish to earn both Au.D. and Ph.D. degrees should expect to be enrolled for a minimum of 6 years post-baccalaureate. A minimum of 110 credit hours, which includes academic coursework, independent research, and clinical practicum is required for completion of the Au.D. degree.

Academic Prerequisites

A baccalaureate degree is a prerequisite to enter the graduate programs in Audiology. It is expected that students will have obtained a broad general education to serve as a background prior to their graduate study. Undergraduate coursework in mathematics and in basic and applied sciences is strongly encouraged. If the baccalaureate degree is not in the area of communication sciences and disorders, courses in the following content areas, or their equivalents, may be required for admission to the graduate program:

- Survey/Overview of Communication Disorders
- Language Science/Development
- Research Methods
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Phonetics/Phonological Development
- Audiology (introductory level)

Specific undergraduate course requirements will be determined on an individual basis. Students with a baccalaureate degrees in an area other than communication disorders who wish to apply to the Au.D. program are urged to contact the chair of the Au.D. admissions committee as soon as possible.

Courses

In addition to a minimum of 2000 hours of supervised clinical practicum, the current required courses for completion of the Au.D. degree include:

- AUD 805 Clinical Research (1 credit)
- AUD 810 Diagnostic Audiology (4 credits)
- AUD 811 Hearing Disorders (3 credits)
- AUD 813 Psychoacoustics (3 credits)
- AUD 814 Hearing Conservation (3 credits)
- AUD 815 Counseling (3 credits)
- AUD 816 Speech Perception (2 credits)
- AUD 817 Pediatric Audiology (3 credits)
- AUD 818 Vestibular Systems/Rehabilitation (3 credits)

- AUD 819 Hearing Aids I (3 credits)
 AUD 820 Rehabilitative Audiology (3 credits)
 AUD 821 Hearing Aids II (3 credits)
 AUD 822 Electroacoustics and Instrumentation (3 credits)
 AUD 823 Cochlear Implants and Hearing Assistance Technologies (2 credits)
 AUD 829 Anatomy and Physiology of the Hearing and Vestibular Mechanisms (3 credits)
 AUD 851 Auditory Evoked Potentials (3 credits)
 AUD 940 Seminar in:
- Auditory Processing Disorders (2 credits)
 - Business Audiology (1 credits)
 - Grand Rounds (8 hours, 1 hour/semester every fall and spring semester)
 - Genetics of Hearing Loss (2 credits)
 - Imaging (1 credits)
 - Pharmacology in Audiology (1 credits)
 - Professional Issues (1 credits)

Audiology Clinic Courses (29 credits minimum)

- Years 1 and 2: AUD 843 Clinic Practicum (minimum of 12 credits; 1 credit = ½ day/week in clinic during fall and spring, 1 day/week in summer)
- Year 3: AUD 944 Clinic Rotations (minimum of 17 credits; 1 credit = 1 day/week in clinic during fall and spring, 2 days/week in summer).
- Year 4: AUD 945 Clinic Externship (minimum of 15 credits; 5 days/week in clinic = 6 credits during fall and spring, 3 credits in summer).

Independent Study (4 credit hours minimum)

- AUD 846 (1-3/semester) – leading to the completion of a research project, which will be completed by the end of the spring semester of Year 3.

Electives (15 credit hours minimum, at least 6 of which must be research courses)

- To be determined in consultation with Advisor

Additional Requirements

- Successful completion of the PRAXIS examination at the end of 2 full years of graduate study.
- Research Project completed via enrollment in AUD 846 – Independent Study (see above).

The post master's to AuD (doctor of Audiology) option in Audiology gives practicing Audiologists the opportunity to advance their knowledge and comply with the entry level degree standards. The program focuses on areas of study which have made recent advances in the profession.

Admission. The applicant must have earned a Masters degree in Audiology and hold either a state license to practice Audiology and/or the American Speech Language Hearing (ASHA) certificate of clinical competence (CCC-A). The applicant must meet general entrance requirements qualifying them for regular admission to Graduate Studies. The applicant must provide documentation of a research project or complete a piece of research as a part of the AuD program. In addition to the graduate application form and application fee, the application should include:

1. Official transcript showing the MA/MS degree in Audiology with a minimum 3.33 GPA.
2. A copy of the MA thesis or research project (or publications)
3. Resume that details clinical work experience, continuing education transcripts and other professional activities since the master's degree was awarded.
4. A letter of intent explaining why you are seeking the AuD degree at KU and the areas in which you wish to gain knowledge.
5. Three letters of recommendation

Degree Requirements: Post Masters to Doctor of Audiology (Clinical Doctorate). In addition to showing evidence of a research project, the student will successfully complete 27-30 credit hours of graduate work beyond the masters degree to be determined based on areas of deficiency in the masters degree and the professional goals of the student. If a student did not complete a research project for the master's degree that included a written document and oral examination, they must do so for completion of the AuD degree. This project will be overseen by a committee of two faculty members, one of whom will serve as the project mentor. Completion of this requirement includes the submission of a written document and an oral presentation at the annual AuD student research symposium. The symposium is held yearly in the spring semester and attended by all students and faculty. The submitted manuscript and oral presentation shall comprise the written comprehensive and oral defense examinations, respectively, necessary for degree completion.