

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

Requirements

The Au.D. program prepares 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 107 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 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.

Clinical Prerequisites

Students are required to have completed 25 clock hours of directed clinical observation before beginning graduate clinical practicum. If observation hours are needed, those must be obtained prior to clinic participation.

Courses

In addition to a minimum of 1850 hours of supervised clinical practicum, the current required courses for completion of the Au.D. degree include:

Course Number, Title and (Credit Hours)

AUD:

805 Clinical Research (1)

810 Diagnostic Audiology (4)

811 Hearing Disorders (3)

- 813 Psychoacoustics (3)
- 814 Hearing Conservation (3)
- 815 Counseling (3)
- 816 Speech Perception (2)
- 817 Pediatric Audiology (3)
- 818 Vestibular Systems/Rehabilitation (3)
- 819 Hearing Aids I (3)
- 820 Rehabilitative Audiology (3)
- 821 Hearing Aids II (3)
- 822 Electroacoustics and Instrumentation (3)
- 823 Cochlear Implants and Hearing Assistance Technologies (2)
- 829 Anatomy and Physiology of the Hearing and Vestibular Mechanisms (3)
- 851 Auditory Evoked Potentials (3)
- 940 Seminar in:
 - Auditory Processing Disorders (2)
 - Business Audiology (1)
 - Genetics of Hearing Loss (2)
 - Imaging (1)
 - Pharmacology in Audiology (2)
- 941 Grand Rounds in Audiology (6 hours, 1 hour/semester every fall and spring semester for first three years).

Other required courses:

PRVM 800 Epidemiology (3)

Minimum of 6 credit hours required in basic statistics and ANOVA

Audiology Clinic Courses (29 credit hours minimum)

Years 1 and 2: AUD 843 Clinic Practicum (minimum of 12 credit hours; 1 credit hour = ½ day/week in clinic during fall and spring, 1 day/week in summer)

Year 3: AUD 944 Clinic Rotations (minimum of 17 credit hours; 1 credit hour = 1 day/week in clinic during fall and spring, 2 days/week in summer).

Year 4: AUD 945 Clinic Externship (minimum of 15 credit hours; 5 days/week in clinic = 6 credit hours during fall and spring, 3 credit hours 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 (6 credit hours minimum)

To be determined in consultation with Advisor

Additional Requirements

- Successful completion of the PRAXIS examination at the end of 3 full years of graduate study.
- Research Project completed via enrollment in AUD 846 – Independent Study (see above).