Audiology

The Au.D. is a four-year post baccalaureate professional doctoral degree program. Doctors of Audiology are independent professionals who specialize in the diagnosis, management and treatment of hearing and balance disorders.

The Au.D. program, which is known as the Northeast Ohio Au.D. Consortium (NOAC), is a joint degree program administered by The University of Akron and Kent State University. NOAC is a single unified program of faculty, students, facilities, and resources. Students take classes and participate in clinic at both The University of Akron and Kent State University. Students must choose to be admitted to NOAC either through The University of Akron or Kent State University and they will register for courses on the campus where they are admitted. All classes are cross-listed.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Graduate Record Examination scores
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement of purpose as to why the applicant wishes to become an audiologist

All application material must be received by January 15.

Degree Requirements

The Au.D. curriculum is a continuous 44 month post-baccalaureate course of study designed to integrate classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences. All students will attend full-time and take the same courses in appropriate sequence. The emphasis of the program is on the principles and practices underlying evaluation, treatment, and provision of hearing care and balance services.

For progression and graduation, students must meet the following degree requirements:

- Maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0
- Complete a minimum of 120 semester credits
- Accrue 2000 clock hours of clinical experience
- Meet the requirements for Ohio licensure in Audiology
- Pass academic and clinical competency-based examinations

Required Courses

- 7700:701 Basic and Applied Physical Acoustics for Audiology (4 credits)
- 7700:702 Anatomy and Physiology of the Peripheral Auditory and Vestibular System (3 credits)
- 7700:711 Speech-Language Pathology for the Audiologist (3 credits)
- 7700:712 Diagnosis of Auditory Disorders (3 credits)
- 7700:713 Hearing Aid Technology (4 credits)
- 7700:714 Gerontological Issues in Audiology (3 credits)
- 7700:715 Central Auditory Processing: Evaluation and Management (2 credits)
- 7700:717 Pediatric Audiology (3 credits)
- 7700:719 Counseling in Audiology (3 credits)
- 7700:721 Evaluation and Management of Balance Disorders (3 credits)
- 7700:725 Medical Management of Auditory Disorders (2 credits)
- 7700:726 Electrophysiological Techniques in Audiology (3 credits)
- 7700:727 Multicultural Issues in Audiology (2 credits)
- 7700:728 Seminar in Audiology (2 credits)
- 7700:730 Practice Management in Audiology (3 credits)
- 7700:731 Fourth Year Seminar* (1 credit)
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- 7700:732 Audiologic Treatment Across the Lifespan (4 credits)
- 7700:734 Principles of Precepting (1 credit)
- 7700:747 Graduate Audiologist I (3 credits)
- 7700:748 Graduate Audiologist II (3 credits)
- 7700:749 Graduate Audiologist III (6 credits)
- 7700:750 Graduate Audiologist IV (8 credits)
- 7700:751 Graduate Audiologist V (8 credits)
- 7700:752 Clerkship I (1 credit)
- 7700:753 Clerkship II (1 credit)
- 7700:754 Internship I (1 credit)
- 7700:755 Internship II (1 credit)
- 7700:756 Internship III (2 credits)
- 7700:757 Internship IV (2 credits)
- 7700:758 Implantable Technology (4 credits)
- 7700:760 Hearing Aid Fitting & Selection Across the Lifespan (4 credits)
- 7700:761 Advanced Electrophysiologic & Vestibular Measures (4 credits)
- Students are required to register for two semesters of 7700:731 Fourth Year Seminar