

AUDIOLOGY, AU.D.

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. Classes are held at Kent State University for the first two semesters of the program with second and third-year classes held at the University of Akron. Students will 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
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement of purpose as to why the applicant wishes to become an audiologist
- Interview during the NOAC Visitation Day or a virtual/remote interview if unable to attend

All application materials must be received through CSDCAS (<https://csdcas.liaisoncas.org/>) by December 15.

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Degree Requirements

The Au.D. curriculum is a continuous 45 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
- Complete all required courses

Required Courses

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| SLPA 701 | Basic and Applied Physical Acoustics for Audiology | 4 |

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| SLPA 702 | Anatomy and Physiology of the Peripheral Auditory and Vestibular System | 4 |
| SLPA 703 | Speech Acoustics and Speech Perception | 2 |
| SLPA 704 | Critical Analysis of Research in Audiology I | 2 |
| SLPA 705 | Auditory Disorders | 2 |
| SLPA 706 | Anatomy & Physiology Underlying Neuro-Otology | 4 |
| SLPA 707 | Psychoacoustics | 3 |
| SLPA 708 | Critical Analysis of Research in Audiology II | 2 |
| SLPA 709 | Audiologic Assessment | 3 |
| SLPA 710 | Industrial and Community Noise | 3 |
| SLPA 712 | Diagnosis of Auditory Disorders | 3 |
| SLPA 713 | Hearing Aid Technology | 4 |
| SLPA 714 | Gerontological Issues in Audiology | 3 |
| SLPA 715 | Central Auditory Processing: Evaluation and Management | 2 |
| SLPA 717 | Pediatric Audiology | 3 |
| SLPA 719 | Counseling in Audiology | 3 |
| SLPA 721 | Evaluation and Management of Balance Disorders | 3 |
| SLPA 725 | Medical Management of Auditory Disorders | 2 |
| SLPA 726 | Electrophysiological Techniques in Audiology | 3 |
| SLPA 727 | Multicultural Issues in Audiology | 2 |
| SLPA 728 | Seminar in Audiology | 2 |
| SLPA 730 | Practice Management in Audiology | 3 |
| SLPA 731 | Fourth Year Seminar ¹ | 1 |
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| SLPA 732 | Audiologic Treatment Across the Lifespan | 4 |
| SLPA 734 | Principles of Precepting | 1 |
| SLPA 735 | Laboratory for Electrophysiologic Techniques in Audiology | 1 |
| SLPA 736 | Laboratory for the Evaluation and Management of Balance Disorders | 1 |
| SLPA 737 | Laboratory for Advanced Electrophysiological and Vestibular Measures | 1 |
| SLPA 747 | Graduate Audiologist I | 3 |
| SLPA 748 | Graduate Audiologist II | 3 |
| SLPA 749 | Graduate Audiologist III | 6 |
| SLPA 750 | Graduate Audiologist IV | 8 |
| SLPA 751 | Graduate Audiologist V | 8 |
| SLPA 752 | Clerkship I | 1 |
| SLPA 753 | Clerkship II | 1 |
| SLPA 754 | Internship I | 1 |
| SLPA 755 | Internship II | 1 |
| SLPA 756 | Internship III | 2 |
| SLPA 757 | Internship IV | 2 |
| SLPA 758 | Implantable Technology | 4 |
| SLPA 760 | Hearing Aid Fitting & Selection Across the Lifespan | 4 |
| SLPA 761 | Advanced Electrophysiologic & Vestibular Measures | 4 |

Total Hours 120

¹ Students are required to register for two semesters of SLPA 731 Fourth Year Seminar