



Degree Requirements for the Doctor of Audiology degree (AUD)

The Department offers a post-baccalaureate Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) program for students interested in clinical practice in audiology. The Au.D. program is a 4-year program and is designed to extend over 11- 12 semesters of consecutive full-time enrollment. The final year of the program is devoted primarily to an extended clinical externship. The Au.D. program will prepare students for licensure in the state of Ohio and certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CCC's).

Overview:

Year One: The first two semesters are focused entirely on coursework and preparation of clinical practice. A qualifying examination based on the first two semester's studies is given during Finals week of Spring Semester. If a student fails to pass the qualifying examination, they may retake the examination during Summer Session. The retake typically occurs 6 weeks after the first examination. If a student fails to pass the qualifying examination on the retake, the Department asks the Graduate School to dismiss the student from the program. In addition to continuing coursework during Summer Session, successful students also commence audiology clinical practicum.

Year Two: The balance between coursework and practicum continues during year two. By Spring Semester students are expected to have selected their Capstone advisor and commenced their Capstone Projects.

- **Capstone Project:** Each student is required to complete a Capstone Project during the course of the Au.D. program. During the 2nd year of the program, each student must declare which of three options Capstone options they will complete: 1) Research Project, 2) Case Study or 3) Specialization (see descriptions below). Each option requires a **minimum of 10 credit hours** to be completed between spring semester of the 2nd year and spring semester of the 3rd year.
 - **Research Project:** Students, in consultation with their advisors, will design and conduct a research project that will culminate in a research manuscript (i.e., Capstone document) comparable to a Master's thesis. Students who choose this option should begin their project no later than summer of their 2nd year and must enroll in a minimum of 10 semester credits of Capstone hours (SHS 8997) over the course of their 2nd and 3rd years.
 - **Case Study:** Students, in consultation with their advisors, will identify a clinical case of interest, complete a comprehensive case study description, and review the relevant literature both broadly and deeply, culminating in a scholarly paper. Students who choose this option should begin their project no later than summer of their 2nd year and must enroll in a minimum of 10



semester credits of Capstone hours (SHS 8997) over the course of their 2nd and 3rd years.

- Specialization: The student, in consultation with their advisor, will complete coursework outside the department (minimum 6 semester credit hours) in a specific topic area. The specialization must culminate in a scholarly and original paper (i.e., Capstone document) on the specialization topic and its importance to the profession of audiology. Students who choose this option should begin taking courses spring semester of their 2nd year, and must complete 6 credit hours outside the department and 4 credits of Capstone hours (SHS 8997) by the end of spring semester of their 3rd year.

Year Three: The balance between coursework and practicum continues in the first two semesters of this year. Summer Session marks the beginning of the three-semester clinical externship. To begin the 4th year clinical externship, students must successfully complete the Au.D. Professional Doctoral Examination. Successful completion will indicate student preparedness for the 4th year clinical externship. The Professional Examination is administered in a sit-down format during the first week of Autumn semester of the 3rd year of the program.

Year Four: This final year is comprised of Summer, Autumn, and Spring semesters, and potentially a final Summer semester. Students are placed in an extended clinical experience (4th Year Clinical Externship) during this time. Students should expect to leave the Columbus metropolitan area for their 4th year clinical externship, as there are few opportunities with the metropolitan area. There is a final oral examination based on the Capstone Project. The final oral examination is scheduled as soon as the Capstone project is complete and approved by the student's advisor, but must occur no later than March of the 4th year. Hooding and graduation occur at the end of Spring semester.



For detailed course descriptions for the courses listed below, search the [Course Catalog](#)

Subject Area = Speech and Hearing Science

Academic Career = Graduate

AuD Curriculum and Program Requirements

Year 1: Autumn Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6143	Professional Issues	Hazelbaker	2
6705	Audiologic Assessment I	Roup	3
6775	Anatomy & Physiology of the Auditory System	Bielefeld	4
6850	Advanced Hearing Science	Feth	4
Total Credits:			13

Year 1: Spring Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6243	Professional Issues	Hazelbaker	2
6706	Audiologic Assessment II	Hazelbaker	3
6735	Hearing Aids I	Baxter	3
6786	Statistics for Speech and Hearing Science	Fox	3
7343	Clinical Seminar: Counseling/Report Writing	Goodman	1
Total Credits:			12

¹AuD Qualifying Examination

Year 1: Summer Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6707	Audiologic Assessment III	LaChance	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	Whitelaw	3
7835	Hearing Aids II	Baxter	3
Total Credits:			9

¹AuD Qualifying Examination: is a cumulative examination covering all courses taken during the first 2 semesters of the AuD curriculum. There are two written components (basic science & clinical applications) and one practical component. A passing score is required in order to begin clinical practicum. Students who fail may re-take the examination once at the end of Summer session.



Year 2: Autumn Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6708	Assessment IV (electrophysiology)	Bielefeld	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	Whitelaw	3
7143	Clinical Seminar: HA Applications	Goodman	1
7805	Pediatric Audiology I	Holt	3
7806	Adult Hearing Disorders	Baxter/Dodson	3
7825	Speech Perception of the Normal & Impaired Ear	Healy	3
Total Credits:			16

Year 2: Spring Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6733	Adult Audiologic Rehabilitation	Roup	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	Whitelaw	3
7243	Clinical Seminar: Ethics & EBP	Whitelaw	1
7807	Pediatric Audiology II	Whitelaw	4
8931	Cochlear Implants (odd years)	Holt	2
8933	Tinnitus (even years)	Whitelaw	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	Bielefeld	2
Total Credits:			15+

²Specialization Coursework

Year 2: Summer Session

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	Whitelaw	3
7891	Clinical Seminar: Resumes & Interviewing	Whitelaw	1
8997	Capstone Project	Advisor	variable
8936	Practice Management in Audiology	Squires	3
Total Credits:			4+

²Specialization Coursework



Year 3: Autumn Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
7843	Advanced Practicum in Audiology	Goodman	3
8935	Seminary: Research to Practice/Grand Rounds	Roup	2
8997	Capstone Project	Advisor	Variable

²Specialization Coursework

³3rd Year Professional Doctoral Examination

²Specialization Capstone: Students choosing the Specialization Capstone option will put together an approved sequence of courses (6 semester hours). The courses can come from those offered in the department (e.g., 8950s, ASL, school certification, or SLP courses), or from courses outside the department (e.g., early intervention or geriatrics specialization, neuroscience minor, or an approved outside sequence), but must be approved by the faculty audiology advisory committee.

³3rd-Year Professional Doctoral Examination: In order to begin the clinical externship, students must successfully complete the AuD Professional Doctoral Examination. This examination is designed to test the student’s fundamental knowledge of the field of audiology and the student’s ability to think and express ideas clearly. Successful completion will indicate student preparedness for the 4th-year professional experience and completion of a Capstone project.

Year 3: Spring Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
7843	Advanced Practicum in Audiology	Whitelaw	3
8931	Cochlear Implants (odd years)	Holt	2
8933	Tinnitus (even years)	Whitelaw	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	Bielefeld	2
8997	Capstone Project	Advisor	variable
Total Credits:			9+

²Specialization Coursework

Year 3: Summer Session

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
8943	Externship	Whitelaw	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	Advisor	1
Total Credits:			3+



Year 4: Autumn Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
8943	Externship	Whitelaw	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	Advisor	1
Total Credits:			3+

Year 4: Spring Semester

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
8943	Externship	Whitelaw	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	Advisor	1
Total Credits:			3+

⁵Year 4: Summer Session

Number	Course Title	Faculty	Credits
8943	Externship	Whitelaw	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	Advisor	1
Total Credits:			3+

⁴Final Oral Examination

⁴Final Oral Examination: The purpose of the Final Oral Examination is a defense of the student's Capstone Document. The Final Oral Examination is attended by the student and the members of their Capstone Committee. The Final Oral Examination can occur any time after the student's advisor has approved the final Capstone Document, but must occur by early April to ensure a spring semester graduation.

⁵Completion of the AuD program and graduation depends upon the start and completion dates of the 4th year externship. The 4th year externship is the equivalent of one year (minimum 11 months). For example, a student who begins in May and finishes in April is eligible for spring commencement. On the other hand, a student who begins in July and finishes in June is eligible for summer commencement.