# Degree Requirements for the Doctor of Audiology degree (AUD)

# For students who entered program before 2023

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 be 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**](https://courses.osu.edu/psp/csosuct/EMPLOYEE/PUB/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.OSR_CAT_SRCH.GBL)

***Subject Area = Speech and Hearing Science Academic Career = Graduate***

# AuD Curriculum and Program Requirements Year 1: Autumn Semester

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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**

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| 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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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

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| 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**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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**

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

**Year 4: Autumn Semester**

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

**Year 4: Spring Semester**

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

**5Year 4: Summer Session**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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.