

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 on coursework and preparation of clinical practice. A qualifying examination based on the first two semesters' 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 Au.D. program. 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 an annotated bibliography and a poster. 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 an annotated bibliography and a poster. 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 an annotated bibliography and a poster 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 shifts with more clinic than classroom hours 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 the first week of June at the beginning of the 3rd year of the program. In year 3, students should complete a final oral examination based on their Capstone Project. The final oral examination is scheduled as soon as the Capstone project is complete and approved by the student's advisor.

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. If not already completed, the final oral examination based on the Capstone project must be scheduled. In order to graduate, the oral examination must be completed by mid-March of the 4th year. The AuD Hooding Ceremony and the University Commencement occur at the end of Spring semester.



Au.D. Curriculum

Year 1: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6143	Professional Issues I	2
6705	Audiologic Assessment I	3
6775	Anatomy & Physiology	4
7825	Speech Perception in the Normal and Impaired Ear	3
Total:		12

Year 1: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6243	Professional Issues II	2
6706	Audiologic Assessment II: Introduction to Objective Audiologic Assessments	3
6735	Hearing Aids I	3
6850	Advanced Hearing Science	4
7343	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Counseling/Report Writing	1
Total:		13

Qualifying Examination (Finals Week)

If a student fails the Qualifying Examination, they will be withheld from Clinical Practicum. Options if a student fails: 1) retake the exam during summer session; OR 2) retake the following spring semester, which will result in a one-year delay in the final externship placement and graduation.

Year 1: Summer Session

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6707	Audiologic Assessment III	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7835	Hearing Aids II	3
Total:		9

Year 2: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7143	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Hearing Aid Applications	1
7500	Vestibular Diagnostics and Case Management	3
7805	Pediatric Audiology I	3
7806	Adult Hearing Disorders	3
Total:		13

Year 2: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7243	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Ethics/EBP	1
7807	Pediatric Audiology II	4
8931	Cochlear Implants	3
8933	Tinnitus (odd years)	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	2
8997	Capstone Project (Research or Case Study Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
Total:		13+

Year 2: Summer Session

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7891	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Resumes & Interviewing	1
8936	Practice Management in Audiology	2
8997	Capstone Project (Research or Case Study Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
Total:		6+

Professional Doctoral Examination (1st week of June)

If a student fails any portion of the examination, they will be required to retake. If the retake is unsatisfactory, the student will be given an alternate format examination. If a student fails the final attempt, the Department will ask the Graduate School to deny the student further enrollment in the Au.D. program.

Year 3: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6708	Assessment IV: Advanced Topics in Objective Assessments	3
6733	Adult Audiologic Rehabilitation	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (Research or Case Study Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
Total:		9+

Year 3: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
8933	Tinnitus (odd years)	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	2
8935	Research to Practice	3
8997	Capstone Project (Research or Case Study Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
Total:		8+

Externship Commences

Year 3: Summer Session

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	1
Total:		3+



Year 4: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	1
Total:		3+

Year 4: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	1
Total:		3+

***Year 4: Summer Session**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (if not completed)	1
Total:		3+

Final Oral Examination (Capstone defense):

To be completed no later than mid- March of the 4th year to be eligible for graduation spring semester.

**Completion of the Au.D. program and graduation depends upon the start and completion dates of the 4th year externship.*