

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> year and spring semester of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical externship, students must successfully complete the Au.D. Professional Doctoral Examination. Successful completion will indicate student preparedness for the 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical externship. The Professional Examination is administered in a sit-down format during the first week of Autumn semester of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Year Clinical Externship) during this time. Students should expect to leave the Columbus metropolitan area for their 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> year. Hooding and graduation occur at the end of Spring semester.



## Au.D. Curriculum

### Year 1: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6143	Professional Issues	2
6705	Audiologic Assessment I	3
6775	Anatomy & Physiology	4
6850	Advanced Hearing Science	4
<b>Total:</b>		<b>13</b>

### Year 1: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6243	Professional Issues	2
6706	Audiologic Assessment II	3
6735	Hearing Aids I	3
6786	Statistics in Speech and Hearing Science	3
7343	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Counseling/Report Writing	1
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12</b>

### 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
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9</b>



**Year 2: Autumn Semester**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6708	Audiologic Assessment IV	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7143	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Hearing Aid Applications	1
7805	Pediatric Audiology I	3
7806	Adult Hearing Disorders	3
7825	Speech Perception in the Normal and Impaired Ear	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>16</b>

**Year 2: Spring Semester**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6733	Adult Audiologic Rehabilitation	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7243	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Ethics/Evidence Based Prac	1
7807	Pediatric Audiology II	4
8931	Cochlear Implants (odd years)	2
8933	Tinnitus (even years)	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	2
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
<b>Total:</b>		<b>15+</b>

**Year 2: Summer Session**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7891	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Resumes & Interviewing	1
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
<b>Total:</b>		<b>4+</b>



**Year 3: Autumn Semester**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
8935	Seminar: Research to Practice	2
TBD	Practice Management in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8+</b>

**Professional Doctoral Examination (1<sup>st</sup> week of semester)**

*If a student fails any portion of the examination, they will be required to rewrite. If the rewrite is unsatisfactory, the student will be given the option of retaking the examination. If a student fails the retake, the Department will ask the Graduate School to deny the student further enrollment in the Au.D. program.*

**Year 3: Spring Semester**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
8931	Cochlear Implants (odd years)	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	2
8933	Tinnitus (even years)	2
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9+</b>

**Externship Commences**

**Year 3: Summer Session**

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



**Year 4: Autumn Semester**

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

**Year 4: Spring Semester**

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

**\*Year 4: Summer Session**

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

**Final Oral Examination:**

*To be completed no later than March of the 4<sup>th</sup> year in order to be eligible for graduation spring semester.*

*\*Completion of the Au.D. program and graduation depends upon the start and completion dates of the 4<sup>th</sup> year externship. The 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*