



Degree Requirements for the Doctor of Audiology degree (Au.D.)

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 semesters of consecutive full-time enrollment. The final year of the program is devoted primarily to an extended clinical externship. The Au.D. program prepares students for certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and for licensure in the state of Ohio.

Overview:

Year One: The first two semesters are focused entirely on coursework and preparation for clinical practice. A qualifying examination based on the first two semester's studies is given in Finals week of spring semester. If a student fails to pass the qualifying examination, she/he may retake the examination during summer session. The retake typically occurs 6 weeks after the initial exam is taken. 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. While coursework continues in Summer Session, students who pass the initial exam also commence clinical practicum.

Year Two: The balance between coursework and practicum continues this year. By Spring Semester students are expected to have selected 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 two Capstone options she/he will complete: 1) Research Project, or 2) 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. 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.
 - **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 & 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 3-semester externship (4th-Year Clinical Externship).

Year Four: This final year is comprised of autumn, spring, and, potentially, summer semesters. Students are placed in an extended clinical experience (4th-Year Clinical Externship) during this time. Student should expect to leave the Columbus metropolitan area for their 4th-year clinical externship, because there are few opportunities with the metropolitan area. Recall that the final oral examination for the Capstone project must occur no later than March of the 4th year. Hooding and graduation occur at the end of spring semester.

Au.D. Curriculum

Year 1: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6858	Introduction to Auditory Neuroscience	3
6143	Professional Issues	2
6705	Audiologic Assessment I	3
6766	Acoustics & Instrumentation	3
6775	Anatomy & Physiology	4
Total:		15

Year 1: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6243	Professional Issues	2
6706	Audiologic Assessment II	3
6735	Hearing Aids I	3
6786	Research Methods II	3
7343	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Counseling/Report Writing	1
Total:		12

Qualifying Examination (Finals Week)

If a student fails the Qualifying Examination, she/he will be withheld from Clinical Practicum. Options if a student fails: 1) retake at the end of the summer; 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 (May + Summer)

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

Year 2: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
6708	Audiologic Assessment IV	3
6843	Practicum in Audiology	3
7805	Pediatric Audiology I	3
7806	Adult Hearing Disorders	3
7143	Clinical Seminar in Hearing Disorders: Hearing Aid Applications	1
7820	Acoustic Phonetics	3
Total:		16

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/EBP	1
7807	Pediatric Audiology II	4
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
Total:		15+

Year 2: Summer Session (May + Summer)

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
Total:		4+

Year 3: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
7843	Advanced Practicum in Audiology	3
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
	*Practice Management – Choose from Optometry series	
Total:		3+

Professional Doctoral Examination (mid-semester)

If a student fails any portion of the examination, she/he 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
7843	Advanced Practicum in Audiology	3
8931	Cochlear Implants (odd years)	2
8934	Hearing Conservation (even years)	2
8933	Tinnitus (even years)	2
8950	Seminar: Research to Practice/Grand Rounds	2
8997	Capstone Project (Research Capstone)	variable
	Specialization Coursework (Specialization Capstone)	variable
	*Practice Management – Choose from Optometry series	
Total:		9+

**Students are required to take a minimum of 2 credits of Practice Management (business) courses through the Department of Optometry during their 3rd year.*

Year 3: Summer Session (May + Summer)

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
Total:		3

Year 4: Autumn Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
Total:		3

Year 4: Spring Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
Total:		3

****Year 4: Summer Session**

Course #	Course Title	Credits
8943	Externship in Audiology	3
Total:		3

Final Oral Examination:

To be completed no later than March of the 4th 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 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.*