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The Program

The University of Florida's Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) was one of the first to be offered in the nation. Since 1998, this innovative program has combined classroom learning, cutting edge research and a wide range of clinical experiences to provide students with a truly comprehensive academic and clinical education. The University of Florida's Audiology program has been recognized as one of the nation's top Au.D. programs. In 2008, **U.S. News & World Report** placed Florida's Doctor of Audiology Program 6th in rankings among all U.S. graduate audiology programs.

The Degree

The 30 Best Careers in 2009 (U.S. News and World Report, Dec.11, 2008) cited job satisfaction among the reasons audiologists were listed in the top thirty best careers. An Au.D. from the University of Florida will place you in a position to take advantage of career opportunities in this field. This credential will continually provide recognition for you, throughout your professional career, no matter where it may take you.

Our graduates are qualified to embark on a career in professional audiology and are eligible for state licensure and for certification from the American Board of Audiology and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Application Requirements

Applicants are required to submit an online application with: three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, complete post-secondary transcripts, and an official report of the GRE. TOEFL scores are also required for international applicants.

Eligibility

Applicants should hold at least an earned U.S. bachelor's degree (or its international equivalent). Applicants holding an earned U.S. graduate degree are also encouraged to apply (with the GRE requirement being waived). Additional admission details are available on our website.

Program Options:

Four-year

The 4-year Au.D. program is designed for those individuals entering with an earned bachelor's degree in any field. This 45-month program starts in August.

Two-year

The 2-year Au.D. program is designed for students with a Master's degree in Audiology with little or no professional work experience. The 24-month program starts in August.

"Employment of audiologists is expected to grow 10 percent from 2006 to 2016, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Hearing loss is strongly associated with aging, so rapid growth in older population groups will cause the number of people with hearing and balance impairments to increase markedly. Medical advances also are improving the survival rate of premature infants and trauma victims, who then need assessment and sometimes treatment. Greater awareness of the importance of early identification and diagnosis of hearing disorders in infants also will increase employment...Job prospects will be favorable for those possessing the Au.D. degree."

United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition



The Students

The University of Florida is highly selective in admitting students to its On-Campus Au.D. program. While 75 students apply to the program annually, we only enroll about fifteen students per academic year.

The Graduate School has not established a minimum standard for the combined GRE score for applicants. Applicants average approximately 1080, and those accepted to the program average 1140. An applicant's GRE score, however, is only one measure used in the context of a holistic credential review process by the admissions committee. All applications are reviewed by each member of the admissions committee, and all are considered for admission.

The Faculty

Our nationally recognized faculty reflect forward thinking approaches to graduate education and provide students with exposure to academic, clinical, and research coursework that is innovative and on the cutting edge of the profession. Areas of specialty include but are not limited to: auditory physiology, noise induced hearing loss, vestibular disorders, auditory processing disorders, cochlear implants, audiologic rehabilitation, central mechanisms of hearing, and psychoacoustics.

Awards and Presentations

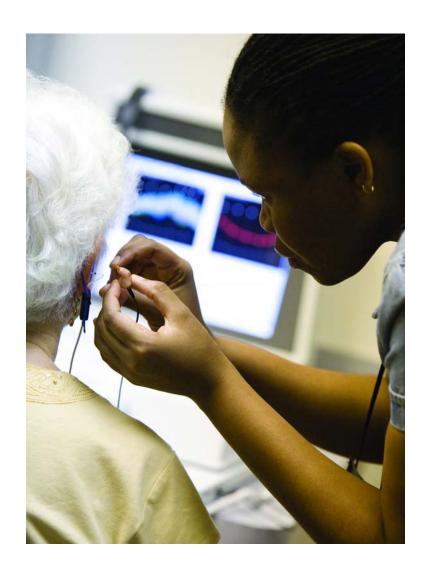
Students and faculty in the On-Campus Au.D. program regularly present research projects at national meetings of the American Academy of Audiology, American Board of Audiology and the Association for Research in Otolaryngology. Audiology graduate students have been awarded the American Academy of Audiology Student Research Award. Each year the American Academy of Audiology awards only five of these highly competitive Student Research awards to graduate students. Students have also received the Leo Doerfler Memorial Scholarship from the Audiology Foundation of America as well as the Audiology Foundation of America's (AFA) Outstanding Student Scholarships. To receive these scholarships, students must be nominated by their program directors and are selected based on academic achievement and professional potential.

ACADEMIC FACULTY

Ken Gerhardt, Ph.D.
Scott Griffiths, Ph.D.
James Hall III, Ph.D.
Alice Holmes, Ph.D.
F. Joseph Kemker, Ph.D.
Pat Kricos, Ph.D.
Colleen Le Prell, Ph.D.
Mini Shrivastav, Ph.D.

CLINICAL FACULTY

Ryan Baker, Au.D.
Michelle Colburn, Au.D.
Noreen Frans, Au.D.
Katie Gray, Au.D.
Kristen Letlow, Au.D.
Sheri Martin, Au.D.
Emily McClain, Au.D.
Stephanie Norris, Au.D.
Debra Shimon, Au.D.
Dana Ulmer, Au.D.
Devon Weist, Au.D.
Robert Yanke, Au.D.



The Experience

Students in the On-Campus Au.D. program enjoy a wide array of experiences in the practice of diagnostic and rehabilitative audiology as well as coursework in theoretical and applied audiologic sciences and research. In conjunction with their supervisory committees, a graduate program is developed for each student to meet his or her specific needs and interests. Interweaving practice with knowledge, the program provides students with the complex and diverse skills necessary to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing hearing health care field.

The University of Florida is home to many worldclass healthcare facilities. Audiology students have access to these facilities which include leading-edge technology and research facilities as well as an internationally renowned faculty.

The Speech and Hearing Center located within the Shands Teaching Hospital complex is the clinical service of the Department of Communicative Disorders. The Center is the area's premier facility for the diagnosis and treatment of hearing, speech and language disorders. The Center focuses on the provision of hearing healthcare services while emphasizing innovative educational programs and cutting-edge applied research.

During their fourth year, students participate in an externship which puts their skills and knowledge to work in a full-time, professional experience. Faculty mentors assist students in finding a placement that meets each student's individual interests and goals. Students are placed throughout the United States in private practices schools, universities, hospitals, and VA clinics.





A small sample of externship locations	State
Arizona Hearing and Balance Center	AZ
Bay Pines VA	FL
Callier Center for Communication Disorders	TX
Carolina Ear and Hearing Clinic, PC	NC
Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Associates	NC
ENT Associates of South Florida	FL
George Washington University	DC
Hearing Solutions, Inc.	FL
Jacksonville Hearing and Balance Institute	FL
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital	FL
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center	FL
Memphis Speech and Hearing Center	TN
Munroe Regional Medical Center	FL
Orange County Physicians' Hearing Services	CA
Pediatric Ear, Nose and Throat of Atlanta	GA
Silverstein Institute	FL
UF Speech and Hearing Clinic	FL
University of San Francisco	CA
VA San Diego Healthcare System	CA
Washington DC VA Medical Center	DC
West Palm Beach VA Medical Center	FL



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	On-Campus Au.D.	Ph.D. in Audiology	Au.D./Ph.D. in Audiology	Distance Learning Au.D.	
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION					
Bachelor's Degree	Any Major	Any Major	Any Major	Any Major	
Master's Degree	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required (in Audiology)	
Professional Work Experience	Not required	Not required	Not required	1 or More Years Post-Masters	
Licensure/ Certification	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required*	
PROGRAM DETAILS					
Credits Hours (semester)	125	90	155 or more	45	
Program Length	4 Years	Variable	Variable	18 Months	

^{*}ABA certification, ASHA certification or a U.S. state license to practice audiology (or its international equivalent).