

# AUDIOLOGY AU.D.

Degree: Applied Doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.)  
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The Applied Doctorate in Audiology program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Au.D. curriculum consists of a minimum of 99 units including the following requirements: a minimum of 35 units of clinical practicum, which includes a one-year clinical externship and a minimum of 7 units of doctoral thesis preparation.

The program of study is intended to train clinicians who will demonstrate competency:

- in oral, written and other forms of communication;
- in scientific and research foundations of practice;
- in prevention and identification of communication disorders;
- in evaluation and treatment of disorders of auditory, balance, communication and related systems;
- by passing department assessments of clinical and academic competency.

The Au.D. degree will prepare the individual for national certification and state licensure. All clinical requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Department of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies must be completed before the Au.D. degree is awarded.

Students must abide by professional and ethical standards established by the department and by ASHA. The audiology program requires that students successfully complete on- and off-campus clinical rotations and an off-campus clinical externship. The on-campus clinic and many of the off-campus placements require a criminal background investigation. A criminal record may prohibit a student from participating in clinical rotations and completing the degree program. Furthermore, a criminal record may prohibit an individual from obtaining the required certification and/or licensure required for professional practice. In addition, students must submit documentation of required immunizations.

Students in graduate ASLD programs will be permitted to repeat a maximum of two courses for which grades of "C" or lower were earned for any required or elective courses.

## Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university\*\* with a minimum GPA of 3.00. All GPA calculations for admission are based upon their entire undergraduate career and/or post-baccalaureate study.
- For international students, a TOEFL score of 600 or above is required (100 iBT) or IELTS score of 7 or above. A U.S. degree does not waive the requirement of TOEFL or IELTS for this program.
- Interview with audiology faculty (face-to-face interview preferred; online or telephone interview may be arranged).
- GRE scores of 290 (verbal and quantitative) on new GRE test.
- Successful completion of the following prerequisite courses:

- A life science course (e.g., biology) (3)
- Behavioral Statistics (3)
- A social science course (e.g., psychology, sociology) (3)
- Phonetics (3) (NOTE: This course may be taken during Au.D. program)
- Basic Mathematics (3)
- A course in physical science (chemistry or physics) (3)
- Language Development (3) (NOTE: This course may be taken during Au.D. program)

Submit the online application (<https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply>) along with the following:

- A one-to two-page essay; students may choose one topic from three choices provided in the application materials.
- GRE scores
- Three letters of recommendation (include admissions rating sheet); recommendations from professors are preferred.

**Non-immigrant international students:** See additional admission information in Graduate Admissions (<https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/international.html>)

\*\*See **Exceptions to Policy** in Graduate Admissions (<https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/policies.html>)

## Degree Requirements

All course work, examinations, writing and clinic practicum clock-hour requirements of the Department of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies must be completed, and students must demonstrate mastery in four areas of audiology: foundations of practice, prevention and identification, evaluation, and treatment, as specified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) before the Au.D. degree is awarded.

## Research Project

Each student will complete an Audiology Doctoral Thesis. This project could be an extensive case study or a research project. Projects will be presented to the ASLD faculty in written and oral form for their evaluation.

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
ACSD 601	PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS	1
ACSD 603	NEUROANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE AUDITORY AND VESTIBULAR SYSTEMS	3
ACSD 604	NEUROANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE CENTRAL AUDITORY AND VESTIBULAR SYSTEMS	2
ACSD 605	COUNSELING IN AUDIOLOGY I	1
ACSD 606	PHARMACOLOGY IN AUDIOLOGY	1
ACSD 607	GENETICS IN AUDIOLOGY	1
ACSD 611	ACOUSTICS AND PSYCHOACOUSTICS	2
ACSD 621	AUDITORY DIAGNOSTICS I	3
ACSD 622	AUDITORY DIAGNOSTICS I LABORATORY	1
ACSD 636	APPLIED STATISTICS	2
ACSD 645	COMMUNICATION AND AGING	3
ACSD 655	HEARING AIDS I: SELECTION, VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION OF AMPLIFICATION	2

ACSD 690	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC ON CAMPUS I	3
ACSD 705	COUNSELING IN AUDIOLOGY II	1
ACSD 706	AUDIOLOGY PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	2
ACSD 714	RESEARCH METHODS IN AUDIOLOGY	2
ACSD 721	AUDITORY DIAGNOSTICS II	3
ACSD 723	MEDICAL AUDIOLOGY	2
ACSD 731	CALIBRATION AND INSTRUMENTATION	1
ACSD 743	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC EVALUATION OF THE PERIPHERAL AUDITORY SYSTEM.	3
ACSD 744	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC EVALUATION OF THE CENTRAL AUDITORY NERVOUS SYSTEM	3
ACSD 745	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC ON CAMPUS II	3
ACSD 746	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC ON CAMPUS III	3
ACSD 747	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC OFF CAMPUS I	2
ACSD 748	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC OFF CAMPUS II	2
ACSD 751	HEARING CONSERVATION	1
ACSD 753	PEDIATRICS AND EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGY	3
ACSD 755	HEARING AIDS II: HEARING AID MODIFICATION	3
ACSD 796	DOCTORAL THESIS PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT I	2
ACSD 797	DOCTORAL THESIS PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT II	2
ACSD 843	VESTIBULAR ASSESSMENT AND REHABILITATION	3
ACSD 844	TINNITUS	1
ACSD 845	VESTIBULAR DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT LAB	1
ACSD 847	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC OFF CAMPUS III	2
ACSD 848	AUDIOLOGY CLINIC OFF CAMPUS IV	2
ACSD 853	COCHLEAR IMPLANT	3
ACSD 855	HEARING AIDS III: SEMINAR IN ADVANCED AMPLIFICATION	3
ACSD 898	AUDIOLOGY DOCTORAL THESIS	3
ACSD 998	AUDIOLOGY CLINICAL EXTERNSHIP (48 weeks)	18
Total Units		99

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