Doctor of Audiology

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders offers courses of study leading to the Doctor of Audiology (AuD). Academic and clinical education is provided for students who wish to become professionally qualified to work as an audiologist in clinical, hospital, academic settings, the schools, or in one’s own private practice. A graduate program culminating in a professional doctoral degree is required to practice as an audiologist.

With an undergraduate degree, students can typically complete the AuD program three years (including summers).

The AuD program satisfies the minimum requirement for professional certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and for Kansas licensure and is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of ASHA.

**Admission Requirements**

1. Admission to the Graduate School at Wichita State University;
2. Minimum grade requirements – 2.75 overall GPA and 3.00 GPA in last 60 semester credit hours;
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. One page personal essay in which the applicant describes their reasons for pursuing graduate studies in communication sciences and disorders, and for choosing WSU. A professional resume may also be submitted;
5. Official scores for the general test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) taken within the last five years; and
6. Non-native English speaking students, international and domestic, must submit a TOEFL score of 550 (PBT) or 79 (iBT) or 6.5 overall band score on the IELTS and a score of 23 or higher on the speaking portion of the iBT or a score of 50 or higher on the SPEAK test. No waivers allowed;

To be reviewed for admission, applicants should do the following:

1. Submit an application and supporting documents (including transcripts) to the communication sciences and disorders centralized application service (CSDCAS) by the published deadline

Admission to the AuD program is considered for students who have completed an undergraduate major in the area of speech, language, and hearing disorders. Select undergraduate or closely allied courses of study will be considered. Students with a degree in another field will be considered for admission after completion of prerequisite courses. Please see the department website for details and consult a CSD adviser.

Admission is for the fall semester only. The deadline to submit CSDCAS applications is February 1 (11:59 pm EST). Graduate School application, fee, transcripts, recommendations and other supporting documents are also due by February 1.

**Degree Requirements:**

The doctoral program in Audiology requires a minimum of 87 credit hours of didactic and clinical courses. In addition, 10 hours of tool subjects in sign language, research methods, professional/scholarly integrity and aural rehabilitation are required. All students must enroll in a clinical practicum course each semester.

A Plan of Study must be filed within the first year of the program. Students must complete 60 percent of total hours at the 700 level or above and the majority of total hours (50 percent plus 1 hour) must be 800 level or above. Transfer hours cannot be used to satisfy course level requirements stated above unless transfer hours are of appropriate level from Kansas Board of Regents institutions. Workshop hours may not be used to satisfy the course level requirements.

Please consult the Graduate Catalog or the department website for more specific information on degree completion requirements.
Faculty
Wichita State University's CSD faculty stay current in their discipline through supervision of student clinicians in all areas of practice and research in various disorder areas, and in collaboration with related disciplines. Faculty members have received local, regional, and national recognition for excellence in teaching, research scholarship, and significant contributions to teaching and scholarship, as well as awards of research and program development funding. Many faculty serve as editorial consultants to professional journals, and have written textbooks, book chapters, and numerous research articles. Senior-level faculty have been named Fellows of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the American Academy of Audiology. The faculty has a wide breadth of expertise spanning all areas of communication sciences and disorders.

Faculty Members
Kathy L. Coufal, PhD, University of Lincoln-Nebraska, CCC-SLP, Chairperson. Typical and Atypical Development in Young Children, Service Delivery to Families. Fellow of ASHA.
Anthony DiLollo, PhD, University of Memphis, CCC-SLP. Fluency, voice, counseling, qualitative research.
Barbara Hodson, PhD, University of Illinois, CCC-SLP. Applied phonology, phonological awareness, emergent literacy. Fellow of ASHA.
Raymond Hull, PhD, University of Denver, CCC-A. Aural rehabilitation, clinical audiology, human neurophysiology. Fellow of ASHA and AAA.
Antje S. Mefferd, PhD, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CCC-SLP. Speech physiology and motor control, motor speech disorders, quantification of speech performance.
Douglas F. Parham, PhD, University of Memphis, CCC-SLP. Speech science, typical and atypical speech-language development, speech breathing, conversational interaction.

Julie Scherz, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Neuropathologies, computer applications, augmentative and alternative communication.
Trisha Self, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).
Kathy Stratman, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Language acquisition and disorders with emphasis in phonology, literacy phonological awareness, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).
Xiao-Ming Sun, MD, PhD, University of Connecticut. Otoacoustic emissions, sensory hearing loss, electrophysiologic audiometry.

Clinical Educators
David Downs, PhD, University of Arizona, CCC-A. Pediatric audiology, vestibular disorders, clinical audiology. Fellow of AAA.
Jennifer Kordonowy, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Kaleidoscope preschool.
Brian Ray, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Fluency disorders. ASHA Board Recognized Specialist.
Judith Sawyer, MA, Wichita State University, CCC-SLP. Delivery of services in the public schools, clinical supervisory process.
Mark Shaver, PhD, Wichita State University, CCC-A. Diagnostic audiology, hearing aids and related technology, and electrophysiology.

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