Doctor of Audiology

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree is intended to produce audiologists for clinical practice and is designed to be completed in four years (including summers). This program has been planned to meet the academic and clinical requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The ASHA Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology accredits this program.

A combined Au.D./Ph.D. track also is available. This track facilitates the completion of both degrees in a 6-year post-baccalaureate period. Students who wish to earn both Au.D. and Ph.D. degrees should contact their advisor.

A baccalaureate degree with a cumulative 3.0 GPA on all courses taken is required. It is expected that students will have obtained a broad general education to serve as a background prior to their graduate study. Undergraduate course work in mathematics and in basic and applied sciences is strongly encouraged. Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination must be submitted prior to admission.

If the baccalaureate degree is not in the area of audiology or communication sciences and disorders, applicants should have 12 hours of basic sciences and mathematics in addition to courses in the following content areas (or their equivalents):

- Survey/Overview of Communication Disorders
- Language Science/Development
- Introductory Acoustics
- Research Methods
- Speech and Hearing Science
- Phonetics/Phonological Development
- Audiology (introductory level)
- Speech-Language Pathology (introductory level)

Background Check

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations requires all incoming students to pay for a background check (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks-and-drug-screening-for-students.html). This one-time fee must be paid directly to the company performing the background investigation. You will be asked to provide information and make the payment once you have been officially accepted into the program. For more information, please see the School of Health Professions Background Check Instructions. (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/background-checks-and-drug-screening-for-students.html) A drug screening may be required prior to work in clinical settings.

Technical Standards and Accommodations

Please read the program technical standards (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/ipcd/audiology-%28aud%29/technical-standards.html) carefully. Signed verification will be required of students after they have been accepted. Reasonable accommodations will be made for any accepted student who has a documented disability and can meet program expectations. Applicants with documented disabilities can request reasonable accommodations if needed during the admissions process.

International Students:

An applicant is considered an international student if he or she requires a visa, or currently resides in the U.S. with non-immigrant status, or currently resides in the U.S. while applying for permanent residency. Additional requirements and documentation, such as proof of English language proficiency, are required for international students to become eligible for KU programs. Please review the information for international students (http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/information-for-international-applicants.html) before applying.

International students or those for whom English is a second language must meet minimum English proficiency (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies/kumc/#admissiontext) requirements, as indicated by TOEFL or equivalent exam scores. International students may have additional requirements for visa, residency, and citizenship status. Students should contact the Office of International Programs (http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs.html) for guidance regarding these issues during the application process.

For more information or to contact the program, please visit the IPCD website (http://hearing.kumc.edu).

The Au.D. program prepares students to meet the academic and clinical requirements for the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence. The degree is designed to be completed in 4 years (including summers, with a common entry point in fall semester). A minimum of 102 credit hours including academic course work, independent research, and clinical practicum is required.

To obtain the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, a minimum of 1820 clock hours of supervised clinical experience must be completed while enrolled in an accredited educational program. KU's Au.D. program is designed to provide the required clinical experience. Specific guidelines for certification are contained in the ASHA Certification and Membership Handbook, available on the ASHA website (http://www.asha.org/).

Audiology Didactic Courses

AUD 810 Diagnostic Audiology 4
AUD 811 Hearing Disorders 3
AUD 813 Psychoacoustics and Theories of Hearing 3
AUD 814 Hearing Conservation 2
AUD 816 Speech Perception 2
AUD 817 Pediatric Audiology 3
AUD 818 Vestibular Systems and Disorders 3
AUD 819 Hearing Aids I 3
AUD 820 Rehabilitative Audiology and Counseling 3
AUD 821 Hearing Aids II 3
AUD 822 Electro-Acoustics and Instrumentation 3
AUD 823 Cochlear Implants and Hearing Assistance 2
  Technologies

AUD 824 Central Auditory Processing 2
AUD 828 Genetics and Hearing Loss 2
AUD 829 Anatomy and Physiology of the Hearing and Vestibular Mechanisms 3
AUD 851 Auditory Evoked Potentials 3
AUD 853 Pharmacology for Audiology 2
AUD 858 Business Audiology 2
AUD 940 Seminar in Audiology: _____ 1-4
AUD 941  Grand Rounds in Audiology (taken fall and spring of Years 1-2 for a total of 6 credits)

Audiology Clinical Courses

A minimum of 29 credit hours is required:

• During Years 1 and 2: AUD 843 Clinic Practice in Audiology (minimum of 9 credit hours; 1 credit hour equals 1-half day a week in clinic during fall and spring, 1 day a week in summer)
• During Year 3: AUD 944 Clinical Rotation (minimum of 5 credit hours; 1 credit hour equals 1 day a week in clinic during fall and spring, 2 days a week in summer).
• During Year 4: AUD 945 Clinical Externship (40 hours per week in clinic; 6 credit hours in fall and spring, 3 credit hours in summer).

Elective Courses

The Au.D. curriculum requires a total of 4-5 elective courses (12 credits); a minimum of two of these (6 credits) must be statistics courses. Choice of statistics and elective courses will be determined in consultation with the academic advisor.

PRAXIS Examination and Research Project

In addition to didactic, clinical, and elective courses, students must successfully complete the PRAXIS examination at the end of 3 full years of graduate study and a research project completed through enrollment in a minimum of 4 hours of AUD 846 Independent Study in Problems in Audiology. Projects are to be completed and presented to a faculty-student forum in the spring of Year 3.

Oral Comprehensive Exam

Students must successfully complete an oral, comprehensive examination during Year 3 through enrollment in AUD 846 Independent Study in Problems in Audiology.

Note: Contact your department or program for more information about the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirement for doctoral students. Also, please see this policy listed in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog and in the KU Policy Library.