Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Degree

Offered jointly by San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego

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Accreditation and Professional Requirements

The Program is designed to meet requirements for California Licensure, certification (CCC-A) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), and Board Certification by the American Academy of Audiology (AAA). The Program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Location

The SDSU and UCSD campuses are within 15 miles of each other in the San Diego area. Most of the practicum sites and externship sites are also located in the San Diego area. Additional externship sites are available throughout California and in other states.
The Audiology Doctorate (AuD) is a professional degree offered jointly by San Diego State University (SDSU) and the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). It is a four-year graduate program designed to meet professional standards for the entry-level degree of those wishing to practice audiology. The Program encourages applicants from a variety of undergraduate disciplines.

This AuD program includes academic and clinical components on both campuses, and offers a breadth of additional clinical experiences in community agencies. The Program involves the Division of Audiology within the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, in the College of Health and Human Services at SDSU. At UCSD, the Program involves the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery within the Department of Surgery of the Medical School. Thus, the Program includes faculty with experience and expertise in audiology, otology, neuroscience, and a variety of other related scholarly areas.

Mission

The mission of the AuD Joint Doctoral Program is to prepare graduates who will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to practice as doctoral-level audiologists; who will be thoroughly prepared to enter the work force to meet the current and future needs of the community and society; who are appreciative of scientific inquiry; and who are capable of undertaking the future challenges of the profession.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to both universities, as outlined in the current catalogs of SDSU and UCSD. Applicants must also submit:

- Transcripts
- Scores on the GRE (Verbal & Quantitative)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Applicant essay

No minimum set of qualifications will guarantee admission to the Program. GPA should be \( \geq 3.0 \); however, applicants with GPAs between 2.75-2.99 will have their files reviewed to evaluate all evidence. The Admissions Committee will select the best qualified applicants to fill the available spaces (10 new admissions each year are anticipated).

Students apply to the Program through SDSU’s School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. Students seeking admission should consult the Program’s website [http://slhs.sdsu.edu/programs/aud/admissions/](http://slhs.sdsu.edu/programs/aud/admissions/) for complete instructions.

Prerequisites

- Three courses in biological/physical sciences (at least one in each category)
- Two courses in behavioral/social sciences
- One course in statistics
- Beginning ASL

Deficiencies in these areas may be completed after admission to the AuD Program if approved. It is expected that students will enter from a variety of different backgrounds, such as communication sciences and disorders, biological and physical sciences, engineering, psychology, or a pre-med curriculum; however, applicants should be familiar with what audiologists do in different employment settings.

Curriculum

**Year 1** courses and clinical practicum are at SDSU.  
**Year 2** courses and clinical practicum are at UCSD.  
**Year 3** courses are primarily at SDSU and clinical practica are in community agencies.  
**Year 4** is a fulltime clinical externship at an approved agency. Students must satisfy applicable state license requirements prior to externship.

Courses

- Hearing Science  
- Diagnostic Audiology I  
- Hearing Amplification I  
- Research & Evidence-based Practice  
- Auditory Evoked Responses I  
- Pediatric Audiology  
- Diagnostic Audiology II  
- Communication Disorders across Lifespan & Cultures  
- Temporal Bone Anatomy  
- Central Auditory Processing Assessment and Mgmt  
- Physiologic & Behavioral Tests of Vestibular Function  
- Adv. Technical Aspects of Hearing Amplification  
- Ear Diseases and Treatment  
- Seminar in Audiology  
- Intra-operative Monitoring  
- Cochlear & Other Implantable Sensory Aids  
- Aural Rehabilitation & Counseling  
- Instrumentation in Audiology/Hearing Science  
- Amplification Research & Technology  
- Auditory Evoked Responses II  
- Psychoacoustics & Speech Perception  
- Hearing Conservation  
- Elective in auditory physiology or perception  

Other

- Audiology clinic experiences each term  
- Clinical staffing course each term  
- Clinical Methods Lab course each term in Year 1  
- Neuro-Otology preceptorship  
- Research lab rotation (optional elective)  
- Doctoral Project