

Doctor of Audiology Degree (AuD)

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



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AuD Joint Doctoral Program: SDSU/UCSD

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.

Faculty

SDSU

Arthur Boothroyd, PhD

Carol Branch, AuD, CCC-A

Laura Dreisbach, PhD, CCC-A

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Luis Benitez, MD

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<http://surgery.ucsd.edu/som/surgery/divisions/Otolaryngology/education/jdp-audiology/Pages/faculty.aspx>

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
- Three letters of recommendation
- Applicant essay

No minimum set of qualifications will guarantee admission to the Program. GPA should be ≥ 3.0 ; The Admissions Committee will select the best qualified applicants to fill the available spaces (10-12 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/> for complete instructions.

Prerequisites

- One courses in each of three areas: (1) life sciences, (2) physical sciences, and (3) 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 at community hospitals / clinics.
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
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
Elective in auditory physiology or perception
Instrumentation in Audiology/Hearing Science
Amplification Research & Technology
Auditory Evoked Responses II
Psychoacoustics & Speech Perception
Hearing Conservation
Adv Topics & Res in Audiology/Hearing Science
Precepting

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 Research Project

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), affiliated with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (current accreditation 2011-2019).

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.

