

CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY (CAUD)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract

The Doctoral Program in Clinical Audiology (CAUD) is a comprehensive, integrated educational and clinical program designed to train clinical audiologists to serve the hearing health care needs of individuals with hearing loss, from newborns to the very old. Through extensive coursework and varied clinical practicum experiences, the CAUD program contributes substantially to the academic and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) (<http://www.asha.org/Certification/AboutCertificationGenInfo.htm>). It entails four years of full-time study that includes graduate-level coursework, on-site and off-campus clinical placements, a clinically oriented capstone research project, and a fourth year clinical internship residency.

Financial Assistance

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available through the Department. Assistantships that carry teaching, research or clinical responsibilities are awarded on a competitive basis. Students may also seek assistantships from other units on campus or scholarships sponsored by Federal agencies (e.g., NIDCD) or private foundations (e.g., American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation; American Academy of Audiology Foundation).

Additional resources for funding opportunities can be found at the link below:

<http://hesp.umd.edu/undergraduate/apply-funding> (<http://hesp.umd.edu/undergraduate/apply-funding/>)

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Courses: EDMS (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/edms/>) HESP (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/hesp/>)

Relationships: Neurosciences and Cognitive Science (NACS) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/neurosciences-cognitive-science-nacs/>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)

- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://hesp.umd.edu/content/program-highlights-doctoral-program-clinical-audiology/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Supplemental Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationsplacaud.pdf>)
- Prerequisites: Completion of at least 60% of undergraduate prerequisite courses prior to application. For a list of pre-requisite courses, please go here (<https://hesp.umd.edu/content/application-faqs/>).
- Writing Sample (optional)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)

Admissions to the graduate program in Clinical Audiology is on a very competitive basis. Students admitted to the Au.D. program in Audiology generally have a minimum grade point average of 3.4 from a baccalaureate program in hearing and speech sciences, or related discipline. All applicants to the CAUD graduate program are required to furnish GRE scores taken within the last five years, three letters of recommendation, official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate studies, and a statement of purpose. Admission to the program is confined to fall matriculation. Prospective applicants should note that decisions on admissions are made in early March. Students must submit application materials for the fall semester by January 5. Applicants with a background in the hearing and speech sciences or a related field are considered for admission to the Au.D., which requires four years of full-time graduate study. We no longer accept students who have not fulfilled their undergraduate requirements. Students interested in the dual degree track (Au.D./Ph.D.) are admitted into the CAUD program and may request to switch to the dual degree program after completion of the 3rd year of study. The time required for completion of the dual-degree track is 6-7 years of full-time graduate study. For more information on the prerequisite course requirements, please see our website: hesp.umd.edu. (<https://hesp.umd.edu>)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 21, 2026
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	March 13, 2026

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Other Deadlines: hesp.umd.edu (<http://www.hesp.umd.edu>)

Program Website: hesp.umd.edu/landing/Graduate (<http://www.hesp.umd.edu/landing/Graduate/>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Clinical Audiology, Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/clinical-audiology-caud/clinical-audiology-aud/>)
- Clinical Audiology, Doctor of Audiology and Doctor of Philosophy (dual degree) (Au.D./Ph.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/clinical-audiology-caud/clinical-audiology-combined-aud-phd/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

The Department's facilities include numerous modern research laboratories equipped to support research in the areas of: acoustic phonetics, psychoacoustics, cochlear implants, hearing aids, infant and adult speech perception, neuropsychology, language, voice, fluency and electrophysiology. There are multiple sound-attenuating chambers and one electrically-shielded chamber devoted to research with humans, which are all integrated with computers and peripheral equipment for acoustic signal development, signal analysis, presentation and on-line data collection.

The Department also houses the Hearing and Speech Clinic (<https://hespclinic.umd.edu/>) at UMCP; this clinic serves as the initial practicum site for all students pursuing clinical training. The Clinic includes multiple audiological test suites equipped for diagnostic testing, a complete hearing aid dispensary, a group rehabilitation room, and state-of-the-art equipment for behavioral and electrophysiological diagnostic testing, as well as hearing aid selection and fitting and cochlear implant programming. Ten speech and language diagnostic and therapy rooms are integrated with observation areas; and an on-site language pre-school (LEAP, the Language-Learning Early Advantage Program), also equipped for observation. Students pursuing clinical training in Audiology will also have access to the Audiology Service, Division of Audiology-Head and Neck Surgery, of the University of Maryland and University Hospital in Baltimore (UMB), for part-time clinical rotations or full-time clinical externships. This Service provides a full range of auditory and vestibular diagnostic and rehabilitative services in a large metropolitan hospital setting. Students also engage in clinical activities in the Audiology Section of the Clinical Center as well as intramural research programs of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders of the National Institutes of Health.

All of the clinical and research facilities are potentially available for the conduct of student-directed research projects, or for student participation in faculty-initiated research projects. Additional research and clinical opportunities are available at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and at other facilities in the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas. The Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine and the libraries of various medical schools in the Washington-Baltimore area supplement the University's extensive libraries at College Park. The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences participates in the Center for the Comparative and Evolutionary Biology of Hearing Training Program (C-CEBH), the Neuroscience and Cognitive Sciences graduate program (see NACS), the Maryland Language Science Center, and the Maryland Cochlear Implant Center of Excellence (MCICE); these connections afford students the opportunity to work with faculty in other departments at the University of Maryland, College Park, or at UMB.