

HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES, DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY (AU.D.)

The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences offers two doctoral degree options for individuals seeking a clinical doctorate in Audiology. See CAUD (<http://pdc-webapp-lamp27.umd.edu/Catalog/public-programs-detail.php?CAUD>) for more details. The Au.D. curriculum meets requirements specified in the Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) of the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The CCC-A is the minimum qualification for practice in Audiology required by most states and jurisdictions.

The Au.D. program for post-BA students requires 57 hours of graduate coursework, 4 credit hours for a capstone research project, 14 hours of clinical practicum registration and 18 credit hours of full-time clinical internship registration, for a total of 93 credit hours. Au.D. students must pass comprehensive examinations and complete a capstone research project. Full-time students are expected to complete the program in 4 years. The Au.D. 'fast-track' program for returning students who already hold an M.A. degree in Audiology and Clinical Certification requires 30 credit hours of graduate coursework and 6 credit hours for a doctoral research project. There is no minimum requirement of supervised clinical practicum experience, although clinical practicum will be available to students as needed. The dual degree Au.D./Ph.D. track in Audiology is designed for students wishing to be trained as scientist-practitioners. The dual degree program requires 60 credits of graduate coursework, 6 credit hours of pre-candidacy research, 12 credit hours of dissertation research, 12 credit hours of clinical practicum registration, and 18 credit hours of full-time clinical internship registration, for a total of 108 credit hours.

The Au.D./Ph.D. curriculum is designed to meet requirements specified in the Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and by the Graduate School. Ph.D. students must develop an individual study plan with the approval of a faculty Program Planning Committee, pass comprehensive examinations, and complete a dissertation and oral defense. Full-time students are expected to complete the dual-degree program in approximately 6 years.