

Audiology (AuD)

Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) is a professional doctoral degree and is administered through the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions. The Au.D. serves either as preparation for professional clinical audiologists or as preparation for graduate study leading to the Ph.D. degree. The Au.D. program provides a broad range of basic science courses and specialized offerings emphasizing assessment, intervention, and prevention techniques used with individuals of all ages who have hearing, auditory processing, or balance related disorders. Students are prepared for careers as clinicians in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice and community clinics.

Clinical practicum opportunities occur at the on-campus Speech and Hearing Center and many affiliated rehabilitation centers, schools, private practices, ENT clinics, and hospitals. Within this framework, students are prepared to meet the academic and practicum requirements for national certification (the Certificate of Clinical Competence, CCC, in Audiology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) and Alabama state licensure. The Au.D. Program typically extends for 11 academic semesters including three semesters of full-time clinical externship. Graduate Assistantships are available annually on a competitive basis. Applications for admission and assistantships are available after November 1 with enrollment beginning in the Fall Semester only.

Details regarding the Admissions process and deadline are available on the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology website.

Retention Policies

1. Any term in which a graduate student enrolled in the Au.D. program drops below a 3.0 GPA, the student will be placed on probationary status and has a period of one semester to attain a 3.0 GPA or be dismissed from the program.
2. Any student who receives a grade lower than a "C" in a graduate level course will be dismissed from the program.
3. A "C" in any combination of two or more AUD courses will result in academic dismissal.
4. A passing grade on comprehensive examinations administered during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years of the AuD program is required in order to progress to the next year of study.
5. Students whose performance falls below standards in a course or clinical experience may be required to complete additional and/or augmentative coursework or clinical experiences as needed to meet ASHA's standards for clinical certification.. As such, graduation could be delayed.
6. If for any reason a student must withdraw from the Au.D. program, re-admission will require approval of the Department Chair and the Dean of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.
7. If a student is dismissed from a program prior to the end of the regular semester and that dismissal occurs after the University's refund deadline, the student will not receive any type of refund even if the next series of classes have not begun.

Requirements For Degree

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree requires:

- A minimum of eleven full-time semesters of academic study. The final three semesters are spent off campus completing a full-time externship.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0.
- A passing grade on comprehensive examinations administered during years 1, 2, and 3 of the program. Students must also complete formative assessments throughout the program.
- Demonstration of academic and clinical competencies as reflected in the ASHA Standards for Clinical Certification for Audiology.
- Completion of 1820 supervised clinical clock hours to meet ASHA Standards for Clinical Certification in Audiology.
- The Praxis Examination in Audiology must be taken prior to graduation.

Department Information

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Chair	Elizabeth M. Adams
Dean Emeritus	Talbott
Professor Emeritus	Dagenais, Evans, Sellers
Associate Professor Emeritus	Moore
Assistant Professor Emeritus	Holston
Associate Professors	Adams, Beverly, Davis, Gordon-Hickey, Ramkissoon
Assistant Professors	Choi, Flagge, Garand, Nichols, Rishiq, Roberts, Smith
Senior Instructor	Hudson
Instructors	Brown, Henbest, Hill, Wiles

Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/speechandhearing>

The mission of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is to provide undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs that challenge the students to achieve the highest standards of academic learning, scientific inquiry and clinical excellence. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology seeks to deliver a comprehensive program of academic, research and clinical training in the areas of speech, language and hearing development and disorders. The Department offers a minor in Speech and Hearing Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences, Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology, Master of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences in Speech Therapy, Doctor of Audiology, and Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders degree programs.

The undergraduate program in Speech and Hearing Sciences readies the graduate for a variety of career and educational options based on the knowledge gained from this degree and individual interests and skills. Students who complete the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree program will meet all the academic and practicum requirements to be eligible for the Clinical Fellowship (CF) that leads to national certification (CCC-SLP) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and eligibility for the Alabama state licensure. Students who complete the Doctor of Audiology degree program will meet all the academic and practicum requirements for national certification (CCC- A) and will also be eligible for the Alabama state licensure.

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a Master of Rehabilitation Sciences in Speech Therapy (RSST) aimed at providing students with rich, robust, clinically relevant, and evidence-based learning experiences. Graduates will have a strong understanding of entry-level and advanced clinical services, will utilize evidence-based research relevant to the field, demonstrate leadership skills that impact delivery of high quality care for patients, and develop skills needed to serve as a patient educator, clinical educator, or faculty member. This program is intended to support international clinicians and academicians wishing to gain further experience with a variety of disorders and principles of rehabilitation. This program is not accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) and does not lead to licensure or professional certification in the United States. Graduation from this program does not guarantee admission to a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology or Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology Program. Students enrolled in this program are not eligible for federal financial aid. Admission to the RSST program is on a competitive basis. For admissions information, visit the department's website. The RSST program is an in-residence program requiring 30 credit hours.

The master's program (Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology) education program in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of South Alabama is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (800)-498-2071 or (301)-296-5700.

The doctoral program (Doctor of Audiology) education program in Audiology at the University of South Alabama is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (800)-498-2071 or (301)-296-5700.