

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY (A.U.D.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Doctor of Audiology (AuD) program at USD provides students with the scientific and clinical knowledge and skills needed for the practice of audiology in an environment that values teaching and clinical excellence and mentorship. Clinical experiences at the USD Speech and Hearing Clinic and its affiliates include comprehensive behavioral and physiologic diagnostic and rehabilitative audiologic services with individuals aged infant through elderly, as well as specialized clinical experiences in areas including but not limited to Central Auditory Processing Disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and underserved populations in rural areas, including American Indian reservations.

ACCREDITATION - A SIGN OF QUALITY

Our graduate programs are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The academic and clinical practicum requirements for national certification in speech-language pathology and audiology from the Council for Clinical Certification of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) may be completed across the undergraduate and graduate programs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the communication disorders program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad.

To be eligible for the Communication Disorders program, applicants must:

- Complete prerequisite coursework requirements or have a Bachelor's degree in the field

Required Test for Admission:

M.A., Ph.D.: GRE

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall: January 15

GETTING STARTED:

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission.

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS:

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Prerequisite Courses: (if no Undergraduate Degree in Communication Disorders)

Course	Course Title
DCOM 131	Introduction to Communication Disorders
DCOM 211	Phonetics
DCOM 212	Language Development
DCOM 221	Introduction to Audiology
DCOM 224	Speech Science
DCOM 421	Hearing Science
	Biological Science, Physical Science, Mathematics

Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Required Courses:

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
DCOM 422/522*	Audiologic Assessment I	3
DCOM 423/523*	Aural Rehabilitation	3
DCOM 428/528*	American Sign Language	3
DCOM 432/532*	Disorders of Phonology/Articulation	3
DCOM 435/535*	Language Disorders in Children	3
DCOM 595	Clinical Practicum (on-campus) (6 terms)	2-3 each; 14 total
DCOM 710	Professional Issues I	1
DCOM 711	Professional Issues II	1
DCOM 713	Psychoacoustics	3
DCOM 714	Signal Encoding	2
DCOM 715	Audiology Practice Management	2
DCOM 716	Advanced Topics in Aural Rehabilitation	3
DCOM 717	Genetics of Hearing Loss	2
DCOM 722	Amplification I	3
DCOM 723	Hearing Conservation	3
DCOM 724	Advanced Communication Science	3
DCOM 725	Otoacoustic Emissions and Balance Function	3
DCOM 726	Anatomy and Physiology of Hearing	3
DCOM 727	Pediatric Audiology	3
DCOM 728	Central Auditory Neurophysiology and Electrophysiology	3
DCOM 729	Pathologies of Hearing	3
DCOM 730	Central Auditory Processing Disorders	3
DCOM 740	Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Devices	3
DCOM 786	Advanced Research Methods in Audiology	3
DCOM 787	Theories and Methods of Grad Study	3
DCOM 788	Individual Research in Audiology (2 terms)	2 each; 4 total
DCOM 794	Clinical Internship (off-campus practicum, 2 terms)	6 each; 12 total
DCOM 796	Field Experience: Externship in Audiology (3 terms)	9 each; 27 total

* Unless taken at undergraduate level

Electives:

Nine (9) credit hours of outside area electives are also required, allowing for individualization of each student's academic program depending on interest areas. A maximum of 6 credit hours may be selected from non-required DCOM courses; the remainder must be from outside the department.