

Sample Curriculum

YEAR 1 (FALL)

Acoustics, Calibration & Instrumentation
Measurement of Hearing
Introduction to Neuroscience
Elective OR Child Language Acquisition
Introduction to Clinical Case Conference

YEAR 1 (SPRING)

Anatomy & Physiology of Hearing Mechanisms
Amplification I
Clinical Research Design
Psychoacoustics
Practicum & Clinical Case Conference

YEAR 1 (SUMMER)

Auditory Clinical Electrophysiology
Summer Practicum

YEAR 2 (FALL)

Pediatric Audiology
Vestibular Sciences I
Amplification II
Practicum & Case Conference

YEAR 2 (SPRING)

Aural Rehabilitation for Children
Professional Issues & Ethics
Introduction to Billing & Coding
Capstone I
Practicum & Clinical Case Conference

YEAR 2 (MAYMESTER)

Overview of Intraoperative Monitoring - Optional/Elective
Specialty Track Externship - required for specialty track

YEAR 2 (SUMMER)

Vestibular Sciences II
Family Centered Counseling & Interviewing
Summer Practicum

YEAR 3 (FALL)

Cochlear Implants
Capstone II
Vestibular Sciences III - Optional/Elective
Practicum & Clinical Case Conference

YEAR 3 (SPRING)

Hearing Loss & Speech Understanding - Optional/Elective
Business & Financial Management for Audiologists
Amplification III
Seminar in Auditory and Vestibular Science Seminar - Optional/Elective
Practicum & Case Conference
Pathology of Auditory System

YEAR 3 (SUMMER)

Externship

YEAR 4 (FALL)

Externship

YEAR 4 (SPRING)

Externship

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) education program at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation 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.

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The Vanderbilt University Graduate Program in Hearing and Speech Sciences was established in 1951. Currently, the Audiology graduate program is rated **first in the country by U.S. News and World Report**. The Au.D. degree program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Degree Program

The Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center offers Au.D. students one of the finest facilities in the USA. The facility houses service delivery programs for audiology, speech-language pathology, education of the deaf, and otolaryngology. It contains educational and research space specifically designed to accommodate the audiology program at Vanderbilt University with more than 20,000 square feet dedicated to graduate studies in communication disorders.

Vanderbilt's Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences is a large, multidisciplinary program logging over 85,000 patient visits annually for all types of communication and related disorders. Its unique partnership with the Department of Otolaryngology allows physicians and audiologists to work closely together to meet the needs of our patients. With nine audiology clinics located in both hospital and clinical settings and a preschool for children with hearing loss, audiology students have access to all aspects of clinical experience—identification, assessment and management—in neonate through geriatric patients.

Specialty Tracks

The majority of students pursuing the Au.D. degree will graduate with a broad-based understanding of clinical and rehabilitative audiology. In addition, the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences offers interested students the opportunity to pursue one of two audiology specialties. These “specialty tracks” provide students with curriculum designed to augment their base training either in childhood hearing loss or vestibular sciences. Specialty track students are typically expected to participate in a Maymester experience following the spring semester of their second year of the program. The Maymester provides a unique opportunity for a three-week intensive practicum at one of many sites in the United States.

Admissions and Application

The Au.D. Program at Vanderbilt encourages applicants with backgrounds in areas of communication disorders and other health-related professions, biomedical sciences, psychology and psycholinguistics. All students must possess GRE scores consistent with Vanderbilt standards, a

strong record of past academic achievement, a commitment to hearing health care, excellent oral and written communication skills, a willingness to work collaboratively, a strong work ethic, perseverance, and strong organizational and time management skills. New standards for audiology no longer require pre-requisites. We strongly recommend a course in normal language development, typically offered in a department of communication sciences. On occasion, a linguistics department will have such a course, but it would have to address language development or acquisition in typically developing children. Taking this course as an undergraduate would allow the student to eliminate this graduate level course from the Au.D. curriculum.

Online Application

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.), is a four-year post-baccalaureate degree within the Vanderbilt School of Medicine. The Au.D. Program at Vanderbilt University has been developed for full-time residential students only. Applications are accepted only for the fall semester, with the deadline for fall semester applications being January 15. Applicants can apply for admission to the Au.D. program by going to the School of Medicine's website at: <https://apply.vanderbilt.edu>

For questions regarding the application process, please email the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences' Program Manager, Christelle Luchsinger at christelle.luchsinger@vanderbilt.edu.

Financial Aid

The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences has scholarships and specialty track grants available for outstanding Au.D. students. All applicants to our program are automatically considered for scholarship support. In addition, the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine supports a financial aid department that is committed to assisting students with financial aid and loans. For additional information, log onto the Department of Financial Aid's website at: www.vanderbilt.edu/financialaid/

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On-campus Visits

You can visit the department during our scheduled tours where you will learn more about the program and the facilities. To schedule your visit, fill out the online form on our website.

medschool.vanderbilt.edu/hearing-speech/about-us/visit/

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