

# CSAD Advising: Audiology

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# Audiology: Overview

- Healthcare profession
- Scope of practice (ASHA, 2018)
  - Assessment of hearing, balance, and other related disorders, including tinnitus and auditory processing, across the lifespan
  - Comprehensive audiologic (re)habilitation services for individuals and their families across the lifespan who are experiencing hearing, balance, or other related disorders
  - Early hearing detection and intervention for infants and young children
  - Educational audiology
  - Hearing conservation and preservation
  - Telehealth
  - Counseling



# Employment Settings

- Private practice
- Hospitals
- K-12 schools
- Colleges and universities
- Industry
- Local, state, and federal government agencies
- Otolaryngology offices
- Hearing conservation programs

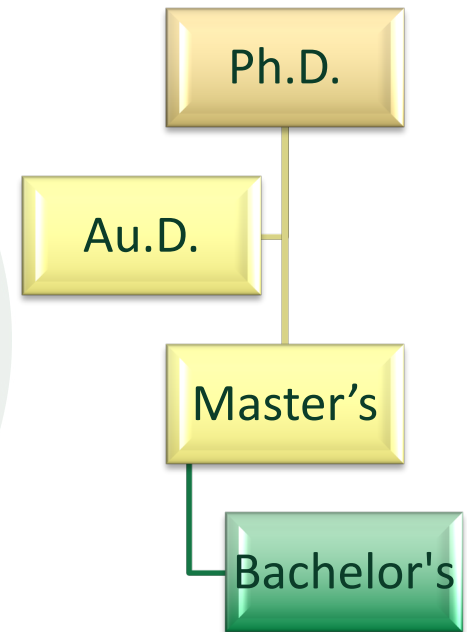


# Job Outlook

- Median annual salary was \$77,600 in May 2019 (bls.gov)
- Job outlook: Employment expected to grow 16% from 2018 to 2028 (bls.gov)
- Typically, 40-50 hours/week; part-time work
- Other professions: SLP, medicine, allied health, education

# Education Requirements to Become an Audiologist

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree
  - Replaced the Master's as the clinical entry-level degree
  - **Clinical doctorate**
    - NOT a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
    - Focus is on clinical proficiency
- Licensure upon graduation from an Au.D. program



# Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)

- Typically, four-year degree
- Coursework: anatomy and physiology, psychoacoustics, signals and acoustics, amplification, vestibular assessment and evaluation, aural rehabilitation, professional issues, pediatric and educational audiology
- Clinical practica and completion of a full-time externship during final year of program
- Research project
- Comprehensive exams



# General Admissions Requirements

- Highly selective and competitive
- GPA
- GRE scores
- Essay and/or personal statement
- Resume
- Letters of recommendation
- Application fees
- Interview



# ASHA EdFind

Degree Program

☐ Undergraduate Degree +304  
☐ Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology +293  
☐ Research Doctorate +117  
☒ Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology 77  
☐ Post Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Speech-Language Pathology +8  
☐ Post Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology +4

Area of Study

☐ Audiology 77

Location

☐ Alabama 2  
☐ Arizona 3  
☐ Arkansas 1

Degree Program: Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology

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RELEVANCE

PROGRAM NAME

University of Arizona: Clinical Entry Level Doctoral Degree in Audiology - Doctor of Audiology (AuD)

Degree Program: Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Combined Degree Program: Clinical doctoral/research doctoral (e.g., AuD/PhD)

University of Florida, Gainesville: Clinical Entry Level Doctoral Degree in Audiology - Doctor of Audiology (AuD)

Degree Program: Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology

Location: Gainesville, Florida

Combined Degree Program: None

University of Texas at Dallas: Clinical Entry Level Doctoral Degree in Audiology - Doctor of Audiology (AuD)

Degree Program: Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology

Location: Dallas, Texas

Combined Degree Program: None

## Application Requirements:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score  
 Personal interview  
 Letters of recommendation: 3  
 Writing sample/essay: 1

## GPA Range for Applicants Offered Admission:

3.50 - 4.00

## Average GRE Score for Applicants Offered Admission:

Verbal reasoning: 156.3  
 Quantitative reasoning: 154.24

## Number of Applications Received:

Full time Students: 110  
 Part time Students: 0  
 Total: 110

## Number of Admission Offers:

Full time: 29  
 Part time: 0  
 Total: 29

## Number of Admission Offers with Funding:

12



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# The Au.D. at Sac State

- Approval from: CSUS campus, CSU Chancellor's Office, WSCUC (regional accreditation)
  - ACAE: Developing Status
  - CAA: Pending
    - Anticipated date of approval: late Summer 2020
  - Information will be posted on Department website when available
- Admissions deadline: **June 15, 2020**
- Anticipated program start date: 2020-2021 academic year



# The Au.D. at Sac State

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- The Au.D. program at CSUS is designed to prepare students for a career as audiologists through a contemporary evidence-based curriculum and diverse set of clinical experiences. Students graduating from the program will be clinically competent, knowledgeable of the field, and involved with the profession.
- **Four years of full-time enrollment** (11 semesters, including summers)
- Four major components:
  1. Didactic coursework
  2. Clinical on- and off-campus clinical practica
  3. Doctoral research project
  4. Comprehensive exams



# Pre-requisites

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In addition to an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, students must also have completed a course in each of the following:

Human  
Development  
Across the Lifespan

Introduction to  
Psychology

Introduction to  
Statistics

American Sign  
Language

Biological Science

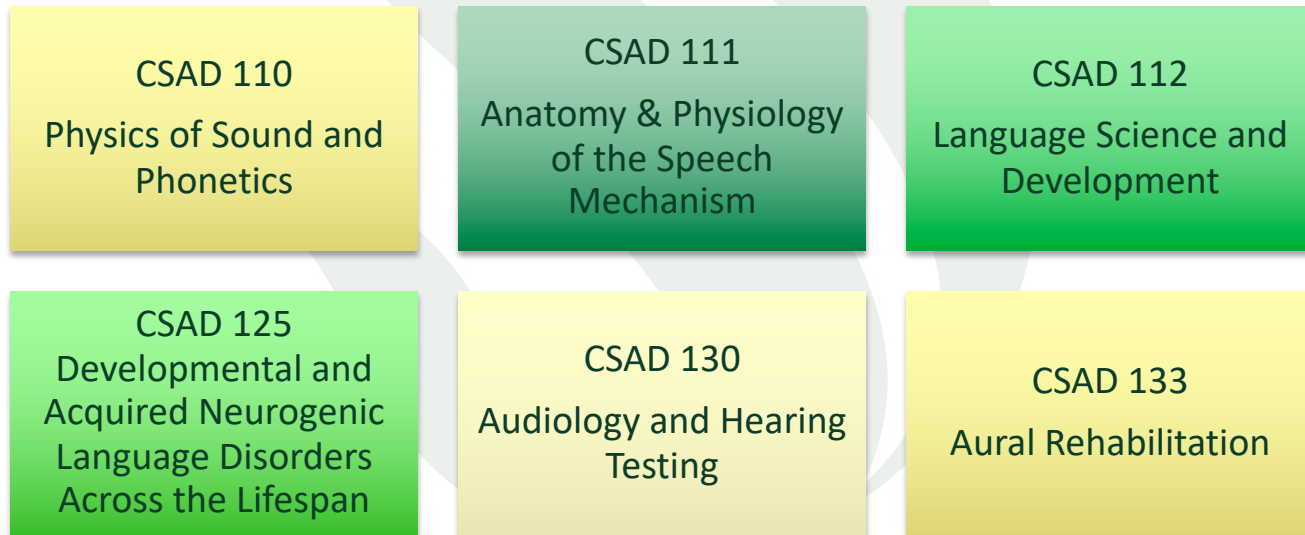
Physical Science



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Students must also have completed the equivalent of the following Sacramento State Communication Sciences and Disorders courses:



# Domestic and International Students

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- Domestic applicants with foreign documents and international students (F-1 or J-1 visa applicants) must consult the Office of Graduate Studies and Global Education/International Admissions Department for specific application instructions.
  - These students must also submit TOEFL scores.
- The CSAD department-specific TOEFL scores are:
  - Paper-based: 560
  - Computer-based: 220
  - Internet-based: 100



# Academic Records

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- Overall and major GPA: 3.0 or higher
- GRE scores obtained within the last five years
  - Minimum combined score of **291** on the verbal and quantitative portions, and minimum of **3.5** on the writing portion
  - Take the GRE early



# GRE in Spring 2020

- ETS is temporarily offering an at-home option for the GRE
- “COVID-19 will not impact when your scores are reported. At the end of your test, you will be able to see your unofficial scores at the test center for Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning. Your official scores, inclusive of your Analytical Writing score, will be available in your ETS Account about 10-15 days after your test date.”- ETS.org



# Letters of Recommendation

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- Three letters of recommendation must include:
  - Two from university faculty who can speak to the student's academic potential
  - One from a professional reference in the field of audiology
- Ask early





# CV/Resume

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- Education
  - Dates of attendance
- Related work, volunteer and multicultural experience
- Scholarships, awards or other commendations



# Observation Hours

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- Documentation of 25 completed observation hours in communication sciences and disorders, of which at least 50% must be in audiology.
- All hours must be documented using the form available on the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders' website.
  - Form can be found under: CSAD Handbooks: Resources, Forms and Information
    - <https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/student-resources.html>



# Statement of Purpose

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- Applicants are required to submit a written personal statement discussing their motivation for pursuing the Au.D. and how it relates to their future career goals.
- Essays should also include:
  1. Career goals
  2. Areas of interest
  3. Reasons for applying to CSUS
  4. Experiences with culturally and linguistically diverse groups
  5. Other personal, clinical, or academic experiences related to audiology



# Written Essay

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- Applicants are required to submit a written in response to the question:
  - *How have your background, work/volunteer experiences, and experiences with culturally and linguistically diverse populations prepared you for a career as an audiologist?*



# Step 1: CalStateApply Application

- Apply through the Graduate Studies website for CSUS \*Subject to change
- The personal statement will be submitted through CSDCAS. In the personal statement category, type “Essay submitted directly to department.”
- Select “Doctor of Audiology” as the “Degree Objective.”
- One set of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (including CSUS) should be sent to the Office of Graduate Studies at CSUS (even though the Graduate Studies website indicates that two sets of transcripts are needed). Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should also be submitted to CSDCAS.



# Step 2: CSDCAS Application

- Be prepared to submit transcripts through CSDCAS \*Subject to change
- Portal opens October 1, 2019
- Portal closes February 15, 2020, at midnight Eastern Time (**NOTE: This is 9:00pm in California**)
  - Extended: June 15, 2020
- Call Student Customer Service with questions: 617-612-2030 M-F, 9-5pm ET
- It is the applicant's responsibility to follow all CSDCAS instructions and meet deadlines.



# Financial Aid

- \$7371/semester
- It is recommended that students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - FAFSA can be submitted starting on October 1, 2019, for the Fall 2020 semester
  - The 2020/21 FAFSA will need to be completed for Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 aid
- Four types of aid:
  - Grant funding
  - Direct unsubsidized loan
  - Direct Graduate PLUS loan (credit-based)
  - Private loans
- See Financial Aid Office for questions
- Financial Aid will also present at the New Student Orientation for admitted students in August 2020



# For More Information

- CSAD Department
  - Au.D. information, including admissions instructions:  
<https://www.csus.edu/college/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/program-information.html>
- ASHA EdFind:
  - <https://find.asha.org/ed>
- SAA undergraduate resources for applying to graduate school:
  - <https://saa.audiology.org/educational-opportunities/undergraduate-students/undergraduate-resources>





# Questions?

- PowerPoint available on CSAD website
- Au.D. program faculty:
  - Au.D. Program Director: Laura Gaeta, Ph.D.
  - Audiology Clinic Director: Jane Grabowski, Au.D.
- Student Academy of Audiology
  - <https://saa.audiology.org/>
- National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association
  - <https://www.asha.org/Students/Planning-Your-Education-in-CSD/>



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