CSAD ADVISING: AUDIOLOGY

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Audiology

- Health care profession
- Areas:
  - Diagnosis, treatment, and management of hearing loss and balance disorders across the lifespan
  - Hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive technologies
  - Rehabilitative process
  - Surgical monitoring, hearing conservation, newborn hearing screenings
  - Prevention of hearing loss
- Median annual salary was $75,920 in May 2018 (bls.gov)
  - 1-3 years of experience: $65,954
  - Job outlook: Employment expected to grow 16%
EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Private practice
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Universities
- Industry
- Otolaryngology offices
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
- Graduates are called “Doctor”
- 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
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in major and overall
- GRE scores
- Essay and/or personal statement
- Resume
- Letters of recommendation
- Application fees
- Interviews
### Degree Program

- **Undergraduate Degree**: 304
- **Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology**: 203
- **Research Doctorate**: 117
- **Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology**: 77
- **Post Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Speech-Language Pathology**: 6
- **Post Entry-Level Clinical Doctoral Degree in Audiology**: 4

### 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

### 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: 110
- Part time: 0
- Total: 110

### Number of Admission Offers:
- Full time: 29
- Part time: 0
- Total: 29

### Number of Admission Offers with Funding:
- 12
THE Au.D. AT CSUS

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

- CSAD 110 Physics of Sound and Phonetics
- CSAD 111 Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
- CSAD 112 Language Science and Development
- CSAD 125 Developmental and Acquired Neurogenic Language Disorders Across the Lifespan
- CSAD 130 Audiology and Hearing Testing
- CSAD 133 Aural Rehabilitation

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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

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ACADEMIC RECORDS

- Overall and major GPA: 3.0 or higher
- GRE scores obtained with 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

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 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

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Education, related work, volunteer and multicultural experience, and any scholarships, awards or other commendations.
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

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 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.
- *The statement of purpose must be no more than 500 words, have 1” margins, be single-spaced, and use 12-point Arial font.
- The statement of purpose must discuss the factors that led to pursuing a graduate degree in audiology.
- 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, and 5) other personal, clinical, or academic experiences related to audiology.
- The statement of purpose must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Personal Statement.”
Applicants are required to submit a written essay 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?

*The essay must be no more than 500 words, have 1” margins, be single-spaced, and use 12-point Arial font.

The essay must discuss the factors that led to pursuing a graduate degree in audiology.

The essay must be uploaded to CSDCAS under “Other.”
STEP 1: CSUS GRADUATE STUDIES APPLICATION

- Apply through the Graduate Studies website for CSUS
- 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.

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STEP 2: CSDCAS APPLICATION

- Be prepared to submit transcripts through CSDCAS
- Portal opens October 1, 2019
- Portal closes February 15, 2020 at midnight Eastern Time (NOTE: This is 9:00pm in California)
- 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.
QUESTIONS?

- PowerPoint available on CSAD website
- AuD program faculty available for advising:
  - 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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