

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)

Transitional degree for practicing Audiologists

A.T. Still University

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a renowned healthcare education and training university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary healthcare founded on whole person care. ATSU comprises the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), the online School of Health Management (SHM).

Arizona School of Health Sciences

The Arizona School of Health Sciences, located in Mesa, Arizona offers doctoral and master of science degrees in a wide range of healthcare disciplines and strives to advance healthcare by educating compassionate, competent healthcare professionals. The school's interdisciplinary and technology emphasis, with incorporation of a philosophy of wholeness and treatment of body, mind, and spirit, creates an excellent professional educational environment.

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Audiology is the science of hearing and the study of audiovestibular processes. Audiologists are healthcare professionals trained in the development, anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the audiovestibular system, as well as the evaluation, rehabilitation, and psychology of hearing and balance impairment. In addition, audiologists provide counseling and training in the use of amplification devices and the remediation of hearing and vestibular disorders.

The Curriculum

ASHS offers a unique Doctor of Audiology distance education program customized to each individual practitioner's needs, based on evaluation of current demonstrated competencies. The broadly experienced, self-motivated audiologist will receive advanced standing in appropriate areas and follow an individualized course of study including required courses in areas of deficiencies and chosen electives. There are no residency requirements for program completion; however, attendance at graduation is required. Completion of required coursework will vary with each audiologist, with an average of one to two years to complete the program. The program integrates web-based instruction, video demonstrations, directed readings, clinical projects, e-mail, and chat room interactions among students and faculty. Homework assignments and examinations will be completed online.

Requirements for Admission

1. Master's or doctoral degree in audiology from a regionally accredited college or university with an overall GPA of 2.70 or better (4.0 scale) for the graduate program. Master's degree equivalency as determined by the American Speech- Language and Hearing Association and demonstrated through state licensure in audiology or verification of the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-A)
2. Applicants must submit official documentation of current audiology licensure, Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A), Board Certification in Audiology by the American Board of Audiology (ABA) or Aud-C (in Canada). For applicants who practice outside of the United States or Canada, the applicant must provide official documentation of regulatory certification or registration to practice audiology that is held by the applicant, and the applicant's credentials will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
3. At least four years of full-time employment in audiology or its part-time equivalent of 5,760 hours. Experience gained during the Clinical Fellowship Year does count toward the 5,760 hours.
4. Profile scores from the Evaluation of Practicing Audiologists Capabilities (EPAC). An official report of EPAC results must be forwarded directly to the Admissions Processing Center from the EPAC evaluator's office. To request an EPAC application or score report, contact Credentialing Services at (309) 343-1202.

5. Applicants must submit a personal resume following the guidelines offered in the application packet.
6. Two letters of recommendation from audiologists or healthcare professionals familiar with applicant's clinical and professional experiences.
7. Submission of ASHS application.
8. Phone interview.

Program Statistics

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| Class Size: | 40 per quarter |
| Average Age: | 44 |
| Cumulative Applicant GPA: | 3.88 |
| Average EPAC: | 84.25 |
| Length of Program: | 1-2 years |
| # of Graduates: | 2,274 |

Application Information

Applications are available online at www.atsu.edu, or you may contact us at (480) 219-6124.

Tuition and Expenses

Tuition for the Transitional Doctor of Audiology Program for the 2009-2010 year is \$7,700 for the entire program. Tuition for the 2010-2011 year is \$7,985 for the entire program. Tuition may be paid in one payment prior to starting the program or in 4 payments starting prior to matriculation and then paid quarterly thereafter. There are also fees for books, journals, and reference materials along with a \$60 application fee. All fees and tuitions are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

Scholarship and financial assistance opportunities are listed on the ASHS website at www.atsu.edu. Veterans Administration (VA) benefits may also be used.

Accreditation

A.T. Still University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone (800) 621-7440. Degree-granting authority for ASHS has been given by the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education, 1400 West Washington Rd., Room 260, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Phone (602) 542-5709.

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