

## **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 two to two and a half 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. The undergraduate GPA will be included in the GPA calculation for applicants whose transcripts are from countries where the undergraduate degree is the degree in audiology and the master's degree is not required to practice. 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). If licensure and/or certification were held in the past, but are not currently active, applicants must submit official documentation of previous licensure and/or certification. If the licensure or certification agency does not send paper verification forms, the applicant must provide a website URL for verification of previous licensure or certification. 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. *Individuals are not eligible to enroll in the program if their license, certification or registration is currently revoked or suspended.*

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. If an applicant is not currently licensed or certified and has not been engaged in the profession of audiology in the past 5 years, it is mandatory that the academic plan include 24 credits of coursework. Individuals who have not held an audiology license or certification and who have not been engaged in the profession of audiology within the last 10 years are not eligible for the Doctor of Audiology Transitional degree program.
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. Submission of ATSU-ASHS application with personal resume and two letters of recommendation.
6. Phone interview.

## Program Statistics

Average Age:	44	Ave. Length of Program:	1 ½ to 2 ½ years
Cumulative Applicant GPA:	3.60	# of Graduates:	2,909
Average EPAC:	84.06	Class Size:	20 enrolled per quarter (5 to 25 per class/section)

## Application Information

Applications are available online at [www.atsu.edu](http://www.atsu.edu), or you may contact us at (480) 219-6124 for information.

## Tuition and Expenses

Tuition for the Transitional Doctor of Audiology Program for the 2013-2014 year is \$9140 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 is a \$950 fee for completing the Evaluation of Practicing Audiologists Capabilities (EPAC). Other costs include \$70 application fee, \$175 processing fee if tuition is paid through arrangements for up to 4 payments rather than one payment in full, books, journals, and reference materials. 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](http://www.atsu.edu). Veterans Administration (VA) benefits may also be used.

## Accreditation

A.T. Still University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 230 S. LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, 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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