

## DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY (AuD)

### Entry-level residential program fact sheet with student outcome data

#### **A.T. Still University**

Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University (ATSU) is a renowned healthcare education university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary whole person healthcare. ATSU's schools include Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, Arizona School of Health Sciences, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health, Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, and the online College of Graduate Health Studies.

#### **Arizona School of Health Sciences**

A.T. Still University-Arizona School of Health Sciences (ATSU-ASHS), 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.

#### **Doctor of Audiology (AuD)**

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.

#### **Application information**

The Doctor of Audiology program only accepts applications through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS). Apply through CSDCAS and select A.T. Still University-Arizona School of Health Sciences and Audiology. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application with all required documents to CSDCAS at least two to three weeks prior to the deadline to ensure completed applications are received by the Admissions Committee by Feb. 15. Please visit [atsu.edu/aud-apply](https://atsu.edu/aud-apply) for additional program information and for instructions on how to apply. For program-specific information, contact Zarin Mehta, PhD, at 480.219.6261 or [zmehta@atsu.edu](mailto:zmehta@atsu.edu).

#### **Requirements for admission**

1. Applicants accepted for admission into the Entry-level Doctor of Audiology program will have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited undergraduate institution. All degree requirements must be completed and the undergraduate degree must be posted by July 1. Applicants who do not meet this requirement will not be reviewed.
2. Applicants must have achieved an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.70 or an overall grade point of 3.0 in the final 60 semester hours of undergraduate study (on a 4.0 scale).
3. Applicants must have achieved a GPA of 2.50 in undergraduate science courses (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Applicants are expected to be computer literate and experienced in word processing. All curricula require extensive computer usage.
5. For the 2021-2022 application cycle, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required.
6. Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation through CSDCAS.

7. Applicants must submit a personal resume under “Other Documents” in CSDCAS or enter data in the Experiences, Achievements, and Conferences Attended sections under “Supporting Information” in CSDCAS in place of a personal resume.
8. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses by the end of the term prior to matriculation.
9. Applicants who are considered potential candidates will be required to participate in an interview. Personal interviews conducted on-site are preferred; however, interviews also may be conducted by telephone or video conferencing.
10. All students are required to demonstrate proficiency in English when applying to ATSU-ASHS. You can find information on the methods by which you can demonstrate your English Proficiency in the General Admissions section. Visit [atsu.edu/doctor-of-audiology-degree#requirements](https://atsu.edu/doctor-of-audiology-degree#requirements) to view ATSU international admissions requirements online.
11. Applicants who wish to be considered for more than one program must submit a separate application fee, official test scores required by each program, transcripts, and references for each health science program. Acceptance to ATSU-ASHS is to a specific program and is not transferable to any other program. Application materials are not transferable from one application year to another.
12. Applicants are required to submit all official college or academic transcripts through CSDCAS.
13. Accepted students are required to submit to a criminal background check at their own expense prior to starting the program.
14. Prerequisite coursework:
  - » Biology - (e.g., biology, microbiology, anatomy, neuroscience/neuroanatomy, physiology, histology, cell biology, genetics) Minimum of three semester/four quarter hours
  - » English - (e.g., writing/composition, grammar, literature) Minimum of three semester/four quarter hours
  - » Humanities - (e.g., philosophy, religion, literature, fine arts, logic, ethics, foreign language, history, music, theater) Minimum of three semester/four quarter hours
  - » Statistics/College Algebra or higher - Minimum of three semester/four quarter hours
  - » Social Sciences - (e.g., psychology, cognitive science, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, economics, political science) Minimum six semester/eight quarter hours

### **Tuition and expenses**

Tuition for the Doctor of Audiology program for the 2021-22 academic year is \$24,826 per year for first-, second-, and third-year students. Tuition for fourth-year students for the 2021-22 academic year is \$23,326. There is also a \$1,150 per year educational supply fee. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

### **Financial assistance**

Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for students accepted into the Doctor of Audiology program. The Enrollment Services department assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs. Requests for information regarding loans and other financial assistance should be directed to [enrollmentservices@atsu.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@atsu.edu). Scholarship and financial assistance opportunities are listed on the ATSU website at [atsu.edu](https://atsu.edu). Veterans Administration (VA) benefits may also be used.

### **Accreditation**

The Doctor of Audiology (AuD) education program at the A.T. Still University-Arizona School of Health Sciences is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, phone 800.498.2071 or 301.296.5700. The accreditation from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association pertains to the Entry-level Doctor of Audiology program at A.T. Still University.

## Student outcome data

### On-time program completion rates (four-year time frame)

Period	# completed within expected time frame	# completed later than expected time frame	# not completed	% completed within expected time frame
Recent year (2020-21)	8	0	0	100%
1 year prior (2019-20)	14	0	0	100%
2 years prior (2018-19)	12	0	0	100%
3-year average*				100%

\* Calculated as total # completed within expected time frame ÷ total number of students

### Praxis examination pass rates of test-takers\*

Reporting period	# taking exam	# passed exam	% passed exam rate
Recent year (2020-21)	9	8	88.89%
1 year prior (2019-20)	9	9	100%
2 years prior (2018-19)	9	9	100%
3-year average			96.3%

\* The Praxis is the national examination administered by ETS and required by most states for audiology licensure. The data above reflect the highest scores of test-takers.

Note: The Praxis examination reporting period is the testing year or examination cycle, not the year of graduation for the test-takers. The data for each reporting period may include test-takers who graduated from the program within the prior three years.

## Employment rates of graduates

Reporting period*	Employment rate in profession	
	# of graduates from prior year	% of graduates from prior year
Recent year (2020-21)	14	100%
1 year prior (2019-20)	12	100%
2 years prior (2018-19)	9	100%
3-year average		100%

\*Note: The employment rate reporting period is not the year of graduation. The data for each reporting period should represent the individuals who graduated from the program one year prior.

## Graduating class of 2025 data

Class size	16
Average age	24
Undergraduate cumulative GPA	3.44
Undergraduate science GPA	3.26
Student to faculty ratio	6:1
Length of program	4 years



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## Audiology full-time faculty

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