

CPR Certification Requirements

The Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology requires the American Heart Association Basic Life Saver CPR AED course for incoming speech and audiology students to provide clinical services. It is CPR for adult, child, and infant. You do not have to do first aid training. It does have to be an in-person demonstration of skills as a component of the training. It cannot be an all-online course.

The certification is active for two years from the date of your initial training. For speech pathology students, consider receiving your training in August so you will be certified all through your graduate program. Audiology students would need recertification for the third and fourth years of their clinical program.

We do not accept CPR training from the Red Cross and other online training programs. It must be AHA. Our local hospitals, long term care nursing facilities, and rehabilitation centers will only accept AHA certification for your placement in their facilities for a clinical rotation.

The Department has used the Knoxville Fire Department as a source for trainers. You can reach them at 865 595-4671. Other community sources are available at the American Heart Association website. <https://cpr.heart.org/>