

## **AuD Clinic FAQ**

*Questions from perspective students. Answers by current students.*

### **How many observation hours do you need to begin the program?**

25

### **Do observation hours count towards clinic hours?**

No, only hours spent treating patients count towards the final, total amount.

### **Can you transfer clinical hours?**

Up to 9 semester hours of a clinical practicum completed at the graduate level from an ASHA CAA accredited institution can be transferred in.

### **Can you transfer observation hours?**

Yes, up to 25 observation hours can be transferred in.

### **How many total clinic hours need to be completed in this program?**

A minimum of 1,820 hours is needed to meet requirements for licensure in Tennessee and some other states.

### **What is the population of adult patients vs. the population of child patients?**

There are both adult and child patients seen in our clinic. Depending on your clinical supervisor each semester, you can have children, adults, or both.

### **How many speech pathology related clinic hours need to be completed in this program?**

Students are required to log 25 hours of aural (re)habilitation therapy while in Child Hearing Services. You can choose to specialize in aural rehabilitation if you want.

### **When do student clinicians have off-campus placements, and in what kinds of settings?**

Students typically start going off-campus after during their second year. Placements can be in schools, ENT offices, private practices, hospitals, or anywhere else.

### **What is the clinic dress code?**

The clinic handbook lists the exact requirements. Scrubs and a lab coat are required in clinic. For class, just wearing scrubs is acceptable.

### **How many student clinicians per supervisor?**

Usually around 9

### **If I do not have a communication sciences degree but have related coursework, will I start clinic right away?**

As long as you have met the prerequisites for coursework and have completed your 25 hours of observation, you will be able to start clinic.

### **Do I have a choice in the populations I work with in clinic?**

In order to meet competencies, you have to work with patients across the life span (infancy to geriatric). You will be assigned to populations based on the number of competencies you need acquire for that population.

### **How often do we rotate in clinic?**

Every semester

**What is an externship?**

In the AuD program, you have 2 full-time externships: a 10-week externship during the summer after your 2<sup>nd</sup> year and a year-long externship completed during your 4<sup>th</sup> year. These externships are off-campus and you must find your own placement and apply for it.

**How many students get externships out of state?**

There is not set number of students who go out of state as it depends on each cohort of students. If students do want to go out-of-state, it is an option. Many students do this as we have affiliation agreements with many clinical sites that are out-of-state.

**Is it easy to get out-of-state externships?**

If students submit their requests on time, advisors do their absolute best to place them wherever they wish to go. It is extremely common to secure an out-of-state placement.

**What is an average income?**

The median salary for ASHA-certified audiologists with 1 to 3 years of experience in 2018 was \$78,000 per year.

**Do you have to get re-certified out of state?**

ASHA certification (CCC-A) is national and does not require re-certification when you move to another state. Licensure, however, is different for each state and you should refer to your state's specific website for this information. Some states require passing of a test, some just require proof of documentation, etc.