

# **AuD Coursework Related FAQ**

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

## **If I have a major outside of communication science and disorders, will I have to take extra courses?**

No, the only requirement is to have a bachelor's degree. However, certification via ASHA requires one course in each of the following areas: biological science, physical science (chemistry or physics), social/behavioral science (psychology, sociology, anthropology, public health), ASL, language development across the lifespan, and statistics. It is recommended these classes be completed as part of the undergraduate program.

## **If I have a low GPA and high GRE (or vice versa) should I still apply?**

The entire applicant is evaluated when deciding on admissions, therefore some students are admitted with lower GRE scores or lower GPA scores, but it varies from individual to individual. This is a very competitive program, so the highest scores are desired.

## **What kinds of grades do I need to stay in graduate school?**

Each student is responsible for obtaining an 80% or higher on each assignment, exam, and in each class. If a student makes a grade lower than 80%, remediation is required. If below 80% is obtained in a class, the entire course must be remediated. One course grade of lower than 80% puts a student on academic probation. The second course grade obtained below 80% results in dismissal from the program.

## **What is difference in an AuD vs. a PhD?**

The main difference is that an AuD is a clinical track, which prepares you to become a clinician in the field of audiology. A PhD is a research track and should be obtained if a student is looking to do research or wants to teach.

## **Tell me about the aural rehabilitation concentration.**

The concentration allows students to gain more exposure to and experience with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. This concentration requires more hours in Child Hearing Services and also requires that you take specific hearing-related electives.

## **How many classes do I need to take in this program?**

Upon graduation you will have completed a minimum of 112 semester credit hours of work, which includes 70 hours of academic courses, and 42 hours in clinical courses.

## **What is the Praxis pass rate for this program?**

100% - <https://www.uthsc.edu/asp/about/accreditation.php>

## **What is the job placement after graduation?**

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## **How do the above two things compare to rankings?**

While most individuals rate a school based on their ranking, it is important to take into consideration the prestige of the program in addition to the rate of passing the praxis and of job placement after graduation. Programs that have high Praxis pass rate and job placement are those that successfully prepare their students for their career and set them up with the necessary knowledge for the future.