

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
Doctor of Audiology (AuD)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)?

Yes, the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) degree program is accredited by the CAA through September 30, 2025.

2. How competitive is admission to the program?

We receive a high number of applications every year. Admissions data is available at <http://www.unco.edu/NHS/asls/AdmissionsDataAud.html>

3. Do I need to have an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders to participate in the program?

Completion of an undergraduate program in audiology, or communication disorders is not required prior to beginning the AuD program. However, applicants who possess a degree in another discipline must complete some core undergraduate coursework in communication disorders (outlined below). These courses can be completed through the University of Northern Colorado online the summer semester prior to beginning the AuD program. In addition to the core leveling courses, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association requires students to take a core of liberal arts courses. These requirements have often been met through a student's general education.

Core Classes:

ASLS 266 Language Development

ASLS 370 Basic Audiology

ASLS 478 Aural Rehabilitation

ASHA Requirements:

Statistics

Social Sciences (Psychology or Sociology)

Biology e.g. BIO 101

Physical Science (Chemistry or Physics).

Additional suggested courses:

Mathematics - College algebra or higher preferred

Anatomy and physiology

4. What kind of financial assistance is available?

Each year we award a number of graduate assistantships (GAs) and Graduate Dean's Scholarships. If you are admitted to the AuD program, you are automatically considered for those awards. We are also able to offer other smaller awards that are made possible through donations from private donors and alumni. To be considered for these smaller awards, please complete the UNC Scholarship Application once you are admitted to the AuD program. **Access to the Universal Scholarship Application, available through Ursa, is open each year from January 1 through March 1.** If you would like additional financial aid information, please see the UNC website.

5. Am I required to take the GRE?

A GRE score is required as part of the application. GRE scores are considered in conjunction with grades and letters of recommendation. GRE scores must be no more than 5 years old.

6. Do we accept international students?

Yes, we welcome international students in the program. Students need to take the TOEFL test and demonstrate English competency in written and oral forms. During practicum and internships students need to be supervised by an ASHA certified supervisor.

7. How do we evaluate applicants?

Applications are considered using overall GPA, major GPA and GRE scores. In addition, letters of recommendation and the personal statement are evaluated for the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate studies. It is highly advisable to obtain letters of recommendation from academic faculty who are can best judge an applicant's potential for graduate studies. Additionally, the applicant's transcripts and resume are reviewed for undergraduate academic rigor as well as specialized skills and leadership. With growing numbers of applications there is a possibility that an interview process may be implemented prior to admission into the program.

8. What clinical opportunities are available to AuD students?

We have a fully functional on-campus clinic that serves the entire lifespan from birth-elderly. Audiology services include infant, pediatric, and adult hearing evaluations, electrophysiologic testing, otoacoustic emissions testing, cochlear implant evaluations, cochlear implant mapping/programming, auditory processing disorders evaluations, industrial hearing screenings (often performed in conjunction with our mobile unit), hearing aid dispensing/fitting, and custom hearing protection devices. Students provide clinical services on campus for the first two and a half years of their program. The spring semester of the third year is divided into two full time off campus 8 week rotations (1 in the schools, and 1 in a medical facility). Students complete a full time externship Summer of Year 3 and Fall/Spring of Year 4. Our students have completed externship rotations all over the country, some at very competitive sites including the Mayo Clinic (Phoenix), the Boston VA Hospital, and the Cleveland Clinic.