



Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

2801 South University Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 501.569.3155



Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

Dear Prospective Au.D. Student:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding audiology graduate studies in our program. Students completing the program are awarded the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree. The Audiology and Speech Pathology department is part of both the College of Health Related Professions at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the College of Professional Studies at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). The Au.D. degree is awarded through the College of Health Related Professions at UAMS.

The Au.D. is a professional degree requiring a minimum of 118 semester credits and includes course work, clinical practicum, a research component, and a comprehensive examination. The length of the program is four years, including summers, with the final year spent in a full-time practicum experience. Students admitted to the Au.D. program directly from undergraduate studies will be enrolled to begin in the fall semester only.

The UAMS/UALR Au.D. program is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Council on Academic Accreditation. All graduates will have the opportunity to complete the academic and clinical requirements for national certification in audiology offered by the Council for Clinical Certification and by the American Board of Audiology. If your baccalaureate degree is not in communication sciences and disorders, two (2) undergraduate CSD courses are required; they are Phonetics and Language Acquisition, and they will not count toward the total of 118 semester credits needed for the Au.D. You may take these courses prior or subsequent to your admission to the Au.D. program. These courses are offered through UALR and online at a limited number of institutions. In addition, all Au.D. students are required to have at least one undergraduate course in each of the following areas: biological science, physical science, social science, mathematics. Most students meet this requirement with the "core" course work in their undergraduate programs. If you have not met this requirement by the time you enroll in the Au.D. program, you will have to do so at some point in your course of studies. As with the undergraduate CSD courses, these credits will not count toward the 118 in the Au.D. program.

Enclosed is program information including degree requirements, steps in the application process, a recommendation form (three recommendations are required for the application), and a departmental graduate assistantship application. Admission is based on your cumulative grade point average (CGPA), your Graduate Record Examination scores, recommendation letters from faculty, and your application letter. Transcripts must be **"official" and are acceptable only when mailed directly to CHRP from the granting institution.** The CHRP application is in a separate *.pdf file on the Web site. Payment of the \$20.00 fee should accompany the application. Have your GRE scores sent directly to CHRP with **Institution Code 6146**. The recommendation forms and graduate assistantship application should be mailed directly to the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology (address is provided on those forms).

We appreciate your interest in our program, and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about admission or our program, please feel free to contact me at 501-569-3155 or iso@uams.edu (email is probably faster).

Cordially,

Laura Smith-Olinde

Laura Smith-Olinde, Ph.D., CCC/A
Chair, Audiology Admissions Committee

A consortium program offered by the College of Professional Studies of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the College of Health Related Professions of the University of Arkansas for Medical Science.
Accredited in audiology and speech-language pathology by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation.



UAMS/UALR DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS—2010-2011

1) **ACADEMIC COURSE WORK** (must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average to progress)

Earn a minimum of 118 semester credits that will include:

- 80 semester credits of course work
- 6 semester credits of directed research
- 20 semester credits of clinical practicum
- 12 semester credits of clinical externship

2) **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DIRECTED RESEARCH PROJECT**

3) **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ACQUISITIONS OBJECTIVES (KASA)**

4) **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

5) **COMPLETE AN EXIT INTERVIEW WITH THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR**



Steps in the Application Process

1

Complete the Application for Admission.

You will find the application at:

<http://www.uams.edu/chrp/apply/ApplicationGraduate2010-2011.pdf>

2

Attach payment for the \$20 application **fee and** Mail the **Application for Admission**

(Please make check payable to: UAMS College of Health Related Professions)

Mail both the Application and your check to:

**Office of Admissions
College of Health Related Professions
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
4301 West Markham Street, #619
Little Rock, AR 72205-7199**

-----MAIL YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE PROCEEDING!-----

3

Have **each** college or university that you have attended send **an official transcript** of your work directly to the CHRPOffice of Admissions, even if you took only one course there.

The term “official” means that the transcript must be sent by the registrar at your former institution directly to the College of Health Related Professions. Copies sent or delivered by the applicant cannot be accepted.

4

5

Arrange for an official copy of your **GRE** scores to be sent to the UAMS College of Health Related Professions.

Institution code: 6146.

Have each of three professors (only 3) with whom you have worked and who are familiar with your abilities and academic performance complete and mail a **recommendation form** to the Audiology program at the address below:

**AUSP Audiology Admissions Committee
UALR-UP 600
2801 South University Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72204**

6

Send an application letter to the Audiology Admissions Committee at the address above. Your letter should be no more than two (2) pages in length (single-spaced) using a 12pt font in a business letter format. In the letter you should tell us:

- 1) why you are choosing audiology
- 2) your short- and long-term career goals
- 3) why you chose to apply to our program
- 4) any other information about yourself you consider relevant

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Audiology and Speech Pathology Department
Doctor of Audiology Program**

Recommendation Form

To the applicant: This form is to be completed by a faculty member under whom you have studied, taught, or worked and who is able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study. Please type or print neatly to fill in the first section of this form.

Applicant's Last Name	Applicant's First Name	Applicant's Middle Name

Applicant's Address

Street	City	State	Zip

Name of Recommender	Title	Institution

If you are admitted to the Doctor of Audiology program, you have the right as a student to review your permanent record, including this recommendation form, which will be on file with the university. Some recommenders prefer not to complete recommendation forms unless they can be assured of the confidentiality of their comments. It is our opinion that comments provided on a confidential basis are likely to be more helpful to us in judging important characteristics such as creativity, originality, independence and research capability. Accordingly, the university is affording you the opportunity to waive your right of subsequent access to this recommendation . In any event, your application for admission and/or financial support will be given full consideration based on all the information in your application file, including this form, regardless of your decision on waiving your right of future review. Do you waive your right of subsequent access to this recommendation ?

Under provisions of Public Law 93-380, the Family Education Rights Act, and under University guidelines pursuant to that act, a student (defined as any person who has been officially admitted and registered at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) has the right to review recommendations made in her/his behalf unless the applicant waives this right at the time s/he solicits the recommendation. If you wish to waive your right to review, please indicate below.

- I hereby waive my right to review this recommendation
- I hereby DO NOT waive my right to review this recommendation

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

To the Recommender:

Please rate the applicant on a 1 – 5 scale with 5 indicating the applicant possesses the highest amount/level of that characteristic. If you are not able to judge in any particular category, please mark the far right column (Insufficient Information).

	5	4	3	2	1	Insufficient Information
Potential for successful completion of graduate studies						
Problem solving ability						
Motivation and initiative						
Reliability and dependability						
Maturity and stability						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to work with others						
Oral expression in English						
Written expression in English						

If desired, please attach a written evaluation (on your department letterhead) of the applicant’s suitability as a graduate student.

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Printed name of recommender

Signature of recommender

Date

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO: A USP AUD ADMISSIONS, UALR-UP 600, 2801 S. UNIVERSITY AVE., LITTLE ROCK, AR 72204-7199 OR FAX TO 501-569-3157.

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP
DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM**

Graduate assistants serve as clinic, teaching, research, and/or administrative assistants and must be enrolled in a full-time course of study (a minimum of 10 semester credits in the fall and spring semesters and at least seven (7) semester credits in the summer). Applicants must meet prerequisite requirements for regular, full-time admission to the Doctor of Audiology Program. Satisfactory academic performance must be maintained throughout the assistantship. For example, if a student earns a grade of "C" in any course, the graduate assistantship must be relinquished at the end of that semester.

YEAR OF ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT: _____

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1. Name: _____

2. Personal Information:

Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Resident of Arkansas? Yes No

Citizen of the U.S.? Yes No

Race/ethnicity* _____ (Optional, but indication of race may assist in identifying candidates who may qualify for any available minority assistantships.)

3. Current complete mailing address: _____

4. Permanent address: _____

5. Current phone: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Permanent phone: _____

6. Colleges and universities attended with dates and degrees (if any):

7. Scholastic honors and significant extracurricular activities: _____

8. Work experience:

9. Previous graduate assistantships: _____

10. Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in major: _____

11. What are your special interest areas in audiology (*i.e.*, hearing aids, early identification, *etc.*...)

12. What is your preferred population with which to work?

Pediatric _____ Adult _____ Both _____ Undetermined _____

13. List any volunteer activities you have participated in that were related to audiology.

14. Please attach a 1-page, double-spaced, typed statement explaining why you wish to be considered for an audiology graduate assistantship.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Return this application to: Au.D. Financial Aid Committee
UALR-AUSP University Plaza, Ste. 600
2801 S. University Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72204