

# Doctor of Audiology

The Doctor of Audiology (AuD) (<https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/doctor-of-audiology/>) program is a four-year course of study that prepares students as independent clinical audiologists. Established in 1947, the program is among the oldest and most prestigious of its kind. Today, its curriculum serves as a national model, immersing students in academic course work, clinical experiences and research opportunities. The program is ranked among the top in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*; the program and its faculty are internationally recognized and draw a diverse body of students.

## Curriculum

During the first three years, the program's course work is integrated with clinical and research training, with students completing and presenting a capstone project during the third year of study. The fourth year is fully dedicated to clinical training. The four-year curriculum (<https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/doctor-of-audiology/curriculum/>) emphasizes hands-on experiences and covers the scope of practice for the profession. A pediatric audiology track (<https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/doctor-of-audiology/pediatric-audiology-specialization/>) is also available.

## Clinical Experiences

Students in the AuD program begin a clinical practicum during the first semester of study, and hands-on experiences become more immersive with each successive semester. These clinical education experiences culminate during the fourth year with a full-time clinical externship. Housed within the Department of Otolaryngology (<http://oto.wustl.edu/>) in the Washington University School of Medicine, AuD students benefit from a wide variety of clinical opportunities across the life span and scope of practice. Students gain experience alongside our medical faculty and clinicians in our nationally ranked teaching hospitals and in a wide variety of on-campus and off-campus clinical sites (<https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/doctor-of-audiology/clinic/>).

## Research Training

The integration of research into the curriculum is a distinctive feature of the AuD program. All students receive research training (<https://pacs.wustl.edu/programs/doctor-of-audiology/research-training-opportunities/>) through course work and the completion of the capstone project during the third year. Students are also encouraged to pursue their individual research interests through a variety of elective interdisciplinary research opportunities, including an elective summer research experience.