Distance Learning
Doctor of Audiology

A program that offers working professionals the opportunity to earn an Au.D. with maximum flexibility using the latest technology.

College of Public Health & Health Professions
Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
The Program
The University of Florida’s Distance Learning Doctor of Audiology Program was one of the first online Au.D. programs to be offered. Since 1998, this innovative program has used the latest in online technology to provide over 1200 practicing audiologists with a truly interactive learning experience. In 2008, U.S. News & World Report placed Florida’s Doctor of Audiology Program 6th in rankings among all U.S. graduate audiology programs.

The Degree
The degree earned in this program is a Doctor of Audiology degree equivalent to any other Au.D. conferred by the University of Florida. An Au.D. from the University of Florida is a credential that will continually provide an exceptional return on your investment throughout the program and throughout your professional career, no matter where your profession takes you.

The Faculty
A mission of the college is to preserve, promote, and improve the health and well being of populations, communities, and individuals. You will gain knowledge and perspective from faculty with a national and international reputation as well as a network of talented and skilled professionals.

Eligibility
Applicants should have at least one year of full-time, professional work experience in audiology, a U.S. master’s degree in audiology (or its international equivalent) and one of the following: ABA certification, ASHA certification or a U.S. state license to practice audiology (or its international equivalent). Additional admission requirements, along with application instructions, can be found on our website.

Computer Requirements
Due to the constantly changing improvements in technology, please see current computer requirements on our website.

Application Deadlines:
February 1 (Summer)
June 1 (Fall)
October 1 (Spring)

“Earning the AuD. made me more knowledgeable, confident, and skillful in rendering audiology services to my clients and increased patient/client satisfaction. Thanks to the University of Florida. I would recommend your Au.D. program to prospective students.”

Smita Hiremath, Au.D.
Summer 2006
The Students
Because the quality of your Au.D. experience is very much dependent upon the quality of your fellow students, you can be assured that your classmates have the abilities and backgrounds that will enrich your learning experience. Your classmates will have significant work histories, allowing them to make meaningful contributions to class discussions.

While all Distance Learning Au.D. students must have a master's degree, your classmates have been educated at institutions around the country as well as internationally. Students in the program bring a wealth of experience in a wide range of professional settings adding even more value to your experience. Our data indicates that admitted students come from private practice, educational settings, hospital and university clinics as well as VA hospitals.

How Does the Distance Learning Au.D. Program Work?
Upon admission into the program, each student is placed in a small learning community (a group of approximately 12 students) based on his or her location and model requested. Each of the small, learning communities is lead by a doctoral-level facilitator.

BOTH MODELS
During each course, students:
- take part in a one-hour, online chat with the course instructor, guest speakers and classmates one evening per week
- interact daily with course instructor, classmates and facilitators via online discussion boards
- take part in an online chat with small group to discuss weekly assignment
- take online quizzes
- view recorded lectures by the course instructor and expert presenters
- participate in virtual clinics or labs
- complete independent, research assignments
- read current literature online and in textbooks

During the 8th Course, students in both models complete a written, comprehensive exam.

REGIONAL SITE MODEL
Students meet for a weekend at a physical location every 8 weeks to:
- discuss real-world scenarios
- give presentations
- take a paper-and-pencil, final exam
- complete clinical competencies

ON-LINE ONLY MODEL
Students meet in an on-line chat room with their small learning community to:
- discuss real-world scenarios
- give presentations
- complete clinical competencies

Students in this model also complete an online, proctored, final exam for each course. Each student will locate a convenient community college, university, or approved testing center to take a proctored exam. Students are responsible for any costs associated with proctors.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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<td>Average age</td>
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<td>Average number of years between completing master's degree and entering Au.D. program</td>
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<td>Average master's GPA</td>
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Expert Presenters
The University of Florida has been fortunate to have experts from across the country prepare and present materials specifically for our Doctor of Audiology students. These individuals are nationally recognized leaders in their respective fields and we are extremely proud of their contributions to our program. Past lecturers include:

Karen Anderson, Ph.D.
Patrick J. Antonelli, M.D.
Kristin Avitabile, M.S., CCC-A
A.U. Bankaitis, Ph.D.
Kamran Barin, Ph.D.
Elliott Berger, M.S.
Dennis Burrows, Ph.D.
Kathleen Campbell, Ph.D.
Patricia M. Chute, Ed.D.
John Greer Clark, Ph.D.
Janet Clarke, Au.D.
Michelle Colburn, Au.D.
Randall Drulinger
R. Paul Duncan, Ph.D.
Kris English, Ph.D.
Dave Fabry, Ph.D.
Robert Fifer, Ph.D.
Don Fillipps, M.D.
Jill B. Firszt, Ph.D.
Steven Figley, M.Ed., Ed.S.
Patricia Harrington-Gans, Au.D.
Richard Gans, Ph.D.
Robert Glaser, Ph.D.
Donald M. Goldberg, Ph.D.
Courtney Hall, Ph.D.
Donald Henderson, Ph.D.
James Jerger, Ph.D.
Andrew John, Ph.D.
Gyl Kasewurm, Au.D.
Francis Kuk, Ph.D.
Colleen Le Prell, Ph.D.
Bryan Liang, M.D., Ph.D., J.D.
David M. Lipscomb, Ph.D.
David Lateman, Ed.D.
Michael Meldrum, Ph.D.
Michael Metz, Ph.D.
Gus Mueller, Ph.D.
Owen Murmane, Ph.D.
Jerry Northern, Ph.D.
Geoff Plant, OAM
Roger A. Ruth, Ph.D.
Sharon Sandridge, Ph.D.
Richard Seewald, Ph.D.
Donald Shum, Ph.D.
Shelley D. Smith, Ph.D.
Tina Smith-Bonahue, Ph.D.
Jamie Steinberg, Au.D.
Robert Sweetow, Ph.D.
Michael Valente, Ph.D.
Diane Wertz, M.S.
Maria Wojtalewicz, Ph.D.
Jerry Yanz, Ph.D.
Louise Zelski

Why Florida’s Distance Learning Au.D.?

Geographic Flexibility
Not everyone has a top-ranked Au.D. program in their vicinity. The University of Florida Distance Learning Au.D. program puts a nationally-ranked Au.D. program within everyone’s reach. Students enrolled in our program are based all over the United States as well as in Asia, Australia, Canada, Central and South America.

Travel Flexibility
With the Distance Learning Au.D. Program, you can do your coursework anywhere there is internet access. If you travel frequently for business, you now have the opportunity to do school work in your hotel room, at the airport, or anywhere you have the time.

Work and Family Friendly
The University of Florida Distance Learning Au.D. program is the best choice for people who face heavy professional or personal time demands on weekends. Working audiologists have found it is the best way to meet their educational goals while meeting work schedules and family obligations.

Teamwork
Because professional students bring a wide variety of skills, education and experience into the program, students gain a broad perspective on issues.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FACULTY

Harvey Abrams, Au.D.
Ken Gerhardt, Ph.D.
Scott Griffiths, Ph.D.
James Hall III, Ph.D.
Alice Holmes, Ph.D.
F. Joseph Kemker, Ph.D.
Pat Kricos, Ph.D.
Emily McClain, Au.D.
Robert M. Traynor, MBA, Ed.D.
On-Campus Au.D. | Ph.D. in Audiology | Au.D./Ph.D. in Audiology | Distance Learning Au.D. Regional Site Model** | Distance Learning Au.D. Online Only Model
---|---|---|---|---
Bachelor's Degree | Any Major | Any Major | Any Major | Any Major | Any Major
Master's Degree | Not required | Not required | Not required | Audiology | Audiology
Professional Work Experience | Not required | Not required | Not required | 1 or More Years Post-Masters | 1 or More Years Post-Masters
Licensure/Certification | Not required | Not required | Not required | Required* | Required*

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

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