



# GO FOR A *career* IN AUDIOLOGY

Help preserve and improve one of the most fragile  
and valuable human senses—hearing.



*more than*  
**360 MILLION PEOPLE**  
worldwide have a disabling hearing loss

### Pursue one of the top-rated careers in the country\* and...

- » Provide a vital health service.
- » Combine science, technology, community service, research, education, and patient care into one satisfying career.
- » Improve quality of life, educate your community, and offer preventative health care.
- » Be part of a rapidly growing profession with faster than average projected growth.
- » Help people of all ages hear and communicate better with spouses, family, friends, and co-workers.

**Audiologists are doctoral-level, health-care professionals who evaluate, diagnose, treat, and manage hearing loss, tinnitus, and balance disorders across all ages.**

\*Sources: <http://time.com/3935051/best-job-america>, [www.forbes.com/pictures/mkl45ejjl/the-best-jobs-for-2015](http://www.forbes.com/pictures/mkl45ejjl/the-best-jobs-for-2015), <http://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/audiologist>

Depending on work setting and location, audiologists earn an average salary of \$73,060 annually, with the potential to earn more than \$100,000 annually.

Audiology is expected to grow by at least 29 PERCENT, which is much faster than the average for other career fields.

Source: [www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/audiologists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/audiologists.htm)

## Where can a career in audiology take me?

Audiology offers a wide variety of career paths and job settings. You can be an entrepreneur and own a private practice or work for an international hearing solutions company. Want to do something else? There are many options and opportunities.

### Audiology Career Paths

- » Private Practice Owner
- » Clinical Audiologist or Specialist
- » Academic Faculty
- » Researcher
- » Manufacturer
- » Forensic Audiologist
- » Occupational Health
- » Educational Audiologist
- » Intraoperative Monitoring

### Audiology Job Settings

- » Clinics
- » Colleges and Universities
- » Hearing Health-Care Manufacturing Companies
- » Hospitals
- » Private Practices
- » Research Facilities
- » Schools
- » Military and Government Agencies

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**1.1 BILLION PEOPLE**  
*are at risk for hearing loss*  
**due to unsafe personal use of portable music devices**

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Source: [www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/ear-care/en/](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/ear-care/en/)



— approximately —

**2 TO 3 BABIES**

per 1,000 are born  
with a detectable  
level of hearing loss  
in one or both ears

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### What can I do to prepare for a career in audiology?

Find out more about the profession...shadow or volunteer with a local audiologist. Visit [www.audiology.org](http://www.audiology.org) and search the “Find an Audiologist” directory to locate an audiologist in your area.

Consider an undergraduate degree in speech and hearing sciences or other science-related degrees such as biology, physics, chemistry, psychology, and engineering. However, all degrees can be applicable and accepted by a graduate audiology program.

Obtain a doctoral degree in audiology. Audiology graduate programs include coursework in anatomy, physiology, physics, genetics, normal and abnormal communication development, diagnosis and treatment options, pharmacology, and ethics.

A doctor of audiology (AuD) degree is the minimal entry-level degree. AuD programs are three to four years and prepare students to work directly with patients in clinical practice. A PhD in speech and hearing sciences or a related field prepares students for a career in academia or research. Length of PhD programs vary and will include training in research methods, design, and statistics. Several programs offer dual degrees that combine the AuD and PhD tracks for students interested in practicing multiple career paths.

There are 73 doctoral programs in audiology and/or related hearing science in the United States. Visit [www.audiology.org](http://www.audiology.org) and search keywords “doctoral programs” to find a graduate program that fits your career goals.

# GAIN REWARDING EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE CUTTING-EDGE HEALTH CARE IN A CHANGING TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD WITH A CAREER IN AUDIOLOGY.

For more information, visit our student Web site  
[www.studentacademyofaudiology.org](http://www.studentacademyofaudiology.org) and go to the  
“Educational Opportunities” tab where you will see  
“Doctoral Students.”

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**Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education**  
<http://acaeccred.org>