



Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences

Clinical Opportunities for Doctoral Students in Audiology

| Fall | Spring | Summer |
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| Year 1: SPHS 6010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 25 hours are in observation • Remainder of semester: Supervised test experience with variety of patients at UNT Speech and Hearing Center (SHC) | Year 1: SPHS 6020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerkship: supervised evaluations with variety of patients at UNT SHC | Year 1: SPHS 6020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Communicate: supervised experience with a pediatric hearing impaired population at UNT SHC • Clerkship: supervised test experience with variety of patients at UNT SHC |
| Year 2: SPHS 6060 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerkship: Supervised evaluations at UNT SHC • Internship: One full-day placement at a participating offsite facility | Year 2: SPHS 6060 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerkship: Supervised evaluations at UNT SHC • Internship: One full-day placement at a participating offsite facility | Year 2: SPHS 6060 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship: 1-2 full days supervised evaluations at participating off-site facility |
| Year 3: SPHS 6060 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship: supervised 2 days offsite at a participating facility (Advanced Procedures) | Year 3: SPHS 6060 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship: supervised 2 days offsite at a participating facility (Advanced Procedures) | Year 4: SPHS 6090 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au.D. Externship • Full-time placement at an offsite facility (<i>Au.D. student decides location</i>) |
| Year 4: SPHS 6090 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au.D. Externship • Full-time placement at an offsite facility (<i>Au.D. student decides location</i>) | Year 4: SPHS 6090 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au.D. Externship • Full-time placement at an offsite facility (<i>Au.D. student decides location</i>) | May Graduation |

Clinical practicum requirements for graduation from the Au.D. Program:

The following is the clinical practicum requirement for graduation:

Au.D. students will participate in a variety of audiology practicum sites and obtain a range of clinical practicum experiences throughout the graduate program, with proper progression of clinical and professional skills over the course of the on-campus clinical years. The final clinical year is spent off campus in a supervised externship, equivalent to full-time employment. The externship may be acquired with or without compensation, as determined by the host site. During the externship year, the Au.D. student must acquire a minimum of 1600 clinical hours, with 80% of the time spent in direct client contact as outlined by the Texas State Board of Examiners For Speech Pathology and Audiology.

In case the student is unable to acquire the required clinical practicum hours by the conclusion of the Spring semester of the 4th-year of doctoral study, the student must continue to enroll in SPHS 6090 (3 credits each semester) until the required hours are accumulated and documented.

NOTE: *All Au.D. students will have a choice of either doing a research project for six credits (option #1) or take one graduate course (3 credits) outside the department in lieu of the research project (option #2). Either way, students must have successfully completed all of their courses within and outside the department, and their research project (if option #1 is chosen) prior to starting their fourth-year externship.*

Internships

Clinical education at any facility may offer opportunities that encompass a variety of clinical service delivery models. Au.D. Students should work closely with the university practicum coordinator to ensure adequate exposure to a wide variety of clinical opportunities offered in audiology.

Off-site clinical rotations include:

- Hearing Aid & Assistive Listening Device Fitting and Dispensing
- Pediatric Assessment
- Medical (ENT and/or Hospital – Adult and/or Pediatric)
- Advanced Diagnostics (Vestibular Assessment, Electrophysiological Measures)
- Educational Audiology
- Hearing Conservation

Participating off-site facilities include (but are not limited to):

- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Dallas Ear Institute
- Cook Children's Hospital and Children's Medical Center of Plano
- Fort Worth & Dallas Veterans' Administration
- Lockheed Martin
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Various ENT practices and private practices
- Heard it Through the Grapevine Audiology
- Plano, Lewisville, and Fort Worth ISDs

Externships

Au.D. Externship facilities are chosen by the doctoral student, typically during the 3rd year of study. Placement at any location is coordinated with the help of the clinical faculty and the Director of Audiology.

Current and past externship facilities include (but are not limited to):

- Veteran's Affairs Hospitals nationwide
- Cook Children's Medical Center
- Hearts for Hearing, Oklahoma
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Heard it Through the Grapevine Audiology
- MD Anderson
- The Center for Hearing and Speech, Houston
- ENT Associates of Texas, various locations
- ENT for Children
- Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago
- Dallas Ear Institute
- Ear Medical Group, San Antonio
- Nationwide opportunities

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