Pacific University

FOUNDED IN 1849, in what is now Forest Grove, Ore., we celebrate a remarkable history and tradition in our acclaimed colleges.

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Optometry
- College of Education
- College of Health Professions
- College of Business — NEW 2013

Today, with multiple campuses in Oregon, the university remains a small place where big ideas are developed through a distinctive combination of learning opportunities, diverse perspectives and civic engagement.

About Us

Pacific University is committed to the interprofessional education of health professionals. The colleges of Health Professions, Optometry and Education have graduate and professional healthcare programs in the following:

- Athletic Training — NEW 2013*
- Audiology
- Dental Health Science (dental hygiene)
- Gerontology
- Healthcare Administration
- Healthcare Compliance — NEW 2013
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Psychology
- Speech-Language Pathology

*Program accreditation pending

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With a commitment to develop healthcare programs that serve underserved communities and improve the lives of those in our region, the audiology program will provide clinical services in the on-campus Pacific EarClinic. Additionally, there will be numerous opportunities for students in the audiology program to learn and collaborate interprofessionally with students from many other health professions.

YEAR ONE
The first year will provide the foundation necessary for the practice of audiology. Classes and clinical practicum will focus on the basic knowledge and skills necessary to complete a basic audiological evaluation and implement a basic intervention plan.

YEAR TWO
The second year will see a much more focused curriculum, with students spending most of their class time in concentrated specialty blocks. Practicum experiences for this year will involve focused rotations to help provide mastery in the specific practice areas to be addressed.

YEAR THREE
The primary focus of year three is a full-time clinical placement, often referred to as the externship year, with placements nationwide. The students will also be involved in a seminar focused on professional practice issues and case study presentations.

WHAT DO AUDIOLOGISTS DO?
Audiologists are professionals who diagnose, treat and manage individuals with hearing loss and balance problems. Audiology provides specialized assessment protocols to support medical diagnosis and directly and independently provide treatment and rehabilitative services necessary for managing the deleterious effects of hearing loss and balance disorders. Rehabilitative options include the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids. Academic and clinical training at the doctoral level provides the foundation for patient management at all stages of life, from birth through adulthood.

Audiologists work in private practices, medical centers, government health facilities, industry, schools and other clinical settings.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR
The audiology program utilizes a holistic admissions review, which considers academic record, majors/minors, essay responses, recommendation letters, writing sample, service activities and an on-campus interview.

Additionally, we look for excellent interpersonal and written communication, professional demeanor, strong sense of professionalism 24/7, strong spirit of teamwork, motivation to succeed, fit with Pacific University, passion for audiology, and commitment to pursuing a professional career in audiology.

Prerequisites include courses in English composition/grammar, human biology, mathematics, physics and chemistry, social sciences and statistics.

LAUNCHED IN FALL 2012, the School of Audiology provides a unique opportunity for an accelerated three-year doctor of audiology degree program. This addition to our health professions offerings at Pacific University focuses on teaching and evidence-based clinical practice in an interprofessional health professions learning environment.

Pacific also offers healthcare services throughout the Portland metropolitan area, providing training for healthcare and optometry students and care for the patients we serve. The audiology program works with underserved patients at our on-campus clinic, Pacific EarClinic, enhancing the student experience while also serving and supporting the community.

Career Forecast
In recent years, audiology has consistently ranked high on U.S. News & World Report’s top careers lists and topped the list in 2006.

Audiology is a relatively small profession with approximately 12,000 practitioners (U.S. Department of Labor, 2008). Audiologists must be licensed to practice in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. By far the most common degree granted for the clinical practice of audiology is the doctor of audiology (AuD).

By 2018, the projected demand for audiologists will be 16,000 nationally, a 25 percent increase over the current labor force (U.S. Department of Labor statistics).

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