

Audiology Program Policy 202

Clinical Practicum Requirements in Audiology

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Policy: All Doctor of Audiology (AuD) students will meet clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) based on current certification standards from the Committee for Clinical Certification (CFCC), the American Board of Audiology Certified (ABAC), based on current certification standards from the American Board of Audiology (ABA), as well as any additional practicum required for a State of Tennessee license, and any additional practicum designated by the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the completion of the program.

Procedure:

- I. Clinical practicum experience will occur throughout the 4-year (typical) graduate program.
- II. Practicum experience requires supervised clinical practicum sufficient in depth and breadth to achieve the knowledge and skills outcomes as listed in Standard IV of the 2020 Certificate for Clinical Competence and the current four eligibility categories as listed in the 2022 certification requirements of the American Board of Audiology certification.
- III. It has been determined that the program requires a minimum of 2,000 hours to meet the outcomes of both certifying bodies and for licensure.
 - a. A student will acquire a large quantity of hours through direct contact with patients, interprofessional education and practice, and through direct Audiology service delivery.
 - b. Additionally, hours will be obtained through audiology related activities such as report writing, administration, consult time, etc. as it relates to proper patient care.
 - c. The bulk of the 2,000 hours is accrued during the 4th year externship when the student's entire workday is providing clinical services.
 - d. The content and quality of clinical experiences during the first three years of the programs as well as the 4th year externship requirements will ensure the student has sufficiently diverse clinical experiences to meet the expected competency levels and obtain a variety of clinical experiences across the scope of practice.
 - e. Additional clinical experiences may be required to meet a particular state's unique licensing requirements. It is the responsibility of the student to

investigate the licensure requirements in advance and notify the Director of Clinical Education in Audiology to provide sufficient time to arrange the necessary training and clinical experiences required.

- IV. Students will obtain clinical observation hours at the University of Memphis even if observation hours have been obtained as part of their undergraduate program.
 - a. Undergraduate observation hours should be shared with the Director of Clinical Education in Audiology.