

# Audiology

College of Health and Human Services



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## Reasons to choose our program...

Western Michigan University's audiology graduate program consistently generates advancements in knowledge and treatment regarding human hearing and communication processes and disorders, including balance. Program options include:

The **Doctor of Audiology** (Au.D.) is a four-year post-baccalaureate professional degree. As part of the degree program, students must successfully complete an independent scholarly project, outcomes-based formative assessment, and all requirements for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Certificate of Clinical Competence and/or state licensure.

Also available is the **4 + 3 Accelerated Doctor of Audiology** (Au.D.), a special program for WMU students who begin college with an interest in audiology to take coursework in that and related areas early and to begin entry level graduate coursework in their senior year, thus saving approximately six months of graduate study. Undergraduate students with senior standing can take up to 12 credit hours for graduate credit which can be counted toward both the bachelor degree and graduate degree. Students are charged at the undergraduate tuition rate.

Our comprehensive audiology curriculum exposes students to the breadth and depth of the profession, allowing them to develop knowledge and essential skills in clinical service provision, research and interprofessionalism.

Situated within the College of Health & Human Services that affords interprofessional experiences across a range of disciplines, including blindness and low vision studies, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, social work, social work, and nursing, etc.



## Points of Pride

- Accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech Language Hearing Association.
- Offers dynamic and varied clinical partnerships through the on-campus Unified Clinics and within the southwest Michigan area including the Southwest Michigan Childhood Trauma Assessment Center and the WMU Charles Van Riper Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic.
- Provides research experience with recognized faculty scholars on projects related to assessment, listening and spoken language, speech perception in noise, especially in older adults, balance and fall risk assessment and effects of ototoxic agents on auditory development and physiology.
- Hosts The Van Riper Lecture Series, which spotlights national experts from a variety of specialty research and clinical areas.

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## Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas

Faculty members have received prestigious federal grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Institute of Educational Sciences and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. Faculty excellence is also reflected in numerous national awards and notable WMU awards for distinguished research and service.

Areas of expertise include:

- Speech perception in noise, especially in older adults
- Evaluation and treatment of hearing loss
- Balance and fall risk assessment
- Modeling neurodevelopmental disorders to understand mechanisms of damage
- Intervention effectiveness
- Patients' perceptions of clinical outcomes

## Industry Highlights

The department boasts an 88 percent three-year average program completion rate, a 100 percent three-year Praxis exam pass rate, and a 100 percent three-year employment rate for graduates in the profession.

The median salary for a beginning audiologist is \$65,000. The profession is ranked in the top-25 best careers, with projected growth over the next seven to 10 years.

## Funding

Approximately 75 percent of our first-year graduate students receive a graduate assistantship or scholarship; all applicants will be automatically considered. Financial aid may also be available; see [wmich.edu/finaid](http://wmich.edu/finaid).

## Admission

Applicants must first complete the application through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service ([portal.csdcas.org](http://portal.csdcas.org)) and then the graduate student application ([wmich.edu/apply/graduate](http://wmich.edu/apply/graduate)).

Applicants are admitted for the fall semester only. Fall application deadline: Jan. 15

## Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences

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## Western Michigan University est. 1903

Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America's best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly \$52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

## Kalamazoo, Michigan

The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.

