



# DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY (AuD) PROGRAM

## *Application and Admission Information*

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Thank you for your interest in Ball State University's Doctor of Audiology (AuD) program.

This document contains information about:

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## **ADMISSION STANDARDS**

Admission to the AuD program is limited, competitive and based on a standard of academic excellence. Applicants must be admitted by both the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and the Graduate School to enroll as a doctoral degree-seeking student. The admissions process begins with a review of the academic credentials of the application. The AuD Admissions Committee strongly considers academic performance and scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Preference is given to applicants with a 3.2 GPA or higher, both cumulatively and within the major, and scores of 500 or higher on both the verbal and quantitative GRE subtests. Other credentials considered include performance on the writing section of the GRE, recommendation letters and statement of purpose. Applicants meeting admission standards based on the review of materials may then be invited for a personal interview, during which the admissions committee will evaluate goals and interpersonal communication skills. Due to the large number of applicants, meeting the admission standards does not guarantee admission into the program.

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## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All application materials must be received by February 1 to ensure consideration for the next fall semester admission. Applications that are completed after the deadline will only be considered if there is space in the program. Admission decisions are generally made by March, although early admission may be granted for outstanding candidates. Notification of admission is sent to the address indicated on the Graduate Application form.

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Interested students must apply to and be accepted by both the Graduate School and the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. The separate application procedures for each are outlined below.

### **MATERIALS FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

The following materials must be sent directly to the Graduate School.

#### **APPLICATION FORM**

Complete the enclosed Graduate Application form. Detailed instructions for completing the Graduate Application form are given on the reverse side of the application. Mail the original completed application to the Graduate School.

A copy of the completed application must be included with the materials sent to the AuD Admissions Committee.

Applications to the University may also be submitted online. If applying online, include a printed copy of the completed application with the materials sent to the AuD Admissions Committee.

#### **APPLICATION FEE**

The application fee, listed on the application form, is to be sent directly to the Graduate

School along with the completed application form. Applications cannot be considered without payment of the application fee.

**TRANSCRIPTS**

Request that official transcripts of all college/university course work, including any graduate work, be sent directly to the Graduate School from the issuing institution. Original transcripts must be provided from all institutions attended even if transfer courses from other universities are listed on other transcripts.

**GRE SCORES**

Request that GRE scores be sent directly to the Graduate School. In addition, a copy of the scores must be included with the application materials sent to the AuD Admissions Committee.

**MATERIALS FOR THE AuD ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

The following materials must be sent directly to the AuD Admissions Committee. All materials sent to the AuD Admissions Committee must be sent together in one mailing.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The statement of purpose is used to provide additional information to the AuD Admissions Committee. The applicant should discuss reasons for pursuing a doctorate in audiology, including educational and experiential preparation for an AuD program, and long-term career objectives. The statement must be typed and should be no more than two single-spaced pages.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

Complete the Supplemental Information form enclosed in this information packet. This form may be handwritten.

**DOCUMENTATION OF CLINICAL OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM HOURS**

Documentation of any clinical observation or practicum hours earned in speech-language pathology or audiology should be included with the application materials. This documentation should be signed by the person responsible for certifying the hours.

Admitted students who obtain additional observation or practicum hours prior to starting at Ball State University will be asked to submit updated documentation that includes these hours.

Note that neither observation nor practicum hours are required for admission to the program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Three recommendations should be obtained. References may use the enclosed forms or may write a letter on their organization's letterhead. At least one reference must be familiar with the applicant's academic work and, if applicable, at least one should be familiar with the applicant's clinical work. References should also be able to comment on the applicant's potential for success in a doctoral program.

All three recommendations must be included with the application materials sent to the AuD

Admissions Committee. If preferred, a reference may provide the recommendation form or letter to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

**COPY OF COMPLETED GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Include a copy of the completed application to the Graduate School. If the application was submitted online, include a printed a copy of the completed application.

**GRE SCORES**

Provide a copy of GRE scores. These do not need to be official copies; a photocopy is acceptable.

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## **ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW AND CAMPUS VISITS**

The on-campus interview is critical to the application process. The interview provides AuD Admissions Committee the opportunity to further assess the applicant's potential for success in the AuD program. The interview also affords the applicant opportunity to ensure that the Ball State University AuD program is compatible with his or her career objectives. Additional information about on-campus interviews will be provided after all application materials are received.

Campus visits are encouraged at any point during the application process. Interested prospective students are invited to visit the Ball State University campus and the AuD program facilities. Please contact the AuD Program Director to schedule a visit.

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## **INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS**

We welcome and encourage citizens from countries other than the U.S. to apply. All international applications must be processed through the Office of International Admissions. All AuD program admission criteria must be met in addition to any other requirements established by the University. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the Office of International Admissions for specific application/admission requirements and procedures; **please do not use the application procedures in this handout.** Information on International Admissions can be found at <http://cms.bsu.edu/AdmissionsLanding/InternationalAdmissions.aspx>.

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## **TUITION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please contact the Office of Admissions or the Office of the Bursar and Loan Administration for information on current expenses and financial assistance options. Information is also available at <http://cms.bsu.edu/AdmissionsLanding/UndergraduateAdmissions/TuitionandFees.aspx>.

### **Graduate Assistantships**

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology offers a limited number of graduate assistantships. Assistantships typically provide a stipend and at least a partial waiver of tuition costs. Assistantships require a work commitment to the university of 10 or 20 hours per week. All applicants will be considered for an assistantship unless otherwise requested. Those not receiving

assistantships through the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology are encouraged to seek assistantships through other departments. Available assistantships and other on-campus employment opportunities can be found at [www.bsu.edu/studentservices](http://www.bsu.edu/studentservices).

### **Fellowships**

A limited number of University Fellowships may be offered to outstanding applicants. Minimum requirements include a GPA of 3.6 or higher on undergraduate work (3.8 or higher on graduate work for applicants with a master's degree) and GRE scores in the 85th percentile or higher. Fellowships provide a stipend and a waiver of most tuition costs without requiring a work commitment. For qualifying applicants, the AuD Admissions Committee will automatically forward copies of pertinent application materials to the Graduate School for consideration. Please contact the Graduate School for additional information on University Fellowships.

### **Loans/Scholarships**

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid has information on student loans, scholarships, and other financial aid. Additional financial aid possibilities may be explored through banks or other financial institutions. Agencies such as SERTOMA and Lions International may also provide scholarships. Numerous other sources can be found online and through libraries and bookstores.

#### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA**

The following reflects data averaged over the previous three full academic years for the Doctor of Audiology Program:

Graduation Rate	93%
Students completing program within the program's published time frame	86%
Pass rate on National Examination in Audiology (Praxis II)	100%
Employment Rate (within one year of graduation)	100%

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### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

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