WHY STUDY AUDIOLOGY?

This MSc Audiology is the first of its kind in the Republic of Ireland to qualify individuals to practice audiology. The programme was developed in response to a call from the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and the Health Services Executive (HSE) to provide clinical education in audiology following the National Audiology Review by the HSE.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The MSc Audiology is a two year, full-time programme. This new programme in audiology has been designed to qualify students to practice the profession of audiology. The aim of the programme is to educate, train and inspire confident clinicians who can meet the challenges of providing an integrated, sophisticated and scientific approach to assessing and managing the needs of children and adults with hearing and balance disorders.

Teaching Methods

The MSc Audiology programme uses a mix of lectures and Problem Based Learning (PBL) tutorials to enable students to apply knowledge in a sophisticated way to solve real-life problems efficiently. The curriculum will emphasise the diagnostic and rehabilitative aspects of pathologies affecting the hearing and balance systems.

Clinical Placement & Practice Education

Clinical skills, practice and professional development will take place both in a purpose built in-house audiology clinic in the College of Medicine and Health, and in clinical facilities throughout the country. Students will receive clinical education to work with adults and children who have hearing or balance disorders. During Semester 3, students will be on work placement for 4-5 days a week. Prior to engaging with clients, students will observe clinicians, partake in simulated learning and refine their clinical skills in the safe environment of our state-of-the-art training facility.

WHERE DO AUDIOLOGISTS WORK?

Audiologists work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, community clinics and private clinics with all ages from new-borns to the elderly. Audiologists provide a client-centred approach to intervention and management of hearing loss and balance problems.
**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates will hold either an undergraduate honours degree (National Framework of Qualifications Ireland, level 8; minimum Second Class Honours, Grade 1), or a postgraduate degree in any discipline, such as, but not exclusively, Anatomy, Biomedical Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Speech and Language Therapy, Medicine, Nursing and Education.

**Fitness to Practice:** [www.ucc.ie/en/academicsecretariat/fitnesstopractise](http://www.ucc.ie/en/academicsecretariat/fitnesstopractise)

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**Course Outline**

**Year 1**

**Audiology for Adults**

- Audiological Science & Rehabilitation
- Information Literacy & Research Strategies
- Medical Sciences for Hearing & Balance
- Electrophysiology, Acoustics & Amplification
- Psychosocial Dimensions of Deafness
- Human Development, Cognition, and Communication Through the Lifespan
- Practice Education

**Year 2**

**Audiology for Children and Balance Disorders**

- Electrophysiology, Acoustics & Amplification
- Audiological Science & Rehabilitation
- Research Methods
- Audiology Research Project
- Medical Science for Audiology II
- Practice Education

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