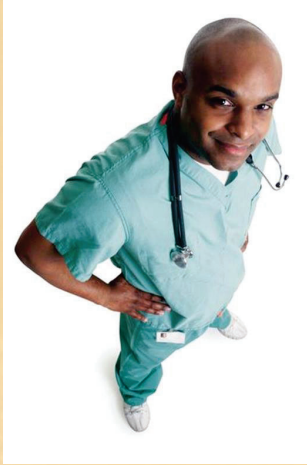


# Audiologist



## What do they do?

An Audiologist is a doctor who treats patients with hearing, balance or other inner-ear problems. They perform tests to see what a patient is able to hear and may prescribe hearing aids or implants. An Audiologist will also counsel their patients on how to cope with their hearing loss or dizziness.

An Audiologist will work closely with nurses, assistants and other professionals to provide care to their patients.

## Where do they work?

Most Audiologists work in hospitals, physician's offices or specialized audiology clinics, while some work for school districts.

## Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for Audiologists is \$81,030.



## Education:

A doctorate degree is required to be an Audiologist (Au.D.). UW-Madison recommends completion of a bachelor's degree program in communication sciences and disorders prior to admission, which they also offer.

Those who are interested in Audiology research can also pursue a Ph.D. at UW-Madison. A combined M.S./Ph.D. program is available.

## Au.D. training in Madison:

UW-Madison (B.A.; B.S.; Au.D.; Ph.D.): [www.csd.wisc.edu](http://www.csd.wisc.edu)

High School students interested in becoming an Audiologist should take should take science, and health related courses.

## Accreditation:

Audiology programs are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), a branch of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:

[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)



## Professional Associations:

Audiologists can choose to join any of the following professional associations.

American Academy of Audiology:

[www.audiology.org](http://www.audiology.org)



Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association:

[www.wishaa.org](http://www.wishaa.org)



## Certification & License:

Graduates of an accredited Audiology program can earn the Certificate of Completion (CCC-A) through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Standards for certification through ASHA are set by members of the Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CFCC).

Learn more about becoming certified here:

[www.asha.org/Certification](http://www.asha.org/Certification)



Audiologists can also become certified through the American Board of Audiology, which also offers specialized certification in cochlear implants and pediatric audiology. Learn more here:

[www.boardofaudiology.org](http://www.boardofaudiology.org)



At the state level, Audiologists must become licensed through the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. This includes a postgraduate clinical fellowship.

Learn more about state licensure here:

[www.dsps.wi.gov](http://www.dsps.wi.gov)



Among other specialized equipment an Audiologist will use an audiometer, which is a machine used for testing hearing loss.



## Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Audiology is expected to grow 16 percent between 2020-2030, which is much faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Audiologists, [www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/audiologists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/audiologists.htm) (visited September 08, 2021).

