

# AUDIOLOGIST

Audiologists diagnose, manage, and treat a patient's hearing, balance, or ear problems. Further, audiologists treat other issues such as ringing in the ears, sensitivity to loud noises, and assess balance and equilibrium. Some audiologists also fit and dispense hearing aids and conduct research on hearing loss and related problems.

## CAREER DESCRIPTION\*

- » National median salary: \$87,740
- » National projected career growth: 11%
- » Most work in healthcare facilities, such as physicians' offices, audiology clinics, and hospitals
- » Diagnose, manage, and treat hearing, balance, and ear problems

## TYPICAL EDUCATION\*\*

- » Years of School (including undergraduate): 8
- » Average Entering GPA: 3.813 (2023)
- » Bachelor's Degree required
- » GRE required at some institutions

## NEARBY SCHOOLS

- » University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- » University of Kansas
- » University of Iowa
- » University of Northern Colorado
- » Washington University in St. Louis

## COMPETITIVE STUDENTS ALWAYS...

- » Maintain a GPA above 3.0
- » Obtain direct patient care experience
- » Volunteer in the community (local health departments, community engagement organizations, etc.)

## WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL SAY

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The best part of being an audiologist is the immediate effects of a patient wearing a hearing aid for the first time, especially very old and frail patients and watching as their eyes light up when they are able to hear again.”

-Alison Fry, Au.D

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My mission in life is to use better hearing as a vehicle to leave a positive mark on the World we share. Helping people hear has allowed me to leave that mark on so many people. That is the legacy I will leave on this Earth far after I'm gone.”

-Amy Holland, Au.D

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