



(REVIEWED DURING ORIENTATION SUMMER 2024)

INTRODUCTION

The audiology practicum assignments are an essential educational component of the audiology doctoral program. To ensure success of clinical experiences for the audiology doctoral student, this handbook was designed as a guide covering all four years of the program. The handbook is organized so that general information is presented first; this is information that is related to students in all four years of the program. This is followed by sections containing information as it pertains to each year of the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Non-Discriminatory Policy

Individuals must not discriminate in the delivery of professional services on any basis that is unjustifiable or irrelevant to the need for and potential benefit from services such as: race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicapping condition.

Confidentiality

Students are required to follow departmental policies and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of

Grand Rounds

Mandatory Grand Round meetings are held for all first-, second-, and third-year students enrolled in the Au.D. Program. Students will be notified of scheduled times and locations. Typically, Grand Rounds are held in person in PCD 1147. Grand Rounds occurs monthly during each semester. If warranted, excuses may be granted by the Audiology Program Director on a case-by-case basis. Each unexcused absence will result in a letter grade reduction. Students are expected to arrive to Grand Rounds on time. However, if two tardies occur, the grade will be reduced by a letter grade.

Attendance at Grand Rounds is included as a component toward the grade for Clinic year, Audiology Clinic Practica I, II, & III in the second year, and Audiology Clerkship Practica I, II, & III in the third year.

Special Guest Speakers

On occasion, there will be guest speakers presenting on particular topics related to Audiology. Students are expected to attend these events as they enhance . Additionally, students are required to wear business casual attire to all guest speaker presentations.

Level 2 Background Check

To comply with Florida State Laws, all student clinicians will be required to have a Background Screening/Fingerprint Scan completed. The instructions for beginning this process are included (USF Audiology Program-Background Check Instructions Document). The fee of \$75.25 is the responsibility of the student.

Follow step 1 (log into www.verifystudents.com). Click on the student login/report retrieval blue button at the top right. Enter your email and password. Once you enter the system click on the order new report tab. The code you will use is listed in step 2: USFAPBG. After that follow the rest of the instructions attached.

Once you have completed the Background/Fingerprinting your Typhon portfolio will automatically reflect that this requirement has been met. After the first year of the AuD program, students will be required at the beginning of entering their USF practica year, clerkship year, and externship year to sign a disclosure of conviction form. This form certifies that you disclose a 50000612 792 reW*ETC Q612 792 reW* nBT/F6 12 Tf1 C

HIPAA Certification

A part of being a healthcare provider is knowing the rules and regulations regarding HIPAA. Because the clinic serves not just for providing audiology services to

solving in ways that make it easier (not harder) for others to accomplish their work.

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Cell Phones

Cell phones must be turned off when students are in clinic. Under no circumstances should a cell phone ring when attending to a patient. If the student has special circumstances regarding receipt of a phone call, the supervisor must be made aware of this.

KASA Competencies

Student Learning

Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will achieve growth in clinical competencies that will allow them to become audiologists who are able to apply knowledge and demonstrate skills in the following KASA competencies listed below:

KASA Standards:

KASA Standard	How achieved?	How assessed?
3.1.1A Professional Practice Competencies Refer to the 2023 Audiology Standards on the ASHA website for specific details.	Direct clinical experience via assigned clinical time	Formative Assessment: Daily verbal & written feedback Midterm evaluation Summative Assessment: Clinical Practical-Year 2 Case Presentation-Year 3 & 4 End of Semester Evaluation-All
3.1.2A Foundations of Audiology Practice Refer to the 2023 Audiology Standards on the ASHA website for specific details.	Direct clinical experience via assigned clinical time	Formative Assessment: Daily verbal & written feedback Midterm evaluation Summative Assessment: Clinical Practical-Year 2 Case Presentation-Year 3 & 4 End of Semester Evaluation-All
3.1.3A Identification and Prevention of Hearing Loss, Tinnitus, and Vestibular Disorders Refer to the 2023 Audiology Standards on the ASHA website for specific details.	Direct clinical experience via assigned clinical time	Formative Assessment: Daily verbal & written feedback

<p>3.1.4A Assessment of the structure and function of the auditory and vestibular systems as well as the impact of any changes to such systems</p> <p>Refer to the 2023 Audiology Standards on the ASHA website for specific details.</p>	<p>Direct clinical experience via assigned clinical time</p>	<p>Formative Assessment: Daily verbal & written feedback Midterm evaluation</p> <p>Summative Assessment: Clinical Practical-Year 2 Case Presentation-Year 3 & 4 End of Semester Evaluation-All</p>
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3.1.5A Intervention to minimize the effects of changes in the auditory and vestibular systems on an individual's ability to participate in his or her

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The professionalism component of the evaluation form is graded based on exceptional, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory performance. Should any student earn an unsatisfactory (U) in any of the professionalism responsibilities, their clinic practica grade will automatically drop by one letter grade. If more than one U is earned throughout the second year, a student will not be permitted to register for Clerkship I and will be placed on a Clinical Assistance Program (CAP) focusing on

in the designated practica the student will be required:

- a. For Second Year Students - To repeat the designated practica. Remember that clinical practica are only offered once a year.
- b. For the Third- and Fourth-Year Students To successfully repeat the designated practica before proceeding to the next practica.
- c. To receive counseling by the CAP supervisor, Audiology Clinic Director/Clerkship or Externship Coordinator and the Audiology Program Director.

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Affordable scrubs to be purchased by the student from *Discount Uniform Store* located at

End of the Semester Practical Exams

Each student will be given

THIRD YEAR STUDENT INFORMATION

Clinic Hours – Year 3 off-campus (Clerkship I, II, III)

Students will rotate through a specific sequence of clinical settings designed to provide a variety of clinical experiences (e.g., adult diagnostics, pediatric diagnostics, adult hearing aids, pediatric hearing aids, vestibular evaluation/treatment).

Each of the three clerkship experiences will take place in different settings. VA traineeships or other paid clerkships may only be counted as one of the three clerkship experiences. Only one clerkship assignment will be approved per semester.

The minimum number of clerkship hours is listed below for each semester as well as for the entire year. Please be aware that an individual site may expect more hours than are listed.

Summer Semester	10 weeks at 10 hours/week	100 hours on site
Fall Semester	14 weeks at 10 hours/week	140 hours on site
Spring Semester	<u>14 weeks at 10 hours/week</u>	<u>140 hours on site</u>
	Total minimum hours on site	380 hours