

# Doctor of Audiology Program Podcast

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Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Doctor of Audiology program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Doctor of Audiology program will prepare students to become licensed audiologists in practical settings through lecture and laboratory courses. This is an 84 credit hour program and can be completed in three years as a full-time student. This program does not admit part-time students.

The U.S. Department of Labor projects that employment of audiologists will grow 29% between 2014 and 2024, much faster than average for all occupations.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended Grand Valley previously or are currently attending Grand Valley.

This program accepts applicants with a baccalaureate degree from almost any major or area of emphasis; prior coursework in the sciences, technology, or healthcare fields is encouraged. Applicants must submit transcripts, GRE scores, and a resume. Finalists are invited by the program for an interview.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders website, [www.gvsu.edu/csd/](http://www.gvsu.edu/csd/).

Some great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid) or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu).

The Doctor of Audiology program degree requirements are designed to offer a comprehensive and rigorous program of study that encourages the synthesis of information across didactic coursework and clinical experience. A final 12-month internship is required. As students progress through the program, they will transition from primarily didactic to primarily clinical coursework, from in-house learning laboratory to full-time external clinical experience, from limited variety to greater variety of disordered patients, and from a focus on developing skills specific to treating hearing and balance disorders to preparing for independent practice. There is no research requirement to this program.

The Doctor of Audiology program is unique in that it is an intensive 3-year program while other programs in Michigan are 4-year programs. The rigorous curriculum offers coursework in specialized areas that are not always typical of other programs. Furthermore, the program is located

on the Medical Mile in downtown Grand Rapids where major medical and healthcare expansion is underway. The program was moved to a brand new, state-of-the-science building in 2018 where it shares space with other programs in healthcare, which encourages interprofessional interaction.

That is just a snapshot of the Doctor of Audiology program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Jennifer Smart, at [smartje@gvsu.edu](mailto:smartje@gvsu.edu) or to The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu).

Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.