

Current Scope of Practice and Degree Requirements for Licensed NE Audiologists

Practice of audiology means the application of evidence-based practice in clinical decision making for the prevention, assessment, habilitation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of persons with hearing, auditory function, and vestibular function impairments and related impairments, including (1) cerumen removal from the cartilaginous outer one-third portion of the external auditory canal when the presence of cerumen may affect the accuracy of hearing evaluations or impressions of the ear canal for amplification devices and (2) evaluation, selection, fitting, and dispensing of hearing instruments, external processors of implantable hearing instruments, and assistive technology devices as part of a comprehensive audiological rehabilitation program.

Eligibility for licensure as an audiologist in the state of Nebraska requires the applicant to have the minimum of the Doctor of Audiology degree.

Eligibility for admission to a Doctor of Audiology graduate program requires:

Application Materials	Minimum Requirements
Degree	Bachelor’s Degree
General UG Coursework *As evidenced by official college/university transcripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Sciences (e.g., Human Physiology) • Chemistry or Physics • Behavior/Social Sciences (e.g., Psychology) • Mathematics (College Algebra or higher)
Audiology UG Coursework *As evidenced by official college/university transcripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Audiology • Auditory Rehabilitation • Hearing Science • Research Methods • Anatomy & Physiology of Speech/Hearing Mechanism • Statistics

Doctor of Audiology Program Requirements

Program Aspects	Minimum Requirements
Credit Hours	87 graduate credit hours*
Graduate Coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional practice competencies • Foundations of audiology practice • Identification and prevention of hearing loss, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders • Assessment of the structure and function of the auditory and vestibular systems as well as their impacts • Intervention to minimize the effects of changes in structure and function of the auditory and vestibular systems

Clinical Instruction Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 1,820 clinical clock hours • Average of 2,300 clinical clock hours over 4 years
Externship	12-month full-time clinical experience
Program Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 practical examinations (formative assessments) • 1 oral comprehensive examination (summative assessment)
National Examination	Pass National Audiology Praxis Exam

*A student should spend a minimum of two hours per credit hour per week outside of class. For example, if a student is registered for 12 hours per semester, they will spend 12 hours in class with direct instruction and additional 24 hours minimum outside of class per week with a total of 36 hours per week.

Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensure Requirements

Program Aspects	Minimum Requirements
Degree	High School Diploma or equivalent
Content Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiometric evaluations (including pure tones, speech audiometry, and masking) • Impressions • Purchase agreements • Instrument orders • Hearing instrument fittings • Consultation advice and training • Basic physics of sound • Anatomy & physiology of the ear • Function of hearing aids
Instruction and Training Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face 80 hours in first 90-days
Assessments *Specifically states that the examinations are written so college training is not required in order to pass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass ILE Examination • Pass Nebraska Practical Examination

Minimum Requirements for Licensure in Nebraska

Education and Training	Audiologist	Hearing Instrument Specialist
Degree	Doctor of Audiology	High School Diploma or equivalent
Content Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Sciences (e.g., Human Physiology) • Chemistry or Physics • Behavior/Social Sciences (e.g., Psychology) • Mathematics (College Algebra or higher) • Introduction to Audiology • Auditory Rehabilitation • Hearing Science • Research Methods • Anatomy & Physiology of Speech/Hearing Mechanism • Statistics • Professional practice competencies • Foundations of audiology practice • Identification and prevention of hearing loss, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders • Assessment of the structure and function of the auditory and vestibular systems as well as their impacts • Intervention to minimize the effects of changes in structure and function of the auditory and vestibular systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiometric evaluations (including pure tones, speech audiometry, and masking) • Impressions • Purchase agreements • Instrument orders • Hearing instrument fittings • Consultation advice and training • Basic physics of sound • Anatomy & physiology of the ear • Function of hearing aids
Content Training Obtained	Undergraduate and Graduate College Coursework	80 hours in first 90-days of temporary licensing
Clinical Instruction	Minimum of 1,820 clinical hours	80 hours in first 90-days of temporary licensing
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Audiology program assessments • National Audiology Praxis Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass ILE Written Examination • Pass Nebraska Practical Examination <p>*Specifically states that the examinations are written so college training is not required to pass.</p>