

SALUS

Audiology

George S. Osborne College of Audiology

George S. Osborne College of Audiology delivers an education to match the transformative changes in audiology. What distinguishes our program from others? A strong foundation in the biomedical sciences, extensive clinical experience with real patients, and hands-on practice with advanced equipment and technology that few, if any, audiology programs can equal. We graduate Doctors of Audiology who have unparalleled potential for becoming leaders in the primary care of hearing and balance disorders.

Salus delivers more clinical immersion: more extensive, more

Salus University comprises four accredited colleges:

- George S. Osborne College of Audiology
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Education and Rehabilitation

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A SPIRIT OF INNOVATION drives the educational philosophy of Salus University. It was true in 1919, when the university was founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, the nation's first nonprofit, independent college of optometry. And it is true today, as Salus continues to pioneer advances in Audiology, Optometry, Physician Assistant studies, and Low-Vision Education and Rehabilitation at its graduate-level colleges.

Our academic programs feature innovative biomedical-based curricula as well as early and extensive clinical training. Hands-on skills are learned in state-of-the-art teaching labs, and direct patient care is mastered in our own community-based

clinics as well as hundreds of practice sites across the country. Salus University has a multidisciplinary environment that encourages a collaborative campus culture, ensuring that students are well grounded in today's team approach to health care.

Because Salus pushes the frontiers of education, our graduates stand at the forefront of their professions. That's why ambitious students from around the world choose to study at Salus. This private university, located in a quiet suburb outside Philadelphia, is a goal-oriented community united in a common purpose: to make a real difference in the lives of real people. Our name—Salus, from a Latin word meaning “health and well-being”—embodies that mission.



varied, more intense, more hands on, more patient centered.

 SALUS UNIVERSITY

Elkins Park Campus
On Salus's 11.5-acre
main campus, students enjoy
suburban convenience,
modern academic buildings,
and quick access to the
professional opportunities of
the greater Philadelphia
metro region. The Pennsylvania
Ear Institute, our clinical
teaching facility, is right
on campus.

An Au.D. is the degree for the professional practice of audiology and the educational foundation for licensure, higher incomes, and advanced opportunities.

Individuals who hold an Au.D. are highly qualified clinicians, well prepared for independent practice and collaborations with colleagues in other doctoring professions.



Hands-On Labs

Fewer than 100 rotary chairs exist in the entire country—and Salus has one of them. Students use this sophisticated diagnostic tool to evaluate interactions between the visual and vestibular systems that may be causing patients' dizziness and balance disorders.

Transformative changes are under way in audiology. Over the past decade, the management of patients with hearing and balance disorders has evolved into a doctoring profession, and audiologists now serve as primary care providers for the evaluation of the auditory and vestibular systems. Students who aspire to be leaders in this fast-growing and rapidly expanding profession will find the right educational partner



SERVICE LEARNING

Students provide hearing care to communities in need, around the corner and across the globe.

Rewards of an Audiology Career

PERSONAL SATISFACTION

Bring positive change to individual lives through direct patient care

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

Pursue challenging work with options to specialize, enter management, or own a private practice

WORK-LIFE FLEXIBILITY

Choose from a wide range of settings, locations, hours, and types of practice

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Enjoy solid prospects in one of today's top income-growing professions

in the George S. Osborne College of Audiology.

Our four-year, residential program leading to a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree is calibrated to audiology's new focus. We are the only college of audiology in the country. We were one of the first and remain one of the few audiology programs to offer a biomedical-based curriculum as well as extensive patient-based clinical education. In fact, the program's


founder, George S. Osborne, was an early visionary behind the evolution of audiology into a doctoring profession.

The College does more than train technicians; we educate primary-care practitioners who are compassionate healers and frontline decision-makers in preventing, diagnosing, treating, and managing hearing loss, balance impairment, and related systemic conditions.

Our curriculum is innovative in featuring early clinical experience, problem-based learning, and the integration of basic sciences with clinical sciences. In the first year, you will be evaluating real patients; by graduation, you will have completed several clerkships and an externship program, accumulating more than 2,000 hours of clinical experience.

Salus graduates enter the audiology profession with a Doctor of Audiology degree, a holistic understanding of human health and disease, and more patient care experience than peers who graduate from other institutions.





The Pennsylvania
Ear Institute is our
clinical teaching
facility. This on-campus
clinic serves children
and adults, exposing
students to a wide
range of hearing and
balance concerns.
Students also learn
about many business
aspects of audiology
in this private-
practice facility.

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High-Tech Highlights

*Salus students enjoy
access to two
workstations that
measure balance through
computer dynamic
posturography. Most
audiology programs have
only one—or none—
of these sophisticated
diagnostic systems.*

Our distinctive approach to audiology education begins with a curriculum grounded in the biomedical sciences. Organized into ten overlapping educational modules, the curriculum covers basic, behavioral, and clinical sciences and integrates classroom learning with progressively challenging clinical experiences. From your first day on campus, you will learn clinical skills in our three laboratories for the assessment of hearing, balance, and electrophysiology and practice patient care in our on-campus, community-based hearing and balance center, the Pennsylvania Ear Institute. After nine months at the Osborne College of Audiology, you will be completing full evaluations and making actionable decisions about the management of real patients.

This early introduction to patient care is a hallmark of the program. Close mentorship by dedicated faculty



IMMEDIATE IMMERSION

First-year students learn to perform basic auditory assessments in lab courses as a prerequisite to direct patient care at the Pennsylvania Ear Institute.

members in our state-of-the-art teaching laboratories makes it possible; so does the curriculum's emphasis on problem-based learning. Our Clinical Problem Solving module allows students, working in small groups in specially designed conference-style classrooms, to analyze and resolve actual cases—just like today's professional health care teams. Additional problem-solving acumen is honed in evidence-based medicine classes, which are shared with Optometry and Physician Assistant students,

giving students practice in the team approach to health care.

Students seeking greater challenges in audiology will find ample avenues to explore at Salus University. These include advanced tracks, attendance at professional conferences, opportunities to collaborate on faculty research, and Grand Round presentations of real patient cases. We are particularly proud that several of our students' Grand Round reports have been published in audiology journals.

Great Labs for Learning

Our three clinical audiology labs feature diagnostic equipment that rivals—and even surpasses—what can be found in many professional clinics. The labs are open to students 7 days a week, 16 hours a day, for extra practice.

AUDIOMETRIC TRAINING LAB: Learn the core skill set of the audiologist for evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing disorders. Practice under the close supervision of faculty and on an extensive array of audiometric suites and hearing-aid cochlear implant workstations.

ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY LAB: Perform a variety of sophisticated diagnostic tests—such as otoacoustic emissions, auditory evoked potentials, stacked auditory brain-stem response, and auditory steady state response—for the detection of auditory and neurological pathologies.

VESTIBULAR LAB: Identify the cause of dizziness and balance problems at five workstations featuring electronystagmography, videonystagmography, computer dynamic posturography, and a rotary chair for advanced studies.



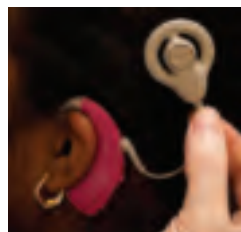
"The faculty's top priority is the success of each student," says third-year student Frank Wartinger. "Two of my professors made it their goal to find me a great fourth-year externship site. Their personal attention has given me exciting contacts with incredible audiologists."

All of our residential faculty members hold advanced degrees, including Au.D., Ph.D., M.D., Sc.D., and Pharm.D.



*Prepared to Practice
Our Strategies for Personal and Professional Development module educates students in the realities of audiology, from practice management and reimbursement issues to professional values and patient relations.*

Only Salus University delivers a clinical education program this intense: early, extensive, and patient based. The Audiology program at Salus is unique in providing three clinical laboratories, an on-campus community hearing and balance center, and two and a half years of clinical clerkships and externships. Whereas many audiology programs offer minimal patient contact, the Osborne College of Audiology is committed to preparing students who are ready to test real



BROAD EXPOSURE

Students work with auditory implantable devices such as cochlear implants.

Impressive Statistics in Audiology

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The George S. Osborne College of Audiology is the nation's first and remains the nation's only college of audiology.

65

The College offers clerkships and externships at more than 65 different rotation sites.

300

The College delivers a rigorous curriculum featuring more than 300 hours of biomedical coursework.

2,550

The College provides students with 2,550 hours of patient care and clinical experiences.

patients within four months of beginning the program.

Your introduction to clinical practice starts on day one in our Audiometric Training Lab, where you will learn concepts and develop skills on a variety of different equipment, first by practicing on fellow students and then by testing the hearing and auditory processes of certified patients from the community. The same model is followed in our

Vestibular Lab, for assessing balance problems, and our Electrophysiology Lab, for evaluating auditory neuromechanisms. Each lab has multiple workstations and sophisticated equipment that rivals that found in the nation's best clinics.

Our students are well prepared to move into off-site clinical placements in their second year. Right on campus is the Pennsylvania Ear Institute, which provides comprehensive hearing and

balance services for both children and adults. Off-campus placements are available throughout the greater Philadelphia region and across the country. Students complete four clerkships and one 12-month externship, choosing among a variety of settings, including hospitals, schools, rehabilitation facilities, veterans' centers, private practices, and more.

Salus students graduate with more hours of clinical practice—and a deeper understanding of the biomedical context of hearing and balance—than do students trained in many other programs. That's why audiologists educated at the Osborne College of Audiology hold a competitive edge in a rapidly advancing profession.



The Hafter Student Community Center gives students a place to work out, relax alone, or connect with classmates. This new, 36,000-square-foot complex is staffed with full-time instructors and includes a fitness facility, suspended running track, and full-size basketball court. A comfortable lounge area includes televisions, game room, kitchenette, and meeting rooms.

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Class Profile *(Recent entering class)*

SIZE:

25 students from
10 states and Argentina

AGE:

21 to 30 (mean age: 22 years,
3 months)

DIVERSITY:

72% women;
24% minority

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

Four year degrees 100%
Average GPA: 3.32

Focused yet friendly—that's how students describe the Salus community. The main campus is located in Elkins Park, a quiet place that offers suburban conveniences with quick access to the cultural and professional opportunities of Philadelphia. (The train to Philadelphia is a 15-minute walk from campus.) The Elkins Park Campus, beautifully landscaped on 11.5 acres of a former estate, includes two modern academic buildings and a student center clustered near a pond. The Pennsylvania Ear Institute, our clinical teaching facility, is right on campus.

Our busy students benefit from a centralized campus with easy access to academic and co-curricular resources, including classrooms, laboratories, library, bookstore, lounges, administrative offices, and a comfortable cafeteria serving drinks, snacks, and made-to-order hot and cold foods. As a graduate-level university,



HEALTH CARE HUB

Philadelphia is home to leading hospitals, academic medical centers, and other professional sites for audiology practice.

Salus assists students in relocating to the area and choosing among many attractive, affordable housing options in local neighborhoods. Students find it convenient to commute from Elkins Park, by car or public transportation, to clerkships throughout the Philadelphia region.

Salus students are connected by common goals and united in a shared mission, making for a professionally focused campus community. Peers assist one another in evening practice sessions

in the labs. Members of the student chapters of audiology professional organizations gain valuable insights and connections within the profession. Students work together to coordinate activities such as student-faculty talent shows, charity fundraisers, the annual Salus Soiree semiformal dance, and national and international humanitarian missions. At Salus, you'll find a campus community as people-centered as the health professions it serves.

The Best of Philadelphia

1. OPPORTUNITY

It's a metro center, a medical mecca, and a great place to launch an audiology career.

2. ARTS & CULTURE

It's a cosmopolitan city of museums, theaters, restaurants, nightclubs, boutiques, and more.

3. SPORTS

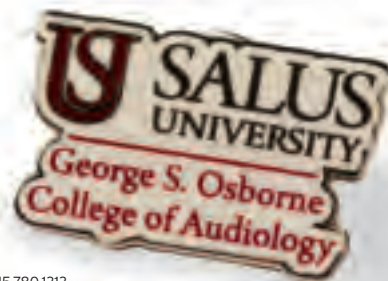
It's a real sports town, with 12 professional teams, including the Flyers, Eagles, 76ers, and Phillies.

4. HISTORY

It's where America began, with a story stretching from the colonial to the contemporary.

5. LOCATION

It's at the center of the Northeast metropolitan corridor, close to New York and Washington DC, the Jersey Shore and the Pocono Mountains.



A Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree from Salus University's George S. Osborne College of Audiology is an investment in a profession offering strong prospects and great personal satisfaction. Financial aid is available and has included dean's scholarships for residential entering classes; to discover the financial aid offerings for this year's incoming class, visit our website. ♦ We encourage applications from candidates with the prerequisites listed here. The best-qualified applicants receive an invitation for a campus visit and formal interview. This is our opportunity to get to know you personally, and your opportunity to decide if Salus is right for you.

Timeline for Application

The application process begins the year prior to the year of desired enrollment, with the following key dates:

SEPTEMBER 1: Application review process begins.

OCTOBER 1: The interview process begins, and qualified students are

admitted on a rolling basis until class capacity is reached.

MARCH 31: Application deadline will be extended if seats remain open; check our website for updates.

How to Apply

Your application to the George S. Osborne College of Audiology can be submitted in one of three ways:

APPLY ONLINE at www.salus.edu/audiology/aud_onlineApp.html

DOWNLOAD A PDF APPLICATION at www.salus.edu/audiology/aud_application_process.html

REQUEST A PAPER APPLICATION be mailed to you by emailing admissions@salus.edu or by calling 800.824.6262

Prerequisites

- At least 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours of undergraduate credits
- Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Grade point average of 2.5 (C+) or higher
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of 2.0 (C) or higher:
 - English Composition or Literature (1 year)
 - Mathematics (1 year) or Calculus (1/2 year), with Calculus highly recommended
 - Statistics, with Math, Biology, or Psychology preferred (1/2 year)
 - Basic Sciences, for example, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (1 year)
 - Physics or Hearing Science (1/2 year)
 - Social Sciences (1 year)
 - Additional requirements for international students can be found on our website.