

# IS A CAREER AS AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST RIGHT FOR YOU?



## WHAT IS AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST?

An educational audiologist provides hearing services to students. They are trained to diagnose, manage, and treat hearing and balance problems. In addition to working with students, educational audiologists are responsible for measuring classroom noise, evaluating the sound quality, and making recommendations for improving the classroom listening environment.

## WHAT DOES AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST DO?



Helps with school hearing screenings.



Recommends and fits hearing assistance technology.



Troubleshoots problems with tubing, earmold impressions, and cleaning of students' hearing devices.



Teaches communication and listening strategies to students with hearing loss.



Works with families, students, and teachers to understand hearing loss.

## YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS CAREER FIELD IF YOU LIKE TO:

- Work one-on-one with students.
- Solve problems in creative ways.
- Have a varied, flexible schedule.
- Fix devices and equipment.
- Work as part of a team.

## VOICES FROM THE FIELD: MEET AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST

I love to be able to think on my feet and come up with creative solutions to things.

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## HOW TO BECOME AN EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST IN PENNSYLVANIA:

To become an audiologist, you must obtain a doctoral degree. There is no specific bachelor's (undergraduate) program for educational audiologists. Students often choose communication disorders or sound engineering to prepare them for the audiology doctoral program. A Doctor of Audiology (AuD) is typically a four-year program. In the fourth year, doctoral students complete a yearlong externship.

### Doctoral Programs in Audiology:

- Commonwealth University – Bloomsburg  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
- Salus University, Osbourne College of Audiology  
Elkins Park, PA 19027
- University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

