



## BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Audiology)\*



### Why Choose Leeds?

100% student satisfaction in the NSS

Top 2 in the Complete University Guide.

One of the leading Audiology courses in the UK.

'World leading Research'

Award-winning campus

### Programme aims

On completion of the programme, students should have provided evidence of being able to:

- understand and demonstrate coherent and detailed subject knowledge and professional competencies some of which will be informed by recent research/scholarship in the discipline;
- deploy accurately standard techniques of analysis and enquiry within the discipline;
- demonstrate a conceptual understanding which enables the development and sustaining of an argument;
- describe and comment on particular aspects of recent research and/or scholarship;
- appreciate the uncertainty, ambiguity and limitations of knowledge in the discipline;
- make appropriate use of scholarly reviews and primary sources;
- apply their knowledge and understanding in order to initiate and carry out an extended piece of work or project;
- conform to professional boundaries and norms where applicable;
- attain a threshold of practitioner skills as outlined by registration and professional body educational aims

### Programme content

**Year 1:** You will gain a broad understanding of the principles of healthcare science. This alongside an introduction to the theory and practice of audiological assessment and rehabilitation.

You will start to learn how to assess hearing function in the on-site clinical laboratories prior to using these skills on clinical placement. You will also learn about professional working and you will start to develop your independent and critical thinking skills.

**Year 2:** You will learn about a range of audiological assessment and rehabilitation techniques which will prepare you for your longer clinical placement at the end of the academic year. In particular you will focus on adult hearing impairment and the current technological and non-technological options to improve the quality of life for hearing impaired individuals. You will undertake a NHS clinical placement at the end of this year where you will continue to develop your audiological skills.

**Year 3:** You will explore more deeply a wide range of hearing and balance disorders and the options available to treat and manage these conditions. You will also conduct a research project in one particular area of audiology. You will continue to develop your practical skills both in the on-site clinical laboratories and also in your final clinical placement in semester 2 of this year.

Throughout the programme you will develop the skills necessary to become an Audiologist but you will also gain more general skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, independent learning, scientific enquiry, professional working and reflective practice.

Year one 120 credits	Year two 120 credits	Year three 120 credits
Professional Practice* 10credits Scientific Basis of Healthcare Science* 60 Scientific Basis of Healthcare Science (Nuerosensory division) 50 Work-based Training (Neurosensory division) 10	Professional Practice 10 Research Methods* 10 Principles of Scientific Measurement (Audiology)* 30 Scientific Basis of Healthcare Science (Audiology)* 60 Work-based Training (Audiology) 10	Professional Practice* 10 Scientific Basis of Healthcare Science *60 Practice Based Project 30 Specialist Work-based Training 20

### Your Placements

The School has a trusted placement circuit based in the region. Some travelling may be involved but assistance will be provided by our SHA until further notice.

### Employment opportunities

Career opportunities in audiology are excellent both within the UK and around the world. As approximately one person in 10 is affected by a hearing impairment the demand for hearing assessment and rehabilitation services is very high. Therefore in the UK the demand for audiologists is greater than the number practising and this situation will ensure a continued future for registered audiology professionals.

The NHS employs the majority of audiologists in a range of settings and in a variety of roles. These settings include ear nose & throat departments, self-contained audiology centres, and educational establishments. Some audiologists also work as independent practitioners in private practice.

Audiologists select the assessment methods and rehabilitation that are most appropriate to patients and their needs, given the setting and available resources. As well as conducting assessment and providing treatment, audiology roles also include those of consultant, counsellor, advisor, educator, facilitator, researcher and therapist.

### Entry requirements

**5 GCSE's grade C** or above to include English Language, Maths and Science  
Plus either

**3 A levels at grade ABB**  
(which must include at least one or more in Biology, Physics or Chemistry)

OR

**BTEC** Extended Diploma in Science at Distinction/ Distinction/Distinction

OR

**Access to Higher Education Course** in Science (Kite marked) with a minimum of 45 level 3 credits passed at distinction.

Other qualifications commensurate with the above.

### Fees and bursaries

No upfront fees. The tuition costs for this course are £9,000 per year. A non means-tested loan is available, which is only repaid once you earn a salary of over £21,000.

Non-repayable loans are available. See the [University site](#) for more details.

### Applications

Please apply to:  
The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)  
Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ  
Tel: 0870 112 2200  
[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)  
By 15th January 2012.

### Further Information

Admissions,  
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### Websites

<http://www.healthcare.leeds.ac.uk/study/UG/audiology/>

<http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/careers>

\* This course is offered subject to approval. Check website for updates.