



Health Careers In Alaska

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Audiologist

An audiologist's professional activities concentrate on the prevention, diagnosis, and remedying of hearing loss in all age groups, from infants to geriatrics. Activities include performing hearing tests and evaluations, assisting in cochlear implant programs, implementing newborn screening programs, and performing ear-or hearing-related surgical monitoring.

Audiologists work closely with many other professionals

including speech pathologists, pediatricians, ear-nose and throat physicians, and educators. Audiologists assess the type and degree of hearing loss, and coordinate with other professionals to determine the best ways to minimize disability. An audiologist's work also involves fitting hearing aids, which now requires knowledge of computer software for programming and adjusting hearing aids.

Audiologist Facts:

Where do audiologists work in Alaska?

Audiologists are employed in many settings, including hospitals, physician's offices, schools, and private

Educational Requirements

Individuals considering a career in audiology should have an interest in working with people (especially children and older citizens). Training is at the doctorate level and includes the following:

- Graduation from high school with coursework in math, science, and English.
- Completion of a four-year Bachelor's degree, usually in Speech and Hearing Science or a related field.
- Completion of three years of graduate school.
- Completion of a 4th year doctoral fellowship as an audiologist under the supervision of a certified audiologist. A doctorate of Audiology (AuD) is then awarded and employment without supervision can occur.

Hourly Wage Range:

\$30.28-\$43.92 (Mean \$36.13)

**based on Alaska DOL data*

Years in School:

8 years

(after high school graduation)

Academic Programs in Alaska

There are no accredited audiology programs in Alaska. The nearest program is located in Seattle, Washington:

University of Washington
Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences
 1417 N.E. 42nd St.
 Box 354875
 Seattle, WA 98105-6246
 Voice: (206) 685-7400
 Fax: (206) 543-1093
 Email: sphscadv@u.washington.edu
 Web site: <http://depts.washington.edu/sphsc/>

State Contact:

Alaska Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 Nichole LaChance, President
 Phone: (907) 562-3994
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American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 2200 Research Boulevard
 Rockville, MD 20850
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 Email: actioncenter@asha.org
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