



Assessing middle ear function

Audiology is the profession dealing with the assessment and management of hearing, hearing loss, and ear-related balance disorders.

The audiologist is also involved in promoting healthy ear and hearing habits, and preventing or minimising disability due to hearing loss or balance disorders. Audiology is one of the fastest-growing health professions, due to rapid technological advancements.

Audiologists:

- measure and diagnose hearing ability.
- provide rehabilitative services to children and adults with a hearing loss.
- fit hearing aids and assistive listening devices.
- consult on issues concerning noise-induced hearing loss, and develop hearing conservation programmes.
- manage individuals with auditory processing difficulties.
- manage people with ear-related balance problems.
- serve as expert witnesses in litigation related to their areas of expertise.
- aim to prevent and/or minimise hearing loss and its effects.
- conduct research on hearing and the balance system.

Information about the BSc in Audiology

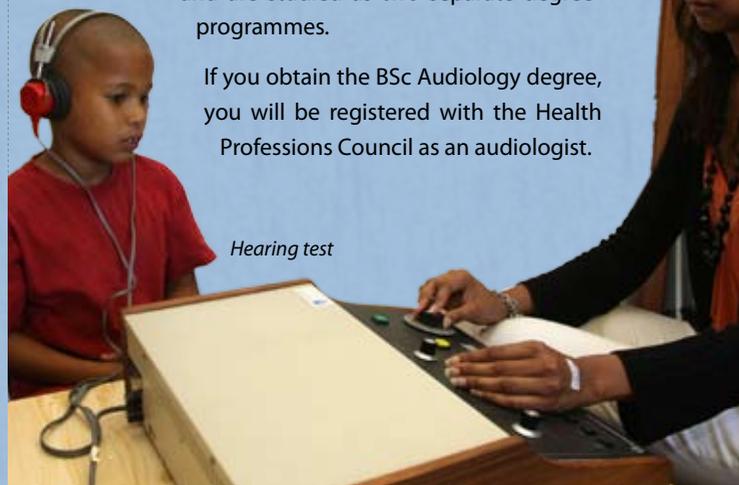
If you thrive on challenges and want to assist people in improving their quality of life, Audiology is a profession that could fulfil those needs. You can choose to work across the age-spectrum, or work only with adults or children (an audiologist can even do a hearing test on a one-hour old baby). The ability to speak African languages, in addition to English, is a valuable resource in providing audiology services.

The BSc in Audiology is a four-year course of full time study. Your training involves the medical, scientific, social and psychological aspects of hearing, speech and language. You will learn about the anatomy and physiology of hearing; normal communication development; early intervention; assessment and management for child and adult clients with different hearing or balance problems.

The Audiology programme is one of two programmes offered by the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the other one being Speech-Language Pathology. Some courses during the four years of study are common. Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology fall into the broad area of communication sciences and disorders.

These are two separate but related professions and are studied as two separate degree programmes.

If you obtain the BSc Audiology degree, you will be registered with the Health Professions Council as an audiologist.



Hearing test

Entrance requirements

- Matriculation exemption.
- Pass in English at level 4.
- Pass in Physical Science OR Life Sciences at level 4.
- Pass in Mathematics at level 4 OR in Mathematical Literacy at level 5.
- Pass in 3 other subjects (excluding Life Orientation) at level 4.

Assessment of balance





Infant hearing test

Applications

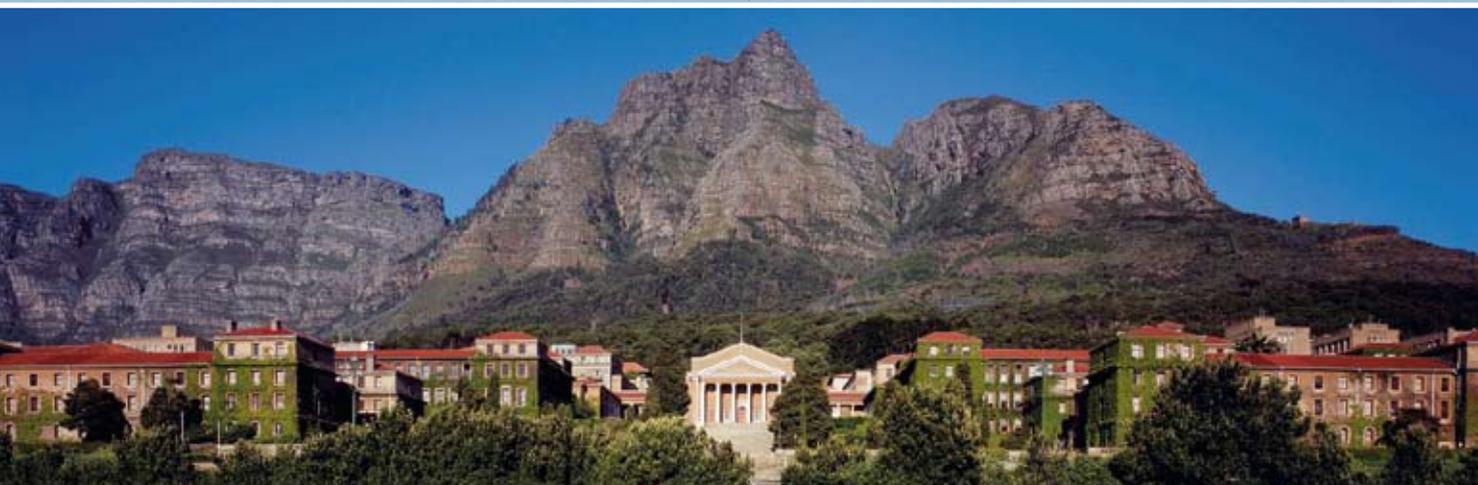
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The Admissions Officer
 Recruitment and Enrolment Management Office
 University of Cape Town
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Did you know that...?

- the use of earbuds can cause a build-up of wax in your ear canal?
- noisy toys can create a hearing loss?
- 90% of a very young child's knowledge is attributed to hearing the conversations around them?
- babies can hear while in the mother's womb?
- hearing loss is becoming more common in teenagers in the USA and Europe?
- listening to your MP3 player or iPod at too high a volume can cause a hearing loss?



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