



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

BA (Audiology) (01130105)

Department	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	488
NQF level	08

Programme information

The purpose of this four-year degree package is to provide qualifying students with in-depth knowledge of the hearing process within the context of human communication. This knowledge includes the causes and symptomatology of hearing and vestibular difficulties and the scientific basis of intervention with a person with a hearing or vestibular disorder or those at risk of developing such pathology, often due to the high burden of disease in South Africa. The intervention can occur in a one-to-one situation, in group therapy, by using a multidisciplinary team approach or by means of community-based intervention. The qualification includes applied competence such as practical skills to improve or enhance the aural, vestibular and/or communication abilities of those adversely affected by a hearing or vestibular disability or those at risk of developing such disabilities. The qualification furthermore complies with international academic requirements.

Closing date for application: 30 June annually

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2023

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here for this Faculty Brochure](#).

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

Mathematics

APS

NSC/IEB

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5

4

32

* For the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology programmes, the first study year is the same.

* **Note:** We will consider both first- and second-choice applications for BA (Audiology).

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the

minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme.

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

International students: [Click here](#).

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

Note:

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Same as above.

Additional requirements

Departmental selection takes place.

Practising audologists should have good speech production and language use to serve as a model for individuals with vestibular and hearing disorders. They should also have good hearing, vision, and motor ability in order to assess and treat individuals with a variety of vestibular disorders.

Other programme-specific information

- Students with an achievement level of 5 or 6 or 7 for English Home Language or an achievement level of 6 or 7 for English First Additional Language, or the foreign qualification equivalence as per the conversion table, may apply for an exemption from ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- Students who are deemed to be at risk with an achievement level of 4 and below for English Home Language or an achievement level of 5 and below for English First Additional Language or the foreign qualification equivalence must register for ALL 110 and ALL 125 along with SEP 119 or ZUL 119 or STW 110.
- Students who are deemed not to be at risk of their level of academic literacy may register for SEP 119, ZUL 119 or STW 110 only.
- For enrolled University of Pretoria students, change over from the Speech-Language Pathology programme to the Audiology programme at the end of the first year of study will be subject to available space in the second



year of study and to a selection process.

- To pass a module, 50% has to be achieved in the following modules: Audiology (ODL), Human communication (KMP), Speech Sciences (SWL) and Speech-Language Pathology (SPP).

Pass with distinction

In order to pass the degree with distinction a student has to obtain:

- a final mark of 70% or higher for *each* of the modules of the final year;
- a weighted average of 75% (not rounded) or higher for the Audiology modules at fourth-year level; and also
- a final mark of 75% or higher for one of the theoretical modules, ODL 410 or ODL 420.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 128

Select one of the following: SEP 119 or ZUL 119 or STW 110.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Sepedi for beginners 119 (SEP 119) - Credits: 12.00

Setswana for beginners 110 (STW 110) - Credits: 12.00

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

isiZulu for beginners 119 (ZUL 119) - Credits: 12.00

Core modules

Anatomy 111 (ANA 111) - Credits: 5.00

Physiology 110 (FSG 110) - Credits: 6.00

Physiology 120 (FSG 120) - Credits: 6.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 120 (IHL 120) - Credits: 8.00

Medical terminology 180 (MTL 180) - Credits: 8.00

Audiology 110 (ODL 110) - Credits: 7.00

Audiology 120 (ODL 120) - Credits: 7.00

Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00

Speech-language pathology 110 (SPP 110) - Credits: 7.00

Speech-language pathology 120 (SPP 120) - Credits: 7.00

Speech science 110 (SWL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Speech science 120 (SWL 120) - Credits: 6.00

Speech science: 181 (SWL 181) - Credits: 5.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00

Human communication 210 (KMP 210) - Credits: 6.00

Human communication 220 (KMP 220) - Credits: 6.00

Neuro-anatomy for communication pathology 211 (NAN 211) - Credits: 7.00

Neuro-physiology 221 (NFG 221) - Credits: 7.00

Audiology 210 (ODL 210) - Credits: 15.00

Audiology 220 (ODL 220) - Credits: 15.00

Audiology: Practical 281 (ODL 281) - Credits: 16.00

Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00

Speech science 210 (SWL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Speech science 220 (SWL 220) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 310 (IHL 310) - Credits: 8.00

Human communication 320 (KMP 320) - Credits: 10.00

Human communication: Practical 381 (KMP 381) - Credits: 6.00

Audiology 310 (ODL 310) - Credits: 14.00

Audiology 320 (ODL 320) - Credits: 14.00

Audiology: Practical 381 (ODL 381) - Credits: 19.00

Audiology: Practical 382 (ODL 382) - Credits: 19.00

Research methodology for healthcare sciences 300 (RHC 300) - Credits: 30.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Human communication 481 (KMP 481) - Credits: 30.00

Human communication: Practical 482 (KMP 482) - Credits: 15.00

Audiology 410 (ODL 410) - Credits: 20.00

Audiology 420 (ODL 420) - Credits: 20.00

Audiology: Practical 481 (ODL 481) - Credits: 35.00

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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