



## **Hearts for Hearing Adult Clinic Audiology Fourth-Year Externship Overview**

### **PLACEMENT SITE:**

Hearts for Hearing is a 501c3 non-profit audiology and auditory-verbal therapy (AVT) clinic for children and adults with hearing and vestibular issues. Our team consists of audiologists and speech language pathologists certified in auditory-verbal techniques. The audiologists provide diagnostic and treatment services to patients of all ages, whereas the AVTs focus primarily on children.

### **GOALS:**

The purpose of the externship program is to provide extensive experience to doctoral students in the field of clinical audiology, with a particular emphasis on adult diagnostic evaluations, hearing aids and tinnitus/sound sensitivity management. If the individual is interested in participating in the vestibular/balance clinic in addition to the hearing clinic, a hybrid position may be available. Opportunities to train with audiologists specializing in pediatric care, cochlear implants, and audiology research are available on a limited basis if desired. At the completion of the program, the individual should be comfortable performing all aspects of audiometric diagnostic testing and providing most audiological treatment options with complete independence. He/she will also be able to exhibit confidence in his/her professionalism and leadership and teamwork skills.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Clinical responsibilities can include and are not limited to:

- Comprehensive otoscopic examinations
- Acoustic immittance testing
- Comprehensive audiometric diagnostic testing
- Otoacoustic emission testing and interpretation
- Vestibular diagnostic testing (including electrophysiological testing) and interpretation
- Tinnitus and other sound sensitivity diagnostic testing and treatment/counseling
- Hearing aid and/or bone conduction hearing aid selection when necessary
- Hearing technology fittings and verification using real ear measurements
- Lyric candidacy and fittings

Professional responsibilities can include and are not limited to:

- Motivational interviewing
- Patient and family-centered care
- Interdisciplinary collaboration with other medical professionals
- Community outreach events
- Exposure to business operations

If desired, the extern can learn basics of cochlear implant technology (candidacy evaluation, programming, and verification), FM systems (evaluation, fitting, and verification), electrophysiological testing, and research. Supervision will be provided by a team of experienced audiologists who hold their Certificates of Clinical Competency in Audiology if needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Interested individuals should be highly motivated, self-directed, and possess a strong interest in working with adults with hearing loss and/or vestibular issues. Exceptional academic, communication, interpersonal skills are needed.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

All material listed below are to be compiled by the applicant and mailed or emailed to the attention of:

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1. Application
2. Copy of current resume or curriculum vitae
3. Official copies of undergraduate and graduate college transcripts
4. Three professional reference letters in sealed and signed envelopes or emailed directly from individual completing reference
5. One Essential Knowledge and Skills Checklist completed by the most current graduate clinical supervisor. Checklist must be mailed in a sealed and signed envelope or emailed directly from supervisor
6. Completed reference waiver (signed or unsigned) form must accompany all reference letters and Essential Knowledge and Skills Checklist

**If selected as an intern at Hearts for Hearing the following must be provided prior to first day of clinic:**

1. Documentation of personal or university-provided malpractice coverage
2. Documentation of CPR certification
3. Documentation of recent (within the past year) TB test results

**Questions may be directed to Esther Kim, Au.D., CCC-A at [ekim@heartsforhearing.org](mailto:ekim@heartsforhearing.org).**

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION.**