



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

Hearts for Hearing (HFH) is a 501c3 non-profit audiology and auditory-verbal therapy (AVT) clinic for children and adults with hearing and vestibular issues. By offering a comprehensive array of services and treatment options, children and adults with hearing loss have the opportunity to listen for a lifetime.

### **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. Opportunities to train with audiologists specializing in vestibular audiology, pediatric care, cochlear implants, and/or audiology research can be incorporated 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. The student will also be able to exhibit confidence in the student's 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
- 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 vestibular testing and treatment, 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.

### **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:  
Shannon Winters, Au.D.

Hearts for Hearing

11500 N Portland Ave.

Oklahoma City, OK 73120

[srw@heartsforhearing.org](mailto:srw@heartsforhearing.org)

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. Completed reference release of information (signed or unsigned) form must accompany all reference letters

**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 Shannon Winters, Au.D., at [srw@heartsforhearing.org](mailto:srw@heartsforhearing.org).**

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION.**



**Hearts for Hearing Adult Clinic  
Audiology Fourth-Year Externship Application**

**Applicant's Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**E-mail:**

**Graduate University:**

**Anticipated graduation date:**

**Undergraduate University and Degree:**

**Please complete the following questions using no more than 150 words per question.**

1. Give a brief description of your clinical experiences thus far.

2. Why are you considering an externship at Hearts for Hearing?

3. What areas of audiology appeal most to you?

4. What are your career goals after graduation?



**Hearts for Hearing Adult Clinic  
Audiology Fourth-Year Externship Agreement**

I verify that I can meet the expectations outlined as a part of a clinical externship at Hearts for Hearing for these dates: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Hearts for Hearing Adult Clinic  
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Professional Reference Release of Information**

**Applicant's Name:**

**Applicant's University:**

**Name of Professional Referral:**

**Applicants**, please complete this form and provide a completed copy to each professional writing a letter of recommendation. When completed and returned to us, the letters of reference submitted by your professors/supervisors will be used in the selection process. The completed forms will be accessible to you if you accept a position at Hearts for Hearing (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974). We request but do not require that you waive your right of access to facilitate a candid appraisal. If you choose to waive your right of access, please sign below.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referring professionals**, please return this completed form with your letter of recommendation.

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