



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:

Esther Kim, Au.D., CCC-A
Hearts for Hearing
11500 N Portland Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
ekim@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. 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.

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 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:** _____

Email: _____

Graduate School: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Undergraduate program and degree: _____

Please complete the following questions using no more than 150 words/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 and/or Essential Knowledge and Checklist form. When completed and returned to us, the letters of reference and Essential Skill and Knowledge Checklist 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.

Signature of applicant: _____

Referring professionals, please return this completed form with your letter of recommendation and/or Essential Knowledge and Skills Checklist form.

Email to ekim@heartsforhearing.org

Mail: Hearts for Hearing
ATTN: Esther Kim, Au.D., CCC-A
11500 N. Portland Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120



**Hearts for Hearing Adult Clinic
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Essential Knowledge and Skills Checklist
(Completed by clinical supervisor)**

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's University: _____

Below is a list of skills expected of an applicant prior to being considered for a fourth-year externship at Hearts for Hearing. Please rate the applicant's ability to perform these tasks, using the following system:

M = Mastered: the applicant can complete on his or her own

S = Supervision Needed: the applicant needs direct supervision

A = Assistance Needed: the applicant has minimal experience in this area and will need assistance

- Perform comprehensive audiological evaluations on adults _____
- Take earmold impressions, including deep/medial impressions on adults _____
- Conduct and interpret acoustic immittance measurements _____
- Perform and interpret otoacoustic emission testing _____
- Perform basic hearing aid fittings and troubleshooting _____
- Perform Lyric fittings and checks _____
- Perform basic bone conduction hearing aid fittings and troubleshooting _____
- Perform real ear verification measurements (REM and RECD) _____
- Recommend appropriate hearing aid technology for patients _____
- Perform and interpret vestibular testing _____
- Perform and interpret vestibular electrophysiological testing _____
- Relates easily with patients and can make them feel at ease _____
- Effectiveness in obtaining patient value buy-in _____

1. Please briefly describe your experience with the applicant regarding his or her clinical skills and knowledge.

2. Please briefly describe the applicant's demeanor with families/patients and counseling abilities.

3. What would you say are this applicant's clinical strengths?

4. What would you say are this applicant's clinical weaknesses?

Clinical Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Title _____

Affiliation _____

Email _____

Please complete and return this Essential Knowledge and Skills Checklist in an envelope with your signature across the seal. You may return the checklist directly to the applicant or mail/e-mail the checklist directly to the addresses below. Please include the Professional Waiver Form that should be completed by the applicant with your completed checklist. Thank you!

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