

Audiologist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Administer audiometric and speech/language tests to evaluate the extent of impairment in patients
- Interpret diagnostic data to identify and develop treatment plans for patient hearing problems
- Use cures and irrigators to clean patients' auditory canal prior to fitting and tuning cochlear plants
- Provide hearing aids to patients and demonstrate the use of such devices
- Counsel patients and their families to adopt lip reading and sign language as a means to effective communication
- Maintain up-to-date record of patient information, treatment plan, and progress
- Track patient recovery process to determine the need for change in treatment
- Conduct auditory evaluations by measuring noise levels to determine hearing suitability
- Collaborate with physicians, ENT specialists, speech/language therapists, and pediatricians to rehabilitate patients adjusting to hearing implants
- Conduct hearing protection and hearing loss screening program
- Plan and organize rehabilitation programs to help patients adjust accordingly to the use of hearing aids
- Train and supervise the activities of trainee audiologists and audiologist assistants
- Maintain accurate inventory and determine the need for stock replacement
- Review audiology services to identify areas where improvement is required
- Educate and train other healthcare professionals on hearing and speech topics.

Audiologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- **Education and Training:** To become an audiologist in the US, you require a doctoral degree in audiology. In the UK, a Master's degree in the same field is required. Most states in the US require audiologists to obtain licensure for practice. Other states – in place of licensure – require audiologists to obtain certifications from recognized bodies such as the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or the American Board of Audiology
- **Communication Skill:** Audiologists are well versed in conversing with patients to explain the details of a procedure or relay results of diagnosis
- **Problem-solving Skill:** Audiologists are able to develop suitable treatment plans to resolve patients' speech or hearing problems
- **Empathy:** Audiologists are compassionate towards patients and are able to support them emotionally.