

Audiology Training Program
1 Year Externships 2017-2018
VA Portland Health Care System
Portland, Oregon

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Service at the VA Portland Health Care System is funded by VHA Office of Academic Affiliations. We offer a joint training program with the VA National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) located in Portland, Oregon. These externships are available only for US citizens.

Experiences at the Audiology Service will include:

- All aspects of auditory assessment and treatment management including diagnostic hearing evaluations, hearing aid selection, fitting, counseling, orientation, follow-up care, outcome measures, consult writing, progress note completion, and encounter reporting.
- Experience in auditory processing disorders clinic, OAE, ABR and vestibular assessments, tinnitus assessment and treatment.
- Working with a broad range of top tier hearing aid technology (including Bluetooth devices) among largest international hearing aid manufacturers using Noah 4 programming.
- Experience with VA Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS).
- In-house training with major hearing aid manufacturers' latest products.
- Collaboration with other health care providers.

The experiences at the NCRAR will include:

- Participating in multiple aspects of clinical research such as participant recruitment and testing, adherence to research protocols applying human subject participation regulations, writing of clinical notes and data entry.
- Conducting a variety of clinical research procedures that may include audiometric testing, hearing aid fitting, central auditory processing testing, electroacoustic testing of hearing aids, tinnitus assessment and treatment and electrophysiological methods (ABR, EPs, OAEs)
- Attending NCRAR seminars and research meetings, participating in the grant-writing process, preparing publications and conference presentations, and conducting statistical analyses of research data.

The application deadline is November 18, 2016, and the start date is as early as July, 2017

Any student interested in applying should send a brief email to Dr. Michael Sullivan, Trainee Coordinator, Michael.sullivan6@va.gov, stating his or her intent to apply.

If you would like clarification or further information regarding the clinical rotation, please contact Dr. Hamilton-Sutherland, Acting Chief, at 503-220-8262, Ext. 57253, or by email, at Matthew.Hamilton-Sutherland2@va.gov.

If you would like clarification or further information regarding the research rotation, please contact Dr. Gaby Saunders, Associate Director, NCRAR, at 503-220-8262, Ext. 56210, or by email, at Gabrielle.Saunders@va.gov.

Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest and career goals, curriculum vitae, unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Please use the [VA Letter of Recommendation Audiology Form](#) that is available on our website. At least one recommendation should be from an academic professor and one from a clinical instructor. An academic and clinical professor can speak to both areas, if applicable. Letters of recommendation can be emailed to Dr. Sullivan directly by the professor or can be included in the student's application. If emailed, "Letter of Recommendation for Name of Applicant" should be included in the subject line.

Please concatenate all documents into a single .pdf, and "Save as" as an Adobe Acrobat optimized file type to compress, or use an online .pdf compression program. If you would like to encrypt your application, please request a password to use from Dr. Sullivan by sending an email request. Note, the VA server may reject a large file size. As such, please also send a separate, brief email to Dr. Sullivan stating that the application was sent. Applications should be submitted to michael.sullivan6@va.gov. (Note, the other VA forms listed on the website: Application for Assoc. Health Trainee, Form 306, and National Rules of Behavior will be required upon selection for an externship.).

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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