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Overview

The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) recently distributed a survey to universities in Canada that offer speech-language pathology and audiology programs. This survey is an update from the 2008 survey. The purpose was to gain insight into the similarities and differences between the programs offered, to monitor any important trends that may be affecting the profession now or in the future and to provide a resource for potential students seeking information on the education programs in Canada.

There are nine university programs in Canada that offer programs in communication sciences and disorders. Nine universities offer speech-language pathology programs and five universities offer clinical/professional audiology programs. All five universities responded to this survey.

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Introduction

Context

With more than 5,500 members, the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) is the only national body that supports and represents the professional needs of audiologists, speech-language pathologists and supportive personnel inclusively within one organization. Through this support, CASLPA champions the needs of people with communication disorders.

Mission

Supporting and empowering our members to maximize the communication and hearing potential of the people of Canada.

Survey Goals and Objectives

In 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2010, CASLPA surveyed the nine universities in Canada offering audiology and/or speech-language pathology programs. The purpose of the university survey is:

- to gain insight into the similarities and differences between the programs offered;
- to monitor any important trends that may be affecting the professions now or in the future;
- to provide context to the current state of the professions in Canada; and
- to provide a resource for potential students seeking information on the education programs in Canada.

The survey included sections on program profiles, entry-level requirements, number of positions in programs, number of applicants, number of recent and projected graduates, student profiles and much more.

Method

One person from each of the nine Canadian universities was asked to complete an online survey developed by InfoFeedback in collaboration with CASLPA.

Respondents received a personalized e-mail from InfoFeedback explaining the rationale for the survey and the benefits to respondents.

The e-mails were sent out on May 19, 2010. These e-mails were followed up by telephone calls to universities that had not submitted their survey form. The survey was closed on August 27, 2010.

Results

Participating Universities

- Dalhousie University
- Université d'Ottawa
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- University of Western Ontario
- Université de Montréal

The University of Alberta does not offer a clinical/professional program in audiology, but does have research degree programs in which the focus of research can be audiology or hearing science.

The report is organized by program with the results presented primarily in tables. Summary statistics are given for each table. In most cases, the columns summed to represent the total for all universities. In other cases, an average is provided. Zeros are represented as blank cells within the tables.

Audiology Programs

While all programs share common requirements for entry and graduation, each one has its own unique program configuration and practices. The universities surveyed offer graduate-level training in audiological research only or clinical practice only, or both. The program name and degree conferred also varies from one institution to another.

Table 1 provides an overview of the audiology programs offered by each of the universities surveyed. No university currently offers an AuD Program. However, the University of Western Ontario reports a program in development.

Table 1
Audiology Degrees Offered

University	Programs				
	Bachelor's Degree	Clinical/ Professional Master's Degree	Non-clinical/ Research Master's Degree	AuD	PhD
Dalhousie University		✓ ¹			✓ ²
Université d'Ottawa		✓			✓
University of Alberta			✓		✓
University of British Columbia		✓			✓ ³
University of Western Ontario		✓	✓ ⁴		✓ ⁵
Université de Montréal	✓	✓	✓		✓

The University of Alberta offers a non-clinical research master's degree (MSc) and a non-clinical PhD, both in Rehabilitation Science (RS). In both cases audiology is one of several possible areas of research focus in this program, and speech-language pathology/audiology faculty members may supervise MSc-RS students.

The Université d'Ottawa is introducing a PhD program in Rehabilitation Sciences in the fall of 2010.

The University of Western Ontario offers a MSc and PhD through the Graduate Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, with fields of study in (i) Hearing Science and (ii) Speech and Language Science, and (iii) Rehabilitation Science, among others.

At the Université de Montréal the non-clinical research Master's degree and the PhD degree are offered within the Sciences biomédicales program. In that program students may choose the audiology option.

¹ MSc

² Interdisciplinary in Health Sciences

³ PhD in Audiology and Speech Sciences

⁴ MSc Hearing Science

⁵ PhD Hearing Science

Staffing

Table 2 details the staffing profile for each of the universities surveyed. The University of Western Ontario anticipates recruiting additional faculty within the next 2 years.

Table 2
Audiology Staffing

	Full-time		Part-time		Sessional/Contract	
	Master's	PhD	Master's	PhD	Master's	PhD
Dalhousie University		3	2		3	2
Université d'Ottawa		5			10	
University of Alberta		2 ⁶	2			
University of British Columbia		5	1		2	2
University of Western Ontario	2	10			2	
Université de Montréal		5			12	
Total	2	30	5		29	4

At the Université de Montréal, the school has been granted permission to recruit two additional faculty members.

Master's Degree Program Profiles

Program profiles are detailed in Table 3. The differences in nomenclature reflect the unique approach of each university.

Table 3
Master's Degree Program Profiles

University	Program Name	Research or Clinical/Professional	Clinical Training Provided
Dalhousie University	Master of Science	Clinical Professional (Thesis option available)	Yes
Université d'Ottawa	Master's in Health Sciences (Audiology)	Clinical/Professional	Yes
University of Alberta	Master of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences	Research Degree	No
University of British Columbia	Master of Science in Audiology and Speech Sciences	Research Degree	Yes
University of Western Ontario	Master of Clinical Science	Clinical/Professional	Yes
Université de Montréal	Maîtrise Professionnelle en audiologie (MPA)	Research degree	Yes/No

⁶ Both are seconded 50% of time to clinical/research hospitals outside of the university. Both are also included in the listing of staff members for S-LP, as they teach and/or supervise student research in the SLP programs.

This report provides a standard view of the programs through the text and tables that follow, detailing entry and graduation requirements, training offered and other information that may be of interest to readers.

Clinical/Professional Master’s Degree Program in Audiology (master’s degree with professional qualification)

Entry requirements include mandatory pre-requisite courses, research and observational experience.

Mandatory Pre-Requisite Courses

Table 4 details the courses required by the Université d’Ottawa, the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario.

Table 4
Mandatory Pre-Requisite Courses for the Clinical/Professional Master’s Degree in Audiology

University	Other
Université d’Ottawa	Intermediate Statistics or Quantitative Methods, Physiology or Human Anatomy, Basic Principles in Physics or the Analysis of Sound, Linguistics with a preference for courses in general phonetics or phonetics-phonology. Relevant course in psychology such as child development, ageing or perception.
University of British Columbia	Introduction to Physics (3); Developmental Psychology (3); Sensation and/or Perception (3); Research Methods (3 must include research design, not only statistics); Introduction to Linguistics (3); Neuroanatomy for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (3)
University of Western Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • Developmental Psychology • Human Anatomy/Human Physiology • Social Science/Psychology/Linguistics one course covering basic human processes important for communication sciences and disorders
Université de Montréal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BSc degree in audiology from the Université de Montréal (90 credits) or the equivalent is required for admission to the clinical Master’s program (MPA).

Volunteer, Research and Observation Experience Requirements

The University of Western Ontario requires a minimum of 14 hours of volunteer experience supervised by a registered audiologist. A sheltered practicum takes place 1 day per week to offer hearing assessments to the general public on an appointment basis.

At the University of British Columbia, applicants must arrange to meet with, or observe, at least two audiologists and/or speech-language pathologists at work. One of these observations must be in the major area of study. The school recommends that the other observation be in the minor area of study.

Minimum GPA Requirement

Minimum requirements for entry into a Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology start at a "B" average, or a 3.3 GPA.

Table 5
Minimum GPA Requirement for Entry into the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program

University	Minimum GPA Requirement
Dalhousie University	3.3
Université d'Ottawa	B average
University of British Columbia	B+
University of Western Ontario	B average
Université de Montréal	3.0

The University of British Columbia requires a cumulative average of at least B+ (at UBC 76%) over the last 2 years of a 4-year undergraduate degree, or at least 12 credits in the A- grade range (at UBC 80%) in courses at the 300-level or above.

Information/Documentation Required

Table 6
Information/Documentation Required for a Complete Application
to the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program

University	Transcripts	Letters ⁷	Application Fee	Personal Statement	SAT or Other Qualifying Test	Language Proficiency ⁸	Other
Dalhousie University	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Université d'Ottawa	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
University of British Columbia	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
University of Western Ontario	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Université de Montréal	✓		✓			✓	

Dalhousie University requires a minimum of two letters of recommendation from academic sources. Letters regarding clinical or other volunteer work are an asset, but not required.

The Université d'Ottawa requires a written language proficiency test for both English and French. Oral proficiency in both languages is determined at the interview.

⁷ Letters of Recommendation (academic and/or clinical/volunteer)

⁸ Language proficiency test if necessary

The University of Western Ontario requires one clinical letter of reference and two academic references.

At the Université de Montréal, applicants who have not completed the undergraduate degree in a French-speaking university must successfully complete a standardized language competency exam (receptive and expressive) in French.

Other Program Entry Issues for the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

Due Dates

Due dates for all programs fall in the first quarter of the year.

Table 7
Due Dates for Submitting an Application to the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Due Date
Dalhousie University	January 15
Université d'Ottawa	February 1
University of British Columbia	February 1 ⁹
University of Western Ontario	Mid-January
Université de Montréal	February 1

Application Deficiencies

The University of Western Ontario provides information about how to meet the deficient portion of the application process and provides guidance. For example, a minimum TOEFL score of 105 if English is not first language.

At the University of British Columbia, students of exceptional merit who apply and are missing prerequisites may be invited into an extended (3-year) MSc program. Only a few students each year qualify for such an offer. No special application materials are required. Students with special circumstances (e.g., family responsibility, health issues, etc.) may *request in writing* to be considered for an extended MSc program (this request should be included with the letter of intent at the time of application).

At the Université d'Ottawa students may be offered course HSS2525, Introduction à l'analyse du son pour les sciences de la parole et l'ouïe.

⁹ January 15 for international students

Special Situations

Dalhousie University occasionally offers courses that will be audited by members of the professional community. Upgrading for those who have been educated outside of Canada to meet national standards can be accommodated on an individual case basis.

The University of Western Ontario may offer courses for foreign trained audiologists to upgrade for licensing in Ontario. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

The University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario allow clinicians trained abroad to sit in existing courses to meet regulatory or certification requirements.

Affirmative Action

Dalhousie University and the University of Western Ontario have affirmative action policies.

Program Description

Program Length

Clinical/professional master's degree programs vary in length from 24 to 32 months. However, length is contingent on both program and student characteristics. For example, Dalhousie University project students are expected to complete their studies by April of their third year (32 months); thesis students may take an additional 4 months to the end of August (36 months). No programs for part-time students were reported.

Table 8
Length, in Months, for the Completion of the Clinical/Professional
Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Expected Length of Program
Dalhousie University	32
Université d'Ottawa	24
University of British Columbia	24
University of Western Ontario	24
Université de Montréal	12

Graduation Requirements

Table 9 indicates program requirements for graduation. University of British Columbia students have to complete either a thesis or a comprehensive exam.

Table 9
Graduation Requirements for the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Mandatory Courses	Clinical Practicum	Research Project	Comprehensive Literature Review	Thesis (Optional)	Thesis (Required)	Comprehensive Exam
Dalhousie University	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Université d'Ottawa	✓	✓	✓				
University of British Columbia	✓	✓			✓		✓
University of Western Ontario	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Université de Montréal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

At the Université de Montréal, the student chooses between an option that includes the completion of a research project or the completion of a comprehensive literature review in the form of an evidence-based analysis and synthesis.

Students normally complete all their clinical/professional requirements in the spring or summer.

Table 10
Time of the Year Students Normally Complete All Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology Requirements

University	Time of Year
Dalhousie University	Spring
Université d'Ottawa	Summer
University of British Columbia	Spring
University of Western Ontario	Summer
Université de Montréal	Spring/Summer

Clinical Placements

Number of Days

As shown in Table 11, the number of days of clinical placement varies from program to program and the year of the program.

Table 11
Expected Number of Days (full-time equivalent) of Clinical Placements in the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Dalhousie University		70	60	130
Université d'Ottawa	25	100		125
University of British Columbia	63	63		126
University of Western Ontario	50	50		100
Université de Montréal	78			78

Looking to the future, only the University of Western Ontario has plans to increase the requirement for the number of clinical days.

At the Université de Montréal, a substantial number of clinical practicum hours are completed within the BSc program in Audiology.

In-House Clinics

Dalhousie University, Université d'Ottawa and the University of Western Ontario offer an in-house clinic.

At Dalhousie University, the sheltered practicum takes place 1 day per week to offer hearing assessments as arranged through Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres.

The University of Western Ontario has a fully functioning audiology clinic in-house. Students get their first practical experience here. The patients range in age from 2-90 years and are provided services for assessments, annual check-ups, prescribing hearing aids, follow-up on hearing aids, etc.

Timeframe for Final Year Placements

Table 12 shows that the timeframe for final year placements varies from one university to another.

Table 12
Timeframe for the Final Clinical Placement in the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Timeframe
Dalhousie University	Winter
Université d'Ottawa	Spring-Summer
University of British Columbia	Spring
University of Western Ontario	Spring-Summer
Université de Montréal	Summer

Difficulties in Finding Clinical Placements

The Université d'Ottawa, the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario report difficulties in finding clinical placements. The issues are identified in Table 13.

Table 13
Difficulties in Finding Clinical Placements for the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Yes Comments
Dalhousie University	
Université d'Ottawa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in admission numbers from 8-10 (translates to 10 additional placements) 2. Francophone program in a bilingual town. 3. General shortage of placements.
University of British Columbia	General shortage of placements; limited financial support for students to go to remote areas for placements.
University of Western Ontario	Number of available external placements creates a problem. Students have to travel long distances with lack of availability of funding.
Université de Montréal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition with the other programs who provide training in French (U. d'Ottawa) • Providing practicum hours in some specialty areas is difficult to achieve for all the students (paediatrics and amplification) • No funding available for students who must complete a practicum beyond the greater Montreal area

Program Profiles

Applications

Table 14
Applications in 2009-2010 Year to the Clinical/Professional Master's Degree
Program in Audiology

University	Applications
Dalhousie University	89
Université d'Ottawa	23
University of British Columbia	42
University of Western Ontario	77
Université de Montréal	35
Total	266

Graduation: Past, Present and Future

Table 15
Numbers of Recent and Projected Graduates from the Clinical/Professional Master's
Degree Program in Audiology

University	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Dalhousie University	12	8	8
Université d'Ottawa	8	7	9
University of British Columbia	11	12	12
University of Western Ontario	17	19	20
Université de Montréal	17	23	30
Total	65	69	79

Attrition

The Université d'Ottawa reported a decrease of one student as attrition in 2008-2009 from the Clinical/Professional Masters' Degree Program in Audiology.

Non-Clinical/Research Master's Degree Program in Audiology (master's degree without professional qualification)

Entry requirements include mandatory pre-requisite courses, research and observational experience.

Mandatory Pre-Requisite Courses

The University of Alberta indicated that no specific prerequisite courses are required. Applicants to the MSc-RS must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent or a previous graduate degree in a rehabilitation discipline or related field from a recognized post-secondary institution. For further details go to <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/mscrehabilitationsscience.cfm>.

GPA Requirements

The University of Western Ontario requires a minimum 2.7 GPA.

A minimum 3.0 GPA is required at the University of Alberta. As well, applicants to the MSc-RS must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent or a previous graduate degree in a rehabilitation discipline or related field from a recognized post-secondary institution. For more information, go to <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/mscrehabilitationsscience.cfm>

Information/Documentation Required

Table 16 details the information/documentation required by the universities offering the Non-Clinical/Research Master's Degree Program in Audiology. The letters of reference should come from academic and/or clinical/volunteer sources.

Table 16
Information/Documentation Required for a Complete Application
to the Non-Clinical/Research Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Transcripts	Letters	Application Fee	Personal Statement	GRE	Language Proficiency	Other
University of Alberta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Western Ontario	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Université de Montréal	✓	✓	✓	✓			

The University of Alberta also requires a formal statement of goals for the program and a research plan, a language proficiency test, if necessary, and the results of the Graduate Record Exam.

At the University of Western Ontario, contact with the potential supervisor is highly recommended.

At the Université de Montréal, the student must identify a potential supervisor or a potential research topic.

Other Program Entry Issues for the Non-Clinical/Research Master's Degree Program in Audiology

Due Dates

At the University of Alberta, Canadian citizens can apply at any time; applicants from other countries must apply by May 1 or September 1.

Specific Issues

Neither university reported on issues related to application deficiencies, courses to be audited, courses for foreign students or for clinicians trained abroad, or affirmative action.

Program Description

Program Length

Both the University of Alberta and the University of Western Ontario offer 24-month programs for full-time students.

At the University of Alberta, part-time students have a maximum of 48 months to complete their program.

Graduation Requirements

Table 17 details the graduation requirements for the University of Alberta and the University of Western Ontario.

Table 17
Graduation Requirements for the Non-Clinical/Research Master's Degree Program in Audiology

University	Mandatory Courses	Clinical Practicum	Research Project	Comprehensive Literature Review	Thesis	Dissertation	Comprehensive Exam
University of Alberta	✓				✓		
University of Western Ontario	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Université de Montréal	✓				✓		

Program Profiles

Applications

In 2009-2010, the University of Alberta and the University of Western Ontario had nine and four applicants, respectively.

Graduation: Past, Present and Future

These results are presented in Table 18.

Table 18
Numbers of Recent and Projected Graduates from the Non-Clinical/Research Master's
Degree Program in Audiology

University	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
University of Alberta ¹⁰	4	3	4
University of Western Ontario	1	0	0
Université de Montréal	1	0	1
Total	6	3	5

Other Issues

At the University of Western Ontario, students normally complete all their requirements in the summer; the time of year varies at the University of Alberta.

No attrition was reported.

The universities do not have clinical placements for the non-clinical program.

¹⁰ These numbers reflect total numbers of students in rehabilitation sciences, not just those with an audiology focus

PhD Degree Program in Audiology, Rehabilitation Science or Interdisciplinary Studies

The universities of British Columbia and Western Ontario offer a PhD in audiology.

The Université d'Ottawa and the University of Alberta offer a PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences. Similarly, Dalhousie University offers an Interdisciplinary PhD program. Students may apply and be admitted to the Health Sciences section of that program.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Degree Programs Completed

At the University of Alberta, requirements for PhD in Rehabilitation Science include a master's degree in a rehabilitation discipline or a related field (e.g., engineering, ergonomics, kinematics, public health, psychology, nursing or medicine) or the equivalent of an honours baccalaureate degree in rehabilitation or a related field. For further information see the website at <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/phdrehabilitationsscience.cfm>.

At the University of Western Ontario, the bachelor's and master's degrees may or may not be clinical.

The University of British Columbia requires either a clinical/professional master's degree in audiology or a non-clinical/research master's degree in audiology for entry into the PhD program.

At the Université d'Ottawa, applicants to the PhD program in rehabilitation sciences must have a master's degree in health sciences or in a related discipline (e.g., education, health administration, psychology).

For information about the requirements for entry into the Interdisciplinary PhD program at Dalhousie University, students are referred to the website at <http://idphd.grad.dal.ca/>.

Mandatory Courses

At the Université d'Ottawa, the PhD program in rehabilitation sciences requires successful completion of the following: a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 18 credits of coursework, with 9 compulsory credits (REA 7101, REA 7102 and REA 7103) within the School of Rehabilitation Sciences; a comprehensive examination; a thesis proposal; and a thesis. The type and amount of coursework depends on the student's background (research experience and skills) and chosen field of research.

No mandatory courses are required as minimum entry into any of the other PhD programs.

Volunteer or Research Experience

The University of British Columbia requires research experience.

At the University of Alberta, students who did not complete a master’s thesis are required to complete an “in lieu of thesis” research project prior to advancing to candidacy.

Minimum GPA Requirement

The University of Alberta requires a 3.0 GPA; the minimum at the University of Western Ontario is set at a GPA of 2.7.

The University of British Columbia requires a first-class (A) average based on relevant graduate and senior undergraduate courses, with first-class standing in at least 18 credits of graduate work. The minimum at the Université d’Ottawa is B+.

Other Minimum Requirements for Entry into the PhD Degree Program in Audiology

Table 19
Other Minimum Requirements for Entry into the PhD Degree Program in Audiology

University	Other
University of Alberta	No specific required courses, but must have a master’s degree in a rehabilitation discipline or a related field (e.g., engineering, ergonomics, kinematics, public health, psychology, nursing or medicine) or the equivalent of an honours baccalaureate degree in rehabilitation or a related field. Statement of research goals/interests and letters of reference addressing research potential. Students who did not complete a master’s thesis must complete an in lieu of thesis project upon admission. Admission is also contingent upon the availability of a doctoral supervisor on the academic staff.
University of British Columbia	First-class (A) average based on relevant graduate and senior undergraduate courses, with first-class standing in at least 18 credits of graduate work; <i>or</i> Bachelor’s degree with 1 year of study in a master’s program, with 12 credits of first class average, of which 9 credits must be at the 500-level or above and at least 9 credits must be of first class standing (at UBC, 80% or higher); <i>or</i> Current enrollment in the School’s MSc programs in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology with 12 months of study in the MSc program completed.
University of Western Ontario	The University of Western Ontario recommends research experience.
Université de Montréal	Admission is contingent upon the availability of a doctoral supervisor. The supervisor must have the appropriate accreditation by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Table 20
Information/Documentation Required for a Complete
Application to the PhD Degree Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science

University	Transcripts	Letters ¹¹	Application Fee	Personal Statement	GRE or Other Qualifying Test	Language Proficiency ¹²	Other
University of Alberta	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹³	✓ ¹⁴	✓	✓ ¹⁵
University of British Columbia	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ ¹⁶
University of Western Ontario	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓ ¹⁷
Université d'Ottawa	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓ ¹⁸	✓ ¹⁹
Université de Montréal	✓	✓		✓			

Other Program Entry Issues for the PhD Degree Program in Audiology

Table 21
Due Dates for Submitting an Application to the PhD Degree Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science

University	Due Date
University of Alberta	Anytime for Canadian applicants; May 1 or Sept 1 for international applicants
University of British Columbia	Anytime
University of Western Ontario	February 8 (late considered)
Université d'Ottawa	February 1 (late considered)
Université de Montréal	Anytime

¹¹ Letters of Recommendation (academic and/or clinical/volunteer)

¹² Language proficiency test if necessary

¹³ Formal statement of research interests and goals for the doctoral program

¹⁴ GRE

¹⁵ Availability of a research supervisor in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

¹⁶ An up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV); a Statement of Research Interests with detailed research plan; an indication of your intended research supervisor; completion of online application process at: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/apply/online/>
¹⁷ A Curriculum Vitae is required.

¹⁸ If not English or French

¹⁹ Letter from a professor in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies stating he/she agrees to act as a supervisor if the candidate is accepted.

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Table 22

Length, in Months, for the Completion of the PhD Degree Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science by Full-time and Part-time Students

University	Full-time Students	Part-time Students
University of Alberta	36-48 ²⁰	72 maximum
University of British Columbia	60 ²¹	n/a
University of Western Ontario	48 ²²	n/a
Université d'Ottawa	48-60	n/a
Université de Montréal	48-60	n/a

Table 23

Graduation Requirements for the PhD Degree Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science

University	Mandatory Courses	Research	Comprehensive Literature Review	Dissertation /Thesis
University of Alberta	✓			✓
University of British Columbia ²³	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Western Ontario	✓	✓	✓	✓
Université d'Ottawa	✓	✓		✓
Université de Montréal	✓		✓	✓

Table 24

Applications in 2009-2010 Year to the PhD Degree Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science

University	Applications
University of Alberta	6
University of British Columbia	2
University of Western Ontario	4
Université d'Ottawa	n/a
Université de Montréal	1
Total	13

²⁰ Length of PhD program will depend on whether or not the student had completed a master's thesis.

²¹ There is no expected length for completing a PhD at our university. The number is a typical duration based on average completion time by previous students.

²² Completion can vary dependent on finishing the thesis.

²³ Comprehensive exam

Table 25
Numbers of Recent and Projected Graduates from the PhD Degree Program in
Audiology/Rehabilitation Science

University	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
University of Alberta	5	3	6
University of British Columbia			
University of Western Ontario		2	3
Université d'Ottawa	n/a	n/a	n/a
Université de Montréal	1	1	1
Total	6	6	10

Attrition in 2008-2009 from the PhD Degree Program

The University of Alberta reported a decrease of one student as attrition in 2008-2009 from the PhD degree program in rehabilitation sciences.

Table 26
Time of Year Students Normally Complete all PhD Degree
Program in Audiology/Rehabilitation Science Requirements

University	Time of Year
University of Alberta	Varies
University of British Columbia	Anytime
University of Western Ontario	Summer
Université d'Ottawa	Varies
Université de Montréal	Varies

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