

MSc AUDIOLOGY

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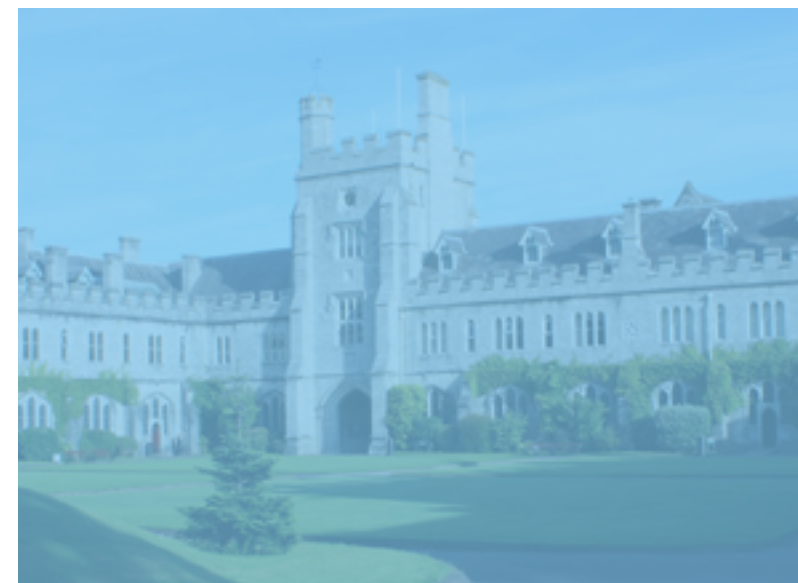
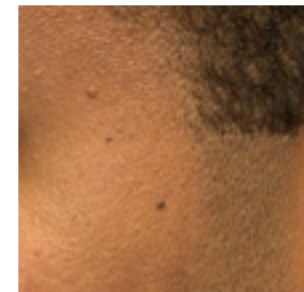
**School of Clinical
Therapies**

Department of Speech
and Hearing Sciences



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A Tradition of Independent Thinking



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Welcome



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The values of the School of Clinical Therapies are shared with those of UCC. The essential elements are those of leadership, excellence, accountability and collaboration. We aim to work to the highest standards and encourage initiative, creativity and innovation in all activities. We are committed to the intellectual growth, social formation and welfare of our students. We recognise the strength that we derive from diversity among our students and staff and we commit ourselves to a global focus in all of our activities.



Mission:



To be international leaders in client-centred education and research in Clinical Therapies and at the forefront in generating and translating knowledge into professional practice.



Programme Structure

MSc AUDIOLOGY

The MSc Audiology is a two year, full-time programme. This new programme in audiology has been designed to qualify students to practice the profession of audiology. The aim of the programme is to educate, train and support individuals to inspire confident clinicians who can meet the challenges of providing an integrated, sophisticated and scientific approach to assessing and managing the needs of children and adults with hearing and balance disorders.



The background of the slide features a collage of images related to anatomy and education. On the left, there is a detailed anatomical model of a human brain in cross-section, showing the cerebral cortex, ventricles, and brainstem. Below the brain, there is a smaller model of a heart with its major blood vessels. On the right side, a person's hands are visible, holding a pen and writing on a yellow notepad. The person is wearing a plaid shirt. The overall scene suggests a clinical or educational setting.

Key Features

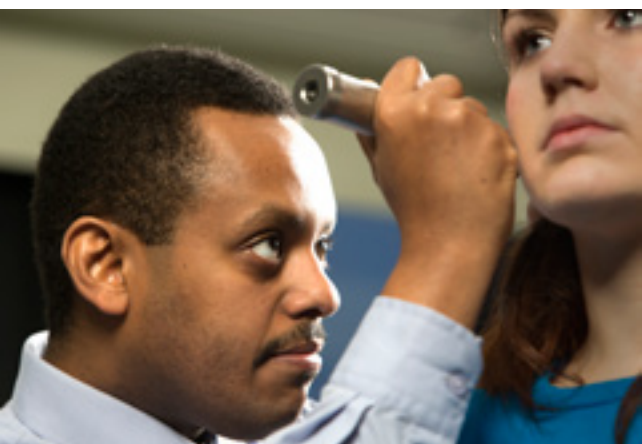
- In-house audiology clinic
- Self-directed, small-group, problem-based learning
- Focus on practice education
- Emphasis on professionalism and teamwork
- Research focused

Teaching and Learning

EVIDENCE-BASED, RESEARCH-LED CURRICULUM

The programme is full-time over three semesters per year over the two years.

Students will attend a mix of lectures and Problem Based Learning (PBL) tutorials to enable them to apply knowledge in a sophisticated way to solve real-life problems efficiently. The curriculum will emphasise the diagnostic and rehabilitative aspects of pathologies affecting the hearing and balance systems.



Curriculum at a Glance



Year 1 Audiology for Adults

Audiological Science & Rehabilitation
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Information Literacy & Research Strategies
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Medical Sciences for Hearing & Balance
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Electrophysiology, Acoustics & Amplification
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Psychosocial Dimensions of Deafness
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**Human Development, Cognition, and
Communication Through the Lifespan**
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Practice Education
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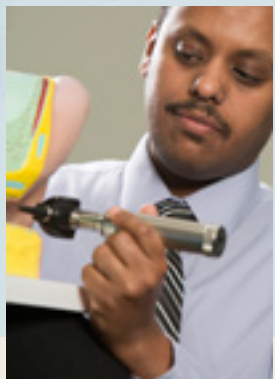
Year 2 Audiology for Children and Balance Disorders

Electrophysiology, Acoustics & Amplification
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Audiological Science & Rehabilitation
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Research Methods
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Audiology Research Project
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Medical Science for Audiology II
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Practice Education
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Practice Education

TOWARDS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT CLINICIANS

Clinical skills, practice and professional development will take place both in a purpose built in-house audiology clinic based in the College of Medicine and Health, and in clinical facilities throughout the country. Students will receive clinical education to work with adults and children who have hearing or balance disorders. During Semester 3, students will be on work placement for 4-5 days a week. Students need to engage in approximately 1000h of supervised clinical practice to meet professional requirements. Students will need to travel to clinics in Cork and may need to arrange accommodation during block placement. Prior to engaging with clients, students will observe clinicians, partake in simulated learning and refine their clinical skills in the safe environment of our state-of-the-art training facility.

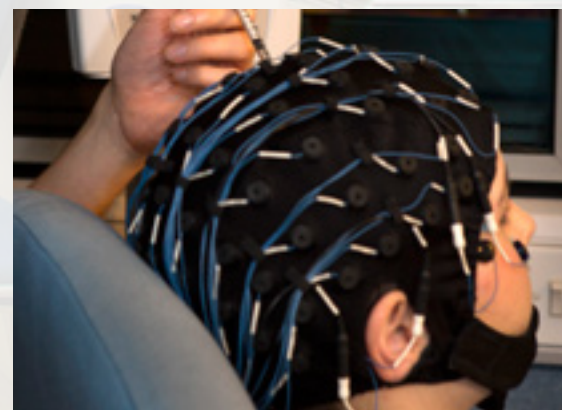


Research - Structured & Supported



STUDENT RESEARCH

UCC is an internationally competitive, research-led university and home to world-renowned research centres. A culture of research is fostered among our students from the start of their audiology training. All students receive structured teaching in research methodologies. Students complete a research project in their final year with the support of principal investigators within the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Increasingly, students present their research at national meetings and publish their work in peer-reviewed journals.



The UCC Student Experience

A number of factors combine to make the student experience at UCC an enjoyable and memorable one, where students form life-long friendships and develop new skills and talents.



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

UCC has a large range of high-quality student accommodation within a short walk of campus.

CORK CITY

Cork is Ireland's second largest city (population 300,000) and is a cosmopolitan, modern city with a vibrant café, restaurant and nightlife culture. Cork's international airport is only 6 km from campus and the city has well-developed rail and bus connections.



UCC CAMPUS

The UCC campus is one of the most beautiful in Europe - an idyllic garden campus on the banks of the river Lee, within walking distance of a historic city steeped in culture and tradition.



SPORT AND LEISURE

UCC has outstanding sports facilities, including a 25 metre swimming pool, 72 acres of playing fields, athletic tracks, and a superb indoor Sports Centre (Mardyke Arena). UCC has over 55 sports clubs ranging from traditional team sports to adventure sports such as paragliding, kite surfing and parachuting. Cork city is also an ideal city in which to run or cycle and many students go hiking and surfing at the weekends.



- **Nominated by Lonely Planet as one of top 10 World Cities**
- **European Capital of Culture 2005**



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

UCC has an extensive network of clubs and societies ranging from sports to music and theatre. MedSoc and SurgSoc organise a busy social calendar for medical students. The Surgeon Noonan Society organises student summer electives to Africa (students bring medical supplies and financial aid to rural communities). Medical students at UCC are also actively involved in Médecins Sans Frontières and a number of outreach programmes (annual Teddy Bear Hospital, Prep-for-Med School).

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Cork is gate-way to some of Ireland's most scenic locations. Hike and cycle in our mountains, forests and glens; sail and surf around Ireland's spectacular coasts.



CULTURE

Cork has a rich tradition of culture – architecture, theatre, music, art, literature and poetry and hosts the world-famous jazz, choral, film and folk festivals.

International Students

The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences welcome international applications.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UCC

UCC has a long history of international student admissions. Today, almost 3000 international students from 100 countries attend UCC. The University does everything possible to make the transition to Ireland and UCC a positive one.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE

The International Education Office at UCC is a “one-stop shop” for international students providing information on all aspects of studying in UCC-programmes of study, application and immigration procedures and help with registration and orientation. The International Education Office also organises a variety of social events throughout the year.

10 Reasons to Study Audiology at UCC

1. State of the art building and facilities, simulation labs and the new anatomy FLAME laboratory

2. Vibrant in-house audiology clinic

3. A strong focus on practical education

4. Problem based learning, helping students through small group work, individual tutorials and continuous assessment

5. Opportunities to learn alongside other health professional students

6. High level of support for student learning and development

7. Opportunity to learn clinical skills through observation, simulation and supervision

8. Highly qualified and friendly staff who have won Prizes for their teaching and research excellence

9. Study in a department that includes a nationally funded research programme

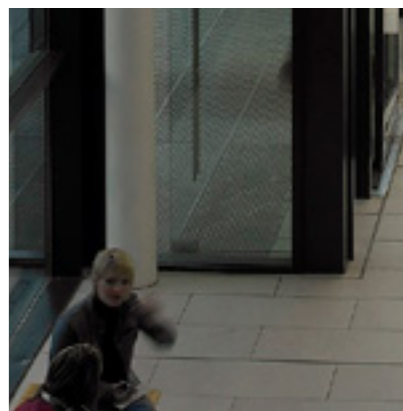
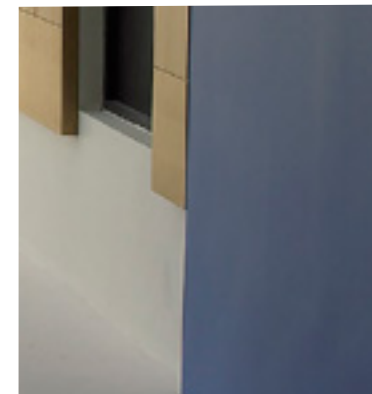
10. Opportunities for students to complete further courses in their area of interest and to progress to study at higher level after graduation

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