

MSc Hearing, Balance and Communication



Higher Training Scheme

We are proud to announce that UCC will be the first Irish University to provide individual modules that can be attended as part of the BAA Higher Training Scheme (HTS) for the upcoming academic year 2023/2024. This information leaflet has been developed to give you some information about the HTS and our modules.

HTS Clinical Speciality Modules

Paediatric Assessment (6 months+)	Paediatric Assessment Newborn	Paediatric Habilitation	Cochlear Implant
Balance Assessment	Balance Rehabilitation	Tinnitus and Hyperacusis	Therapeutic Skills
	Adult Assessment and Rehabilitation with Additional Needs	Advanced Adult Assessment and Rehabilitation	



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What is the Higher Training Scheme (HTS)?

A formally assessed and recognised, standardised training route developed by the British Academy of Audiology (BAA). It enables individuals to demonstrate clinical competency in specialist clinical areas. Through a modular scheme, individuals can acquire the depth and breadth of knowledge, as well as competence to fulfil the needs of specialist and advanced practitioners within Audiology. For more information, visit <https://www.baaudiology.org/careers/hts/>



How does it work?

- Select your clinical specialty.
- Seek out a BAA accredited supervisor in that area.
- Access the HTS pages in the member section of the BAA website and download the specification sheet. This will outline the theoretical knowledge and clinical competency training requirements.
- Apply for the HTS through BAA.
- Select university module(s) to meet the theoretical knowledge and credit requirements together with your supervisor.
- Complete the clinical competency requirements under the supervision of your accredited supervisor.
- Complete a practical clinical exam.

How do I apply for the Higher Training Scheme?

You will need to be a member of the BAA in order to apply. If you are already a member, an online form will need to be completed, which can be accessed from the HTS pages in the [members' section](#) of the BAA website:

<https://www.baaudiology.org/members-home/higher-training-scheme/>



What level of education do I need to do the Higher Training Scheme?

A minimum of a BSc in Audiology, or MSc plus CCC, or equivalent. Those who do not hold a BSc in Audiology, but do have a Post-Graduate Certificate in Hearing Therapy, can access the Therapeutic Skills module.

Can I choose any of the HTS modules?

Individual modules or a series can be attended, according to individual and/or service needs. A Paediatric assessment module must be completed as a pre-requisite for completing the Paediatric Habilitation module. A "BAA Higher Training Scheme certificate" is awarded in the speciality area on successful completion of all the requirements.



What other information should I be aware of?

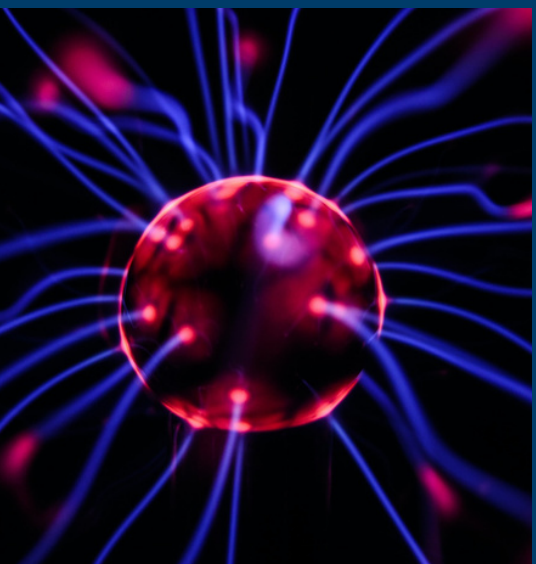
Our modules take place over 2-3 days and are offered in hybrid model where possible. For more information see:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/speech/postgraduatestudy/audiology/msc/hearingbalanceandcommunication/>

A minimum of 10 UK M level credits have to be completed for most of the speciality areas (see specification sheet on the BAA website for further details). 5 M level Irish credits are equivalent to 10 M level UK Credits

How much does it cost ?

- Cost of Individual University Module(s) will vary (<https://www.ucc.ie/en/speech/postgraduatestudy/audiology/msc/hearingbalanceandcommunication/> for UCC modules).
- A registration and examination fee is payable to the BAA for each speciality module. For more information see <https://www.baaudiology.org/careers/hts/>



The BAA have a useful Youtube video that explains how the HTS can advance your career see : <https://youtu.be/EsOlzpkhNMg>

If you have any additional questions, you are welcome to email us on info.hbc@ucc.ie

Thank you to the BAA for providing information for this leaflet.