

Hearing Health Professionals in Alberta

Hearing care involves various professionals to diagnose, treat and manage challenges related to hearing and balance. This is similar to other areas of healthcare, where professionals collaborate to provide comprehensive and patient-focused care.



Audiologists

Health care professionals with extensive training and education in diagnosing, treating and managing hearing and balance disorders.



Hearing Aid Practitioners

Health care professionals trained to test hearing levels and support the selection, fitting and ongoing maintenance of hearing aid technology.

Who They Help

All ages

Audiologists are trained and qualified to provide services to children and adults.



Adults

Hearing Aid Practitioners in Alberta can provide services to anyone over the age of 18.

People with hearing and balance challenges

Audiologists are trained to provide care for all types of challenges related to the hearing system.



People with hearing challenges

Hearing Aid Practitioners focus on challenges that can be managed using hearing aid technology.

From medical referral or no referral

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What They Do

Full auditory assessments

Assess for peripheral or central hearing loss, hyperacusis, tinnitus and other challenges related to hearing and balance.



Hearing tests

Prepare and perform standard hearing tests and then assess and identify general hearing problems.

Diagnosis and treatment planning

Diagnose, counsel, and treat auditory and vestibular/balance disorders through support, therapy, hearing aid selection, hearing aid fitting and other technology.



Hearing aid selection

Help select the best hearing aid technology and ensure new devices are properly fitted and optimized.

Comprehensive care

Perform a wide range of treatments, including the selection, fitting and maintenance of hearing aids and other technologies (like cochlear implants).



Hearing aid maintenance

Fit and adjust clients new hearing aids. Offer ongoing support such as programming and minor repairs.

Refer to medical professionals

Can refer to Family Physicians, Ear/Nose/Throat Specialists, Speech Pathologists and other relevant medical professionals.



Refer to Family Physicians

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Training and Experience

Masters or doctorate degree

Require a master's degree or doctorate, typically consisting of 6 to 8 years of college education.



Diploma or certificate program

There's no standardized minimum educational requirement in Canada, but diploma or certificate programs are usually 2 to 3 years long.

Supervised clinical practicum

Required to complete a minimum of 350 hours of supervised clinical practicum. A clinical doctorate requires 2,000 clinical supervision hours.



No standardized practicum

Practicum experience may be included in the diploma or certificate program.

Registered Audiologist title

Registered Audiologist (R.Aud) or Doctor of Audiology (AuD)



Hearing Aid Practitioner title

Hearing Aid Practitioner (HAP) or Registered Hearing Aid Practitioner (RHAP) or Hearing Aid Student Interns (SI)

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