

Research – our strength

Our MAud programme has a strong emphasis on developing awareness and ongoing interest in hearing research.

Our students can choose from a wide variety of research projects for their Thesis, reflecting the diverse research interests of the academic staff in our Department. Students are guided through every aspect of the development of their research project, and are mentored through the experimentation and data collection stage of the process.



Two MAud students analyze speech waveforms.



Sarah Rahmat, a PhD student, hopes to contribute to better communication and quality of life among cochlear implant patients through her research on preservation of hearing in cochlear implant surgery.

Frequently asked questions

What qualifications do I need to be considered?

A Bachelor's degree from any discipline. Successful candidates usually have a GPA of 7 on the 9-point scale used at Canterbury (about A- standard).

How many Students do you allow into your programme?

Entry to the MAud is limited, and the selection is based largely on academic merit, along with an interview process to determine your suitability for training as an audiologist. The process is competitive, and places are limited to a maximum of 12 students per year.

What financial assistance is available?

The Department of Communication Disorders has a number of scholarships available – see our website, listed below.

If I am an international applicant, will I have to sit an English proficiency test (or exam)?

For entry to a postgraduate course, such as the Master of Audiology, the University Regulations require demonstration on English proficiency with an IELTS score of at least 7.0, with no section score lower than 6.5. For information on International Admissions go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/admissions/international/english.shtml

How do I apply?

- Application must be received by the deadline of 1 October
- Applications may be downloaded at: www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/documents/MAud_Application_Form.pdf
- Have reputable referees (2) complete and send the recommendation forms directly to the address below
- Send completed application to:
Administrator, Department of Communication Disorders,
University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800,
Christchurch 8140, NEW ZEALAND
- Enquiries to: Tel: +64 3 364 2431
Email: communicationdisorders@canterbury.ac.nz

For more information: www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz

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Master of Audiology

Why choose Canterbury

The Department of Communication Disorders is the longest-running institution in the nation providing clinical research and training in the field of Communication Sciences and Disorders. One of the great strengths of the department is the high calibre of academic and clinical staff. As a clinical degree programme, class sizes are small, allowing for frequent interaction with staff.

As a division of the Department of Communication Disorders, the MAud Programme has strong links with the Speech and Language Pathology Programme, providing many opportunities for students and staff from across the different disciplines to interact, share research ideas and collaborate on research projects. Our MAud students also benefit from receiving instruction from visiting international professors via the Erskine Fellowship Programme. In addition, we have a strong complement of adjunct academic and clinical staff in the region that supports academic and clinical education.

The University of Canterbury recognizes long-term sustainability as one of the key strategic issues that will increasingly affect both the University and wider society. We are known for our world-class research, inspirational teaching, vibrant campus environment and diverse academic community. These attributes, combined with our location in a beautiful, relaxed city with a low cost of living, make for an ideal learning environment.



Audiologists measure tiny electrical responses from the brain to assess hearing.

What is Audiology?

Audiology is the scientific study of hearing and hearing disorders. Audiologists are highly trained professionals dedicated to the assessment, diagnosis and non-medical management of hearing and balance function.

The career is a rewarding one, suited to those with an interest in technology and science, but for whom working with people is important. Our MAud graduates are well-prepared for careers in public and private health care settings, or for following a career in fundamental or applied research in hearing science. Career opportunities for audiologists are excellent within New Zealand and around the world.



A toddler turns towards a mechanical puppet during Visual Reinforcement Audiometry while the audiologist plays a distracter role.



One of our Masters students describing the results of impedance audiometry, an objective test of middle ear function, to a patient who uses her MP3 player and cellphone daily.

Curriculum

The Master of Audiology (MAud) degree is a 2-year postgraduate programme that includes coursework, clinical, and research experiences. It is also available part-time over three or four years.

Academic coursework focuses on training professional audiologists with emphasis on the development of clinical skills relating to the practice of Audiology.

Year 1	Year 2
Semester 1: CMDS 651 Foundation Topics in Audiology CMDS 652 Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation CMDS 653 Audiological Rehabilitation	Whole year: CMDS 658 Clinical Practicum II CMDS 690 Audiology Thesis
Semester 2: CMDS 655 Advanced Topics in Audiology CMDS 656 Advanced Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation CMDS 657 Advanced Audiological Rehabilitation	
Whole year: CMDS 654 Clinical Practicum I	

Meet the MAud Staff



Dr Rebecca Kelly-Campbell



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