

**Timeline Information for
Audiology Students (seeking ASHA Certification):**

In most state the licensing laws for audiologists call for a masters degree. This is a holdover from previous certification standards but it has important implications for students going off on fourth-year externships. Because of the laws students without masters degrees present a billing problem for externship sites....no license...no reimbursement. Therefore, until some future date when this national “glitch” is corrected all students in the Au.D program will need to have a masters degree issued by eh UNL Office of Graduate Studies. The procedure for obtaining the degree is outlined below.

General policy/procedure summary for faculty and students.

From this point forward **all students wanting ASHA Certification** (no matter what degree they are seeking) will need to “dual-matriculate” in the Graduate College M.S. degree AND the Department Au. D. degree programs. Be aware that all such students will have to apply for admission to the Graduate College, apply for admission to our program, fill out a Memorandum of Courses (MOC) for the masters degree, file a Final Examination Report form, and file for graduation.

The MOC will need to be filed by the student around the time they have accumulated about 40 hours in the program (Fall Semester – 2nd Year). Filing for May graduation will need to occur in January of the 3rd year. The Final Examination Report form will need to be filed by March 23 (May graduation) and the Report on the outcome of the final examination will need to be filed by April 14th (May graduation). These timelines should allow students to complete their clinical comprehensive exams in the later part of the second semester of the 3rd year and graduate with the M.S. degree in May of the 3rd year. Thus, they will go off on externship in the summer of the 3rd year or the fall of the 4th year with the M.S. in hand.

If you have questions about any of this, do not hesitate to seek the advice of you academic advisor.