

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEARING SCIENCES

## Overview

**Status:** Active

**National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level:** 9

**NFQ Award Class:** Major Award

**Total Credits:** 60

**Connected Curriculum:**

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Global Reach
- Inter-and Transdisciplinary
- Research Based Teaching

**Graduate Attributes:**

- Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- Digitally Fluent
- Effective global citizen
- Independent and creative thinker
- Socially Responsible

## Exit Award only

Students on the MSc (Audiology) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscau/>) programme who pass 60 credits within non-clinical modules may choose to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Hearing Sciences (NFQ Level 9, Major award) at the end of Second Year.

Students who graduate with an Exit Award will not be eligible to practise as an Audiologist.

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Requirements

Students must pass **60** credits of non-clinical modules to be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Hearing Sciences (NFQ Level 9, Major award).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
Students take <b>60</b> credits as follows:		
<i>Year 1 Non-Clinical Core Modules</i>		
AU6012	Audiological Science and Rehabilitation I	10
AU6013	Audiological Science and Rehabilitation II	10
AU6014	Information Literacy and Research Strategies	5
AU6015	Medical Sciences for Hearing and Balance I	5
AU6017	Electrophysiology, Acoustics and Amplification I	5
AU6018	Psychosocial Dimensions of Deafness	5
AU6019	Human Development, Cognition and Communication Through the Lifespan	5

## Year 1 Clinical Core Modules

AU6020	Practice Education in Audiology I	15
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## Year 2

Students take non-clinical modules to the value of **15** credits from the following:

## Year 2 Non-Clinical Core Modules

AU6021	Audiological Science and Rehabilitation III	10
AU6022	Research Methods for Audiology	5
AU6023	Medical Sciences for Audiology II	5
AU6024	Electrophysiology, Acoustics and Amplification II	5
AU6025	Audiology Research Project	10
AU6026	Audiological Science and Rehabilitation IV (PBL based, mixed delivery curriculum)	10

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Hearing Sciences (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)**

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Apply a critical understanding of the relevant areas of physics, acoustics, psychology, communication disorders and medical sciences to the assessment, rehabilitation, management and prevention of hearing and balance disorders in adults and children;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the different pathologies affecting the hearing system and relevant diagnostic procedures in adults and children;
- Operate supportively within a team to highlight the impact of a hearing and communication disorder on a patient's overall health and well-being;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and confidentiality rules governing professional practice of Audiology;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of research and its use in the field of health services and its application in the field of hearing and balance disorders;
- Synthesise and analyse concepts related to the role of evidence-based practice in clinical audiology, as well as the rules governing clinical research related to hearing and balance problems;
- Conceptualise an understanding of the relevance of the legal, social, economic and political contexts in which audiology services operate with particular reference to Ireland.