

Audiologist

Test hearing and balance, fit hearing aids, and help people hear again. A master's degree and only six schools in Canada.

TYPICAL PAY

\$96,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$69k to \$124k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

6 to 7 years

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

Hearing clinics, hospitals, public health, schools

How you get there

- 1 High school** Grades 11 and 12
 Grade 12 physics, biology, math and English. Sound is physics, so do not skip it.
- 2 Undergraduate degree** 4 years
 Any major with the prerequisites: physics or acoustics, statistics, anatomy, psychology and linguistics. Keep a high average.
- 3 Master's in audiology** 2 to 3 years
 Only six universities: Dalhousie, Western, UBC (University of British Columbia), Université de Montréal, University of Ottawa and Université Laval. Classes are small. Hundreds of supervised clinical hours.
- 4 Register with your provincial regulator** A few weeks
 In Ontario that is CASLPO (the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario). Some provinces add a short test on the rules of practice.

Pros and cons

- + Small profession, so jobs are easy to find
- + Daytime hours and a calm work setting
- + Mix of technology and people
- Only six schools, so getting in is tough
- Sales pressure in private clinics
- The work can feel repetitive

Good to know

Hearing loss is everywhere

Statistics Canada measured the hearing of adults aged 20 to 79 and found about 4 in 10 had at least mild hearing loss in one ear. Most of them did not know it.

Six schools for the whole country

Canada trains audiologists at only six universities. Most graduating classes are a few dozen people, which is one reason the job market stays open.

Optional boosts

Cochlear implant programs. Pediatric audiology. Vestibular (balance) testing. Hearing conservation.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Audiologists, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Speech-Language & Audiology Canada

College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/audiologist>



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