



### **Dual AuD and MPH Program**

The University of Maryland Hearing and Speech Sciences and the School of Public Health offer a dual Clinical Doctorate of Audiology (CAUD) and Masters in Public Health (MPH) graduate degree program. A specialized public health education for Clinical Doctorate of Audiology (CAUD) students expands professional opportunities and skills for students when embarking on their clinical careers (i.e. state policy initiatives related to hearing, health system administration, community-based programs, Department of Health skillsets) to better meet the needs of their patients and families, clinics, and communities.

#### **What are the objectives to the AuD/MPH program?**

- To promote public health initiatives into interested student's Audiology training.
- To teach basic concepts of public health for mastery in professional disciplines.
- To provide unique exposure to public health community initiatives related to hearing and/or communication.
- To promote critical analysis of the literature on audiology and to contribute to the empirical knowledge base for patient care, approaches to
- rehabilitation and recommendations, and community or clinic-based care.
- To expand student exposure to concepts of health disparities and inequities.
- To promote interprofessional practice through collaborative clinical practicum and didactic training.

#### **Application Process**

The proposed dual degree program would require students to be admitted separately to the respective degree programs (Clinical Doctorate of Audiology and Master of Public Health in the sought after department). Students would apply to the MPH program after beginning their training for their AuD during their 2nd year, but may indicate interest in the dual degree in their CAUD application. The MPH departments of interest will consider space for up to 2 dual degree students per incoming cohort. The AuD degree is completed in 4 years (3 years classes and clinic and 4th year clinical externship) and the MPH degree varies by specialty. Students will be expected to complete both degrees within 5 years of initiating the CAUD program but no more than 6 years.

Students who are interesting in learning more information about the dual AuD/MPH program should contact Danielle Powell, Au.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Hearing & Speech Sciences and Director of Dual AuD/MPH degree at [dspowell@umd.edu](mailto:dspowell@umd.edu).