

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSA)

This classification specification identifies representative duties and responsibilities, and is intended to assist in the determination of the appropriate classification level within each discipline. Some duties and responsibilities may overlap between class levels. The classification specification is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of all duties performed.

Classification Title: **Audiologist**

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Job Summary:

The Audiologist is responsible for the identification, assessment and management of clients with hearing and balance (vestibular) disorders. Develops, coordinates and implements clinical and promotion/ prevention programs for all clients with hearing problems.

Key Responsibilities and Typical Duties:

Core Duties

- Screens, identifies, assesses, interprets diagnoses, prevents, and rehabilitates individuals with peripheral and central auditory system dysfunction.
- Performs a variety of standard and specialized diagnostic assessments including standard audiometry and emittance testing, auditory processing, evoked auditory potentials, otoacoustic emissions testing, balance (vestibular) assessments and tinnitus evaluations.
- Performs hearing aid evaluations and makes recommendations regarding selection and purchase of hearing aids.
- Verifies performance of amplification devices and including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and bone anchored hearing aids utilizing using a combination of behavioral and/or electroacoustic measures.
- May develop and implement environmental and occupational hearing conservation programs.
- May perform cochlear implant candidacy assessments, device programming and verification procedures.
- Establishes appropriate intervention plans to manage/reduce the impact of hearing loss.
- May coordinate specific clinics for hearing/ balance issues.
- Provides education and consultation services to communities, physicians, hospitals and service organizations as requested.
- Selects, fits, verifies and loans amplification, assistive listening and alarming devices and other systems to clients and provides training in their use.

Other Related Duties

- Provides input into new program development and planning.
- Recommends policies, procedures and standards for program area.
- May identify areas for research and participate in ongoing research and/ or clinical trials and studies.
- Ensures appropriate equipment functioning, calibration and maintenance.
- Evaluates and recommends equipment and supply purchases.

Leadership

- Provides functional/collegial guidance to Speech Language Pathologists, Speech Language Pathology Assistants, Audiology Technicians and Audiology Assistants.
- May instruct, counsel, direct, supervise and evaluate Audiology practicum students.
- May train and supervise regional hearing screening personnel and school teachers.

Decision-Making

- Makes independent decisions regarding hearing assessment and intervention services.
- Receives and prioritizes referrals.
- Advises on various promotion and prevention program protocols.
- Recommends follow up actions to the family, school or individual client.

Knowledge:

Education

- Master's Degree in Audiology.

Registration Requirements

- Registration with the Alberta College of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists (ACSLPA).
- Registered with the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA).

Working Conditions:

Physical Demands

- Lifts and moves clients and equipment.
- Extensive standing, bending and twisting.
- Extensive computer work.
- Required to open and close heavy magnetic doors.

Work Environment

- Works in enclosed sound booths.
- Exposed to loud noises/feedback/alarms.
- Works in low/ dim light when performing evoked potentials.
- Potential exposure to bodily fluids.
- May work with aggressive clients and/or children with behavioral issues.
- Travel in all weather/road conditions.