

# HEARING AID PRACTITIONER

Faculty of Health and Community Studies  
Department of Allied Health and Human Performance  
MacEwan.ca/HearingAid (<http://MacEwan.ca/HearingAid>)

## Hearing Aid Practitioners

Hearing aid practitioners evaluate hearing ability, select, fit and sell hearing aids and assistive listening devices, and provide counseling and support to adult hearing aid and/or assistive device users. They generally work in and/or own hearing aid dispensing businesses, but can also work for hearing aid manufacturing companies.

Hearing aid practitioners are regulated and/or licensed in most provinces in Canada. In order to maintain their professional status, hearing aid practitioners must abide by a code of ethics, demonstrate competence, and participate in ongoing continuing education activities required for professionals in their jurisdiction.

## The Hearing Aid Practitioner Program

The program is a 60-credit, distance-delivery diploma with 19 courses required for graduation. Full-time students complete the program in two years, while part-time students may take up to seven years to complete program requirements.

Students are provided with curriculum materials online and purchase textbooks and other learning resources to supplement the online curriculum. Contact with instructors and other students is provided through asynchronous interaction online within classes; individual instructor support is provided upon request.

Students must have Internet access (high-speed access is recommended) because most courses require online interaction with the instructor and other students. Assignments are submitted online, and exams and quizzes are all completed online.

To complete practical assignments in HAPR 102, HAPR 103, HAPR 111, HAPR 203, HAPR 114 courses, students either attend labs at MacEwan University in Edmonton or they must find a local licensed professional and complete and submit the Hearing Aid Practitioner Program Tutor/Field Placement Approval Request Form to the program office for approval prior to the start of each course. Attendance at the university is mandatory for 10 days in the Year II Term V for courses HAPR 204 and HAPR 211 (Winter term) to complete labs in the final hearing testing and hearing aid courses. In Year II Term VI, students must find a local clinic, complete and submit a new Hearing Aid Practitioner Program Tutor/Field Placement Approval Request Form to the program office prior to the start of the course for field placement site approval. Students are required to complete at least 180 hours of supervised hearing aid dispensing work in an approved (by the program) clinic with an approved (by the program) professional.

## Career Potential

Trained hearing aid practitioners are in high demand in Canada and internationally.

## Transferability

### Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this

diploma program may be granted up to 36 credits to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Students are advised to consult an advisor for specific admission requirements and required bridging course information.

## External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Hearing Aid Practitioner diploma are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta or Canadian institutions. Students presenting a completed diploma in this program may also be eligible for a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at [www.transferalberta.ca](http://www.transferalberta.ca) or contact the receiving institution directly.

## Contact Information

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### PROGRAM OFFICE

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Edmonton, AB T5J 4S2  
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## Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

### Regular Admission

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
2. One subject from Group C
3. One subject from Group A, B, C or D

### Note:

- Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

### Mature Admission

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 60 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
2. One subject from Group A, B, C or D

## Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

### 1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

### Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at [MacEwan.ca/ELP](http://MacEwan.ca/ELP).

ENGL 105

ENGL 111

ENGL 108

ENGL 111

INTD 105

HAPR 105

## Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year I</b>		
<b>Term I</b>		
HAPR 101	Bioacoustics of Human Hearing <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 102	Hearing Testing I	2
HAPR 103	Hearing Instrument Technology I <sup>1</sup>	4
Three credits of university English (includes WRIT 101)		3
Credits		12
<b>Term II</b>		
HAPR 105	Customer Relations and Communications <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 110	Hearing Disorders <sup>1</sup>	2
HAPR 111	Hearing Testing II <sup>1</sup>	4
HAPR 202	Aural Rehabilitation I	3
ELEC	Elective	3
Credits		15
<b>Term III</b>		
HAPR 114	Professional Practice <sup>1</sup>	4
Credits		4
<b>Year II</b>		
<b>Term IV</b>		
HAPR 104	The Aging Client <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 201	Interviewing and Counselling <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 203	Hearing Instrument Technology II	4
HAPR 210	Aural Rehabilitation II <sup>1</sup>	3
Credits		13
<b>Term V</b>		
HAPR 108	Business Management <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 112	Professional Responsibilities <sup>1</sup>	3
HAPR 204	Hearing Testing III <sup>1</sup>	2
HAPR 211	Hearing Instrument Technology III <sup>1</sup>	4
Credits		12
<b>Term VI</b>		
HAPR 212	Field Placement <sup>1</sup>	4
Credits		4
Total Credits		60

<sup>1</sup> The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

## Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
ENGL 100	ENGL 111
ENGL 101	ENGL 111
ENGL 102	ENGL 111
ENGL 103	ENGL 111