Aston University
Life & Health Sciences

Foundation Degree Hearing Aid Audiology

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- Continue to earn a salary while you study
- Two-year qualification with the option to continue progression to a BSc
- Entry to a high quality profession
- HPC approved programme for professional development

What is Audiology?

Audiologists are health service professionals who are responsible for the detection and rehabilitation of hearing, balance and associated disorders in people from birth to old age. Many audiologists work in multi-disciplinary teams, frequently working alongside other healthcare practitioners, educationalists and research professionals.

In the independent sector, the Hearing Aid Audiologist is more likely to work solely with hearing impairment, its identification, the prescription and fitting of hearing aids and the rehabilitation and aftercare associated with hearing aid use.

As an Audiology practitioner, you will be entering the profession at a time of exciting change and innovation within both the NHS and independent sectors. Aston University graduates from the Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology are amongst the first entering the independent sector and the NHS with the new qualification. Employment prospects are excellent and opportunities will exist all over the UK.

Who is the programme aimed at?

The programme is aimed at people already employed in the field of Audiology who are aiming to gain a recognised qualification to enable them to register and practice.

How long is the programme?

The course is a two-year full-time degree programme. However, this includes work based learning so you will only need to attend Aston University for a small number of days each term.

The programme focusses around acquisition of skills supported in our purpose built Skills Laboratory workshops. A high level of student support and a full range of teaching materials is available to students on-line (via Blackboard 9), presentations, video lectures, notes, on-line Assessments and quizzes Lectures on each module will be available on DVD to facilitate your study when you are away from University as well as week by week study guides so students know what is expected and when.

What qualifications do I need?

We look for keen, organised and self motivated students who have a commitment to study, academic ability and an interest in and enthusiasm for audiology as a profession. A desire to work with and help people is essential.

The minimum entry requirements are as follows:

- GCSE Maths and English (minimum grade C)
- Two good A levels, one a science

Applicants with other qualifications and/or relevant experience will also be considered. We are particularly interested in recruiting students who do not have standard university application qualifications.

Students will be required to pass criminal record checks prior to starting the programme, as during practice you will be working with clients who may be vulnerable adults. An occupational health check will also be required in order to ensure that both students and the public are protected from potential health hazards.

What will I study?

Audiology is a varied discipline and involves elements of biological sciences, engineering, psychology, physics, electronics, speech and language development and research.

The first year will focus on adult auditory assessment skills. You will be introduced to practice skills in our purpose built laboratory and you will have the opportunity to use and develop your skills in the workplace. In the second year you will build on the skills you developed in the first year focusing on hearing aid skills. You will also be expected to fully develop all the required competencies to practise.

What qualifications will I receive?

As a graduate of the Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Health Professions Council. You will also be eligible to provide hearing aid services to customers within the independent sector and/or work as an Associate Practitioner in the NHS. Aston University's Foundation degree in Hearing Aid Audiology has been developed in collaboration with hearing aid company employers in the independent sector and NHS Audiology colleagues in the West Midlands. Once you have graduated, you will also have the opportunity to continue your studies either full or part time to obtain either a BSc (Honours) Hearing Sciences or a BSc (Honours) Audiology.

What about fees?

To get further information about the fees and the course for the forthcoming academic year, please contact the LHS admissions office.

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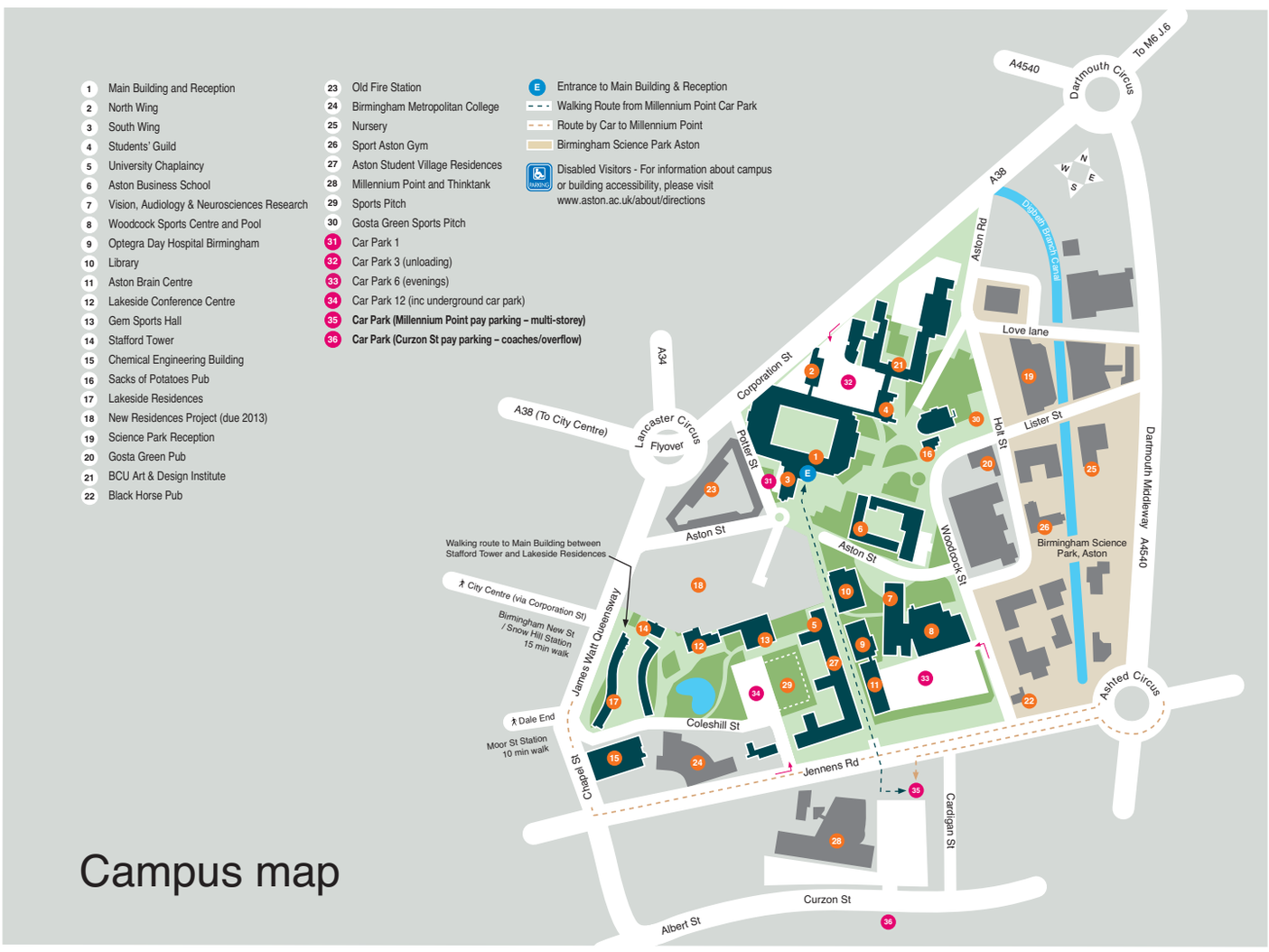
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