

**Long Island Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Consortium  
Adelphi, Hofstra, St. John's Universities**

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
2012-2017**

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Long Island Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Consortium of Adelphi, Hofstra, St. John's Universities is to prepare students to be professional, knowledgeable, competent, and compassionate clinicians who are able to utilize evidence-based principles by integrating research methods and findings into their professional practice. Students will gain a strong appreciation for the connections between the scientific bases of the discipline and its clinical practices. It is our goal to produce highly skilled practitioners with the ability to perform the wide variety of diagnostic, remedial, and other critical services within the scope of practice for audiologists, while maintaining sensitivity to cultural and linguistic diversity.

**Vision Statement**

The Long Island Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Consortium of Adelphi, Hofstra, St. John's Universities will prepare graduates with sufficient background in theoretical, clinical and research knowledge and skills in audiology to develop a strong clinical expertise, promote scientific inquiry, with an appreciation of clinical and cultural diversity and compassion to meet the current and future needs of individuals with communicative disorders across the lifespan.

## **Strategic Plan 2012-2017**

### **OBJECTIVE #1: Training and Outreach in the Global Community**

In accordance with ASHA's Strategic Path to Excellence (2009), the Long Island AuD Consortium will explore ways to promote international opportunities for our students in academic, clinical, and research areas.

Long term goal:

Develop international experiential opportunities for our AuD students.

Short term goal:

1. To network with various organizations (e.g., ASHA, AAA, CAPCSD) with established global initiatives in CSD.
2. To participate in the educational opportunities offered by those organizations, such as the ASHA SIG 17 and the CAPCSD 2012 Global Summit on Higher Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

### **OBJECTIVE #2: Become a Training Center of Excellence in Specific Clinical Areas**

It is the intention of the Long Island AuD Consortium to become a Center of Excellence in specific areas of clinical research and treatment. Such areas may include diagnostic and differential audiology, electrophysiology, amplification for habilitation and rehabilitation, and vestibular/balance assessment and treatment. This objective reflects the broader strategic priorities in the area of health sciences and education of each of the consortium institutions.

Long term goal:

Educate future AuD students in state-of-the art assessment and management techniques to enhance and create methodologies of treatment to address auditory and vestibular disorders in collaboration with other health care professionals. With the aging U.S. population as well as the increase in traumatic injury, there is an increased need to diagnose balance problems/dizziness, to differentiate vestibular involvement from cortical lesions, and to treat such disorders.

Short term goal:

1. To establish a unified lab in which measurement, assessment, and application of diagnostic and rehabilitative applications can be investigated by students. This will require the acquisition of state-of-the art instrumentation such as audiometers,

middle ear analyzers, physiologic and electrophysiologic equipment, and amplification programming and verification equipment, and personnel to oversee the lab.

2. To develop expertise in assessment of vestibular/balance disorders, and the neurotologic concomitants and processes thereof in collaboration with a medical facility

### **Objective #3: Continuing Education in the Audiology Community**

The Long Island AuD Consortium intends to expand and promote continuing education offerings, mainly by establishing our facilities (Hofstra, Adelphi and St. John's Universities) as a primary ASHA accredited continuing education source in the NYC Metropolitan Area. Promoting continuing education in the audiology community contributes to the knowledge in our profession and incorporates existing and new knowledge into the clinic and academic education of our students, preceptors, clinicians and faculty. Furthermore, through sponsored conferences, events, and continuing education professional outreach opportunities are promoted.

#### **Long Term Goal:**

The Long Island Au.D Consortium will provide an annual ASHA CEU accredited conference or workshop on scientific and/or clinical issues. The continuing education activities will be designed to increase the professional discipline-specific knowledge and skills of audiologists.

#### **Short Term Goal:**

To identify topics of interest by issuing a survey to the many practicing audiologists in the NYC Metropolitan area.