

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

**STRATEGIC PLAN
2018-2023**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Long Island Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) 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 (Au.D.) 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.

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OBJECTIVE #1: Training and Outreach in the Global Community

The Long Island Au.D. Consortium will explore ways to promote local, national, and international opportunities for our faculty and students in academic, clinical, humanitarian, and research areas.

Long term goal:

To sustain existing and develop new local, national, and international experiential opportunities for our faculty and students.

Short term goals:

1. To sustain existing activities and develop new opportunities with various organizations (e.g., American Speech-Language-Hearing Association [ASHA], American Academy of Audiology [AAA], Starkey Hearing Foundation, Special Olympics, etc.) in local, national, and global outreach initiatives in CSD.
2. To pursue grant opportunities for faculty and students and foster student fundraising efforts (through the program's chapter of the Student Academy of Audiology [SAA]) to support these initiatives.

OBJECTIVE #2: Clinical and Research Expertise

It is the intention of the Long Island Au.D. Consortium to expand existing and develop new areas of clinical and research expertise.

Long term goal:

To expand existing and develop new areas of clinical and research expertise in areas including: diagnostic and differential audiology, electrophysiology, amplification for habilitation and rehabilitation, auditory processing, vestibular/balance, tinnitus and hyperacusis assessment and treatment.

Short term goals:

1. To expand the existing hearing aid dispensing center at the Hofstra University Saltzman Center and to develop the hearing aid dispensing center at the St. John's University Seton Complex.
2. To expand aural rehabilitation services at the Adelphi University Hy Weinberg Center.
3. To expand current research endeavors and to develop clinical services in tinnitus and hyperacusis assessment and treatment at the Hofstra University Saltzman Center.

Objective #3: Continuing Education in the Audiology Community

The Long Island Au.D. 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.

Objective #4: Interprofessional Collaboration

In ASHA's definition, *interprofessional education* (IPE) is an activity that occurs when two or more professions learn about, from, and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve outcomes for individuals and families whom we serve. Similarly, *interprofessional practice* (IPP) occurs when multiple service providers from different professional backgrounds provide comprehensive healthcare or educational services by working with individuals and their families, caregivers, and communities- to deliver the highest quality of care across settings (ASHA, 2017).

Long Term Goal:

The Long Island Au.D. Consortium will foster interprofessional collaborative education and practice opportunities for faculty and students.

Short Term Goals:

1. Expand aural rehabilitation IPP between audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) at the Adelphi University Hy Weinberg Center.
2. Expand IPE in audiology for medical residents at Hofstra University Medical School and pharmacy students of St. John's University.
3. Explore collaborative research and grant opportunities with other disciplines and centers.