

The M.D. Steer Audiology and Speech-Language Clinics are part of the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences serving the Greater Lafayette area, surrounding counties, and the Purdue campus. Our qualified faculty work closely with other professionals including physicians, psychologists, social workers and educators.

Clinical services are provided by graduate students-in-training under the supervision of qualified clinical faculty and instructors who are licensed by the State of Indiana and certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

FEES

Fees are charged for all services. Credit card payments, sliding fee scale, and contracts are available. A current fee schedule is available upon request.

LOCATION

The Clinics are located in the basement of Heavilon Hall at Purdue University. Our facilities are accessible to handicapped persons via a ground level entrance and elevators. Paid parking is available in the Grant Street Parking Garage or at the designated parking meters between the Memorial Union and in front of Heavilon Hall (entrance via Grant Street behind the Union Club Hotel). The clinic office in Heavilon Hall B-11 is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Groups wishing to learn more about communication disorders and their treatment may contact SLHS to arrange for an educational meeting or a tour of the facility.

Screening services are available to groups of individuals to determine the presence of speech, language, and/or hearing problems. Screenings are arranged by appointment for groups such as preschools, extended care facilities, and retirement programs.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of services for individuals with communication needs. The clinics are a covered HIPAA component and legally required to protect the privacy of client health information and provide clients with a Notice of Privacy Practices.

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Speech-Language Clinic

A brief screening and/or detailed diagnostic evaluation is the first step in helping an individual with any type of communication problem. The purpose of this assessment is to gather information from the client, his/her family, and other professionals to determine the nature and extent of the problem, and to make decisions concerning the individual's communication needs. Interviews, observations, and test results are used to develop clinical impressions and recommendations.

Services are available to children and adults with all types of communication needs including:

- speech sound disorders
- language impairment
- voice disorders
- stuttering and other problems of speech fluency
- impaired oral motor control
- swallowing problems

The speech or language problem may be caused by developmental delay, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, stroke, mental retardation, hearing impairment, traumatic brain injury, autism, or other causes.

Speech-Language Clinic Services

The following services are offered at the clinic:

- Screening and diagnostic assessment services for children from 0-3 years of age, and family-focused speech-language intervention
- Preschool Language Program that focuses on the communication and special needs of children in a classroom setting
- Pediatric and adult diagnostics and therapy in a private medical setting

- Speech, language, and hearing screenings for preschoolers and adults at various community locations
- Individual and group therapy for children and adults who stutter
- Speech/language diagnostic evaluations
- Adult Language Group for patients with varying neurological diagnoses and their caregivers
- Speech-language therapy for preschool and school-aged children with speech-language delays and disorders
- Pragmatic Language Groups for children and teens with social communication difficulties

Audiology Clinic

The Audiology clinic serves people of all ages, from infants to older adults and their families. The Clinic's goal is to minimize the effects of hearing loss on communication through diagnostic evaluation and rehabilitative intervention. The initial contact with the patient is a hearing assessment, to determine the status of the patient's hearing system and the extent of the problem. Based on the results of this evaluation, recommendations are made to the patient and his or her family regarding the possible need for further testing and intervention to improve hearing and communication.

The Audiology clinic also dispenses hearing aids and assistive listening devices (i.e., FM/infrared listening systems, personal amplifiers, telephone amplifiers, and alarm/warning devices). We conduct an in-depth orientation for the patient and his/her family to ensure the proper care and use of the devices, along with communication strategies to gain the most benefit within the individual's unique listening environment.

Audiology Clinic Services

The **diagnostic services** provided by the Audiology Clinic include:

- Hearing, speech, and language screenings for preschoolers and adults at various community locations
- Comprehensive pediatric and adult hearing assessments
- Industrial hearing evaluations
- Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) testing
- Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) testing
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) evaluation
- The clinic is a First Steps provider for children and families and serves as a diagnostic referral center for babies and children identified through Indiana's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program.

The **rehabilitation services** offered at the Audiology Clinic include:

- Hearing aid evaluation and dispensing
- Assistive listening device evaluation and dispensing
- Individualized aural rehabilitation therapy for children and adults with hearing aids and cochlear implants, in conjunction with Speech-Language Clinic
- ReACT (Rehabilitative Auditory Communication Training) program for new and experienced hearing aid users and their families and for individuals considering hearing aid use. This program is included with every hearing aid dispensed in the clinic.