



# AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers comprehensive healthcare services to Veterans with hearing loss, tinnitus, and balance disorders. Auditory system disabilities including hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in ears) are among the most common service-related disabilities in every period of service since WWII. VA is the largest employer of audiologists in the United States, employing over 1300 audiologists. Consistent with the VA mission, Audiology is involved with training and research.

**1370 Audiologists**

**410 Hearing Health Technicians**

**176 Graduate Trainees**

## WHO ARE AUDIOLOGISTS?

Audiologists are healthcare professionals trained to identify, diagnose, treat, and monitor disorders of the auditory and vestibular systems. Most audiologists are trained with a doctoral degree (e.g., AuD, PhD). All VA audiologists are required to maintain a state license.

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VA audiologists provide a range of clinical services to our Nation's Veterans and Service members.

Services include:

- Diagnostic Hearing Evaluations
- Hearing Aid Fittings
- Aural Rehabilitation
- Vestibular Assessment
- Vestibular Rehabilitation
- Tinnitus Assessment
- Tinnitus Rehabilitation
- Ototoxic Monitoring
- Virtual Telehealth Services

## BEST TECHNOLOGY ANYWHERE

Through national contracting with the Commodities and Services Acquisition Service and Denver Logistic Center, the VA is able to provide state of the art technology to Veterans.

Devices include:

- Hearing Aids
- FM Systems
- Cochlear Implants
- Bone-anchored Hearing Aids
- Tinnitus Maskers/Sound Generators
- Assistive/Alerting Devices

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CARE?

All Veterans enrolled in VA's health care system are eligible for comprehensive audiology diagnostic evaluations. Specific eligibility rules apply to hearing aid services.

## SITES OF CARE

Audiology Services (face-to-face or via telehealth) are found in over 500 sites of care in the VA health care system including medical centers, outpatient clinics and community based outpatient clinics.