

Program Roadmap: Is this program right for you?

About You

- You're passionate about caring for people.
- You like working with technology and you're interested in health care.
- You like the idea of doing a job that combines working directly with clients and using the latest technology.
- You have strong critical thinking skills and you like to problem solve.



Are you ready?

- To devote approximately 40 hours per week (Monday to Friday 9-to-5) to class and preparation/homework.
- To balance 6 courses per semester - that means getting good at multi-tasking.
- To take initiative and be self-motivated.
- To engage with clients on a variety of subjects including explaining treatment plans and finances.

Did you know?

- This is an exciting, tech-driven field. Hearing aids are now almost invisible, use the same mics smartphones use, and can connect wirelessly with other devices.
- Job opportunities are available related to the manufacturing of hearing related devices, as well as training and education.

Chart Your Path Success

	1 st Year (Semester 1 + 2)	2 nd Year (Semester 3 + 4)	3 rd Year (Semester 5 + 6)
Academic Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 required courses • 1 elective • Plus any additional courses required based on placement test results* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 required courses • 2 electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 required courses • Includes: Community/Field Placements
Industry Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest speakers from industry frequently come to class to discuss current industry topics. 		
Preparation Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to an info session with faculty and don't miss orientation. • Register on STU-VIEW¹ for a mandatory in-person English placement test and for your courses. • Set up your georgebrown.ca email. This is how the college will keep in touch with you. • Get your student ID card. It gives you access to many college services and activities, including the Library Learning Commons. • Apply for financial aid and scholarships. 		

*Extra fees may apply

Other Services

The [Current Student](#)² page has information about available services and activities including: [Athletics](#)³ (including clubs & recreation), [Student Life](#)⁴ activities (including the [Student Leadership Academy](#)⁵), [Counselling](#)⁶, [Accessible Learning Services](#)⁷, [Library Learning Commons](#)⁸, [tutoring](#)⁹, [peer coaching](#)¹⁰, [technical support](#)¹¹ and more.



Need career support?

Jump-start your job search with [Career Services](#)¹² and [Career Coach](#)¹³.

The Career Services centre offers support to students before, during and after their studies.

- Identify your strengths and develop your career skills.
- Use our online tools and interactive workshops to build your resume, cover letter and interview skills.
- Work one-on-one with a Career Advisor to start your career development.

Still unsure?

We can help you find the program that's right for you.

Contact an Entry Advisor at 416-415-5000, ext. 2949 or collegeadvisor@georgebrown.ca.

Book an appointment using the [Entry Advising Client Intake Form](#)¹⁴

For inquiries related to S117 contact Program Co-ordinator: Constantine Karolidis at ext. 3830 or ckarolid@georgebrown.ca.

Program Highlights

- You'll work directly with clients, assessing their hearing and providing aural rehabilitation.
- In your final-semester placements, you'll work under hearing instrument specialists, testing people's hearing and fitting them with hearing aids.

About Us

- At George Brown we pride ourselves on being able to give you straightforward, career-focused, practical advice – from enrolment up to and after graduation.
- We offer an in-depth training program that combines clinical experience with the theoretical bedrock necessary for building your career.
- Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, George Brown's easily accessible Waterfront Campus offers students a state-of-the-art hearing instrument laboratory and clinic, and access to placements throughout Ontario.
- Our faculty is a team of active professionals highly connected to industry, and is dedicated to preparing the next generation for the rigours of our changing health-care environment.

What's Next

Program faculty have strong partnerships with industry and professional associations so that they can fully prepare graduates for employment.

The employment rate continues to be high in related career sectors, including:

- clinical
- manufacturing
- training
- self-employment

In Ontario, hearing aids may only be dispensed by prescription from a professional authorized by the Regulated Health Professions Act.

Graduates are eligible for full membership in the Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario (AHIP) as a Hearing Instrument Dispenser (HID); annual dues are paid to maintain membership in AHIP. Typically, graduates enroll in the Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) Internship Program and successfully complete 1,000 hours of practical work within 36 months of graduation. In addition, graduates must successfully complete the International Licensing Exam within the time period in order to become full Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) members of AHIP.

Full HIS members of AHIP can apply to become a hearing aid authorizer under the Ontario Ministry of Health's Assistive Devices Program (ADP).



Links Reference

- ¹<http://stuviview.georgebrown.ca>
- ²<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/>
- ³<https://www.georgebrown.ca/athletics/>
- ⁴<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentlife/>
- ⁵<https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentleadershipacademy/>
- ⁶<https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/counselling/>
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- ¹⁷<http://www.instagram.com/gbcollege/>
- ¹⁸<http://www.youtube.com/user/georgebrowncollege>
- ¹⁹<https://www.georgebrown.ca/mobileapps/>

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