

How to Choose an Audiologist or Hearing Clinic

When you experience hearing problems, you don't want to trust just anyone to fix them. It's important to find the right audiologist to help you deal with your problem and recover your hearing. But how do you know which audiologist is the right one?

Look for Audiology Credentials

One of the most important parts of choosing an audiologist is making sure they are capable and well-trained. Not all audiologists have the same training. For instance, an audiologist might have one of several different degrees or certifications:

- M.S. or M.A.: These titles denote that the audiologist has a Master's degree in audiology. Different schools have different clinical and practical requirements for earning a Master's in audiology. Make sure your audiologist has experience treating patients and diagnosing hearing issues.
- Au.D: This title denotes that your audiologist has either a specific doctorate in audiology. This title requires extensive training and practice to earn, and stands as the highest levels of schooling an audiologist can earn.
- CCC-A: This is an additional certification many audiologists receive during their training. CCC-A stands for "Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology." This certification means your audiologist has specialized clinical audiology experience and training, and that he or she has demonstrated their skill in treating patients.

It's also important to distinguish between an audiologist and a practitioner in a related field, such as a hearing instrument specialist. Audiologists are medical professionals who can diagnose and treat problems beyond simple hearing loss. In contrast, HISSs are generally not medical professionals. Instead they are often trained at technical schools or in specialty programs. They may not have the experience or ability to diagnose or treat complicated hearing issues.





Look at Reviews Online

Online business reviews are a great source of information about almost any business. Audiology clinics are no exception. You should be able to learn a lot about the standard of care at an audiology clinic from what people say about it online.

Don't forget to check more than one source for reviews as well. Some clinics might have glowing reviews on one site but poor ones on another. Make sure you look at a variety of sources including sites like Google, Facebook, and Healthgrades. You can also check the BBB online to see if the clinic has any outstanding complaints or other problems.

Find a Clinic with History

One good sign for an audiology clinic is that it's been in business for a while. Older clinics have a few advantages over new ones:

- More experienced audiologists, nurses, and staff members.
- Good relationships with general practitioners, otologists, and other medical professionals in the area.
- Experience and relationships with insurance carriers to make the billing and payment process easier.
- More information about the clinic available from outside sources.

If you're searching for an audiologist, you should try to find one with plenty of experience and who works at an established audiology clinic or practice.

Choose a Local Clinic

When looking for an audiologist, it's important to find someone who's actually in Oklahoma. There are many benefits to choosing a local audiologist rather than one in a distant location.

First, you'll be able to make and keep appointments easier if you don't have to drive far to get there. Second, you'll be able to go back easily for follow-ups, problems, or questions. Finally, you'll be able to ask friends and family members about their experiences more easily. In the end, choosing a local audiology clinic in Oklahoma City is almost always the right choice.

If you're searching for an audiology clinic, call Audio Recovery today. [Our OKC audiologists](#) have years of experience diagnosing and treating patients from all walks of life. No matter what your hearing issue is, we can help you solve it at Audio Recovery. Call us today at **405-949-1906** to set up your appointment and start on the road toward better hearing.

For a deeper dive into all the factors to consider when making this decision, you can download our [Hearing Aid Buyers Guide with this link](#).

