

Marion Downs Center

4th Year AuD LEND Fellowship Application Information

The **Marion Downs Center (MDC)** is currently accepting applications for 4th year AuD Fellows for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications are due by September 22nd, 2023.

The **MDC** is a nonprofit “Center of Excellence” in Denver Colorado that provides culturally sensitive services, resources, education, and research to support the needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or who have communication challenges, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

The clinic faculty at the MDC consists of five audiologists, two speech-language pathologists, and a teacher of the deaf. The MDC has many community programs including a large pediatric school-based screening program for hearing and speech, an on-site hearing conservation program, a summer preschool, and many special events and educational programs throughout the year.

The 4th year Audiology Fellow at the MDC is a trainee in the Colorado LEND Program. The Colorado Audiology LEND is a program through JFK Partners at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD). LEND Fellows participate in multidisciplinary educational opportunities at UCD in addition to their clinical responsibilities at MDC. There is a “scholarly” LEND yearlong project. Sandra Abbott Gabbard, PhD is the Audiology Discipline Director of the Colorado LEND as well as the President/CEO/Audiologist at the MDC. Dr Gabbard provides LEND and clinical mentoring to trainees. Colorado LEND Audiology trainees receive a monthly stipend from the University of Colorado.

The 12-month MDC Fellowship includes experience with all ages of patients in multiple areas of practice including:

- Audiometric assessment (behavioral, immittance audiometry, OAEs, ABR, ASSR)
- Amplification (hearing aids, FM, assistive devices and devices for tinnitus)
- Cochlear Implant candidacy and mapping
- Pediatrics (diagnostic assessment, amplification, community-based screening, preschool audiology support)
- Aural (Re)habilitation (Marion’s Way Preschool and adult classes)
- Hearing Conservation (industrial and musician care)

Every student is unique with different interests; therefore, an effort is made to tailor the experience to the student’s individual needs and professional goals. AuD students who are the best fit for this experience are individuals who are looking for an educational experience with a community-based approach serving all ages.

Students interested in applying for the 2024-2025 year need to submit their application packet by September 22nd, 2023. In the application, please include the following:

- A letter of intent explaining what type of experience you have or plan to have prior to starting your 4th year and your interests and expectations for your 4th year experience
- A resume including relevant education and experience
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation including at least one clinical
- Any additional information you think might be helpful to the selection committee.

We strongly encourage a visit and personal interview for all applicants. ***Interested applicants who can visit may request a visit anytime from January 1st, 2023 to October 1, 2023.*** Please contact Sandra Gabbard by email to request an in-person visit. Applicants who cannot visit may be offered a telephone/video interview. The MDC participates in the Audiology Clinical Education Network (ACEN) and follows the recommended timeline. A decision about accepted applicants will be made by October 24th, 2023.

Application materials can be sent electronically to Sandra.gabbard@mariondowns.org or mailed to Sandra Abbott Gabbard, PhD; 4280 Hale Parkway; Denver, CO 80220