



# Sounds of Life Hearing Center

## 4th Year Audiology Externship (2026–2027)

**Location:** Concord Township, OH (40 minutes east of Cleveland)

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### About Us

Sounds of Life Hearing Center is a thriving private audiology practice in Concord Township, Ohio. Since 2018, we have been dedicated to **ethical, evidence-based, and compassionate hearing healthcare** for patients of all ages. Our services include:

- Comprehensive adult and pediatric hearing evaluations (including newborn diagnostic ABRs)
- Hearing aid selection, fitting, and verification with real-ear measures
- Cochlear implant candidacy evaluation, activation, and mapping
- Tinnitus evaluation and therapy, including the FDA-approved Lenire device
- Auditory processing evaluation and rehabilitation for children and adults
- Cerumen management (curettage, suction, and irrigation)
- Aural rehabilitation, patient counseling, and community outreach programs

We are deeply committed to **equitable access to care** and to **training future audiologists** who are compassionate, community-minded, and clinically excellent.

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### Must-Have Qualifications

- Currently a **3rd-year Au.D. student** (traditional program) **or in the final year of an accelerated program**, eligible for a 12-month 4th-year externship (**2026–2027**)
  - Foundational skills in **diagnostic audiology**, including:
    - Pure-tone air/bone conduction testing and masking
    - Speech audiometry (SRTs, WRS)
    - Tympanometry and acoustic reflexes
    - Otoacoustic emissions (OAEs)
  - Demonstrated **professionalism, reliability, and strong interpersonal skills**
  - Ability to communicate with **empathy and clarity** with patients of all ages
  - Commitment to **patient-centered, evidence-based care** and a willingness to learn
  - Openness to **feedback and mentorship** in a collaborative private practice environment
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### Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with **pediatric audiology** (VRA, CPA, or ABR testing)
- Exposure to **tinnitus evaluation and therapy**, including patient counseling
- Familiarity with **cochlear implant evaluation, activation, or mapping**
- Interest in **auditory processing evaluations and therapy**
- Experience in **community service, patient education, or outreach**
- Curiosity about **private practice operations** and a desire to develop into a well-rounded audiologist

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## Application Steps

### Deadline:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

### Requirements:

- Personalized **Letter of Intent**, explaining:
  - Why you are interested in **Sounds of Life Hearing Center** specifically
  - How this externship aligns with your **career goals and clinical interests**
  - Experiences or values that make you a strong fit for a **community-focused private practice**
- **Three Letters of Recommendation** (at least **one character or community reference** outside audiology)
- **Resume or CV**
- **Transcript** (unofficial acceptable)
- **Phone or video interview** (required for selected applicants)

### Steps:

1. Submit all application materials to **Dr. Cara Donovan** at [cdonovan@soundsoflifehc.com](mailto:cdonovan@soundsoflifehc.com).
2. Applications are reviewed **on a rolling basis**, and interviews may be scheduled as soon as materials are received.
3. Interviews will be conducted **between September 21 and October 23, 2026**, per ACEN guidelines.
4. Initial offers may be extended any time during the interview window.
5. Students have until **October 27, 2026, at 7:00 pm EDT** to accept or decline first-round offers.
6. After this date, any unfilled positions will be reposted on ACEN.

### Contact:

Dr. Cara Donovan, Au.D. – Clinical Preceptor & Externship Coordinator

**Email:** [cdonovan@soundsoflifehc.com](mailto:cdonovan@soundsoflifehc.com)

**All externs are supervised:**  Yes

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## Additional Information

- **Stipend:** \$1,500/month (paid semi-monthly)
- **Time Off:** 10 paid holidays + 5 sick days; additional unpaid time off may be approved in advance
- **Continuing Education:** Externs may participate in in-house training, local seminars, community outreach, and conference attendance (as feasible)
- **Research Opportunities:** Formal research is not a primary focus, but externs may engage in case-based learning, quality improvement projects, community initiatives, and outcomes tracking