

# Audiology

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## Scope of Practice

*The practice of audiology is the assessment of auditory function and the treatment and prevention of auditory dysfunction to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment auditory function and communicative functions.*

## Number of Members of Discipline:

SITE	FTE	PTE	POSITION
Charlton	2.0	1.4	Audiologists
	0.6		Communication Disorders Assistant

## Major Achievements

### CARING

#### Clinical Practice:

- Received 2023 Hamilton Spectator Readers’ Choice Gold Award for Audiology Services and the Platinum Award for Hearing Services
- Received 2023 Hamilton Spectator Readers’ Choice Platinum Award for Audiologist - Janet Carter
- Received 2023 Hamilton Spectator Readers’ Choice Gold Award for Audiologist- Suzanne Melanson
- Continued to offer virtual appointments for hearing aid adjustments
- Highlighted Audiology Services during June is Seniors’ Month and International Day of Persons with Disabilities



## Learning

### Education:

#### Clinical Education

- Provided monthly one-day Audiology observational placements to Speech-Language Pathology learners, McMaster University, Masters in Applied Health Science learner, Western University, and high school co-op learners

#### Formal Teaching

- Hosted a virtual audiology field trip for Speech-Language Pathology learners, McMaster University

#### Internal Education

- Offered observational opportunities for Residents, Otolaryngology Program, SJHH

## BUILDING

### Staff:

- One Audiologist celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as a St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton employee

## LEADING

### External Activities:

#### Committees

- Member of Hamilton Region Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Council (HRSLAC)

## Major Initiatives for 2024/25:

## CARING

- Complete education in new hearing technology to provide most up-to-date options for our patients
- Continue to offer virtual appointments for hearing aid adjustments
- Maintain no-show rate at less than 10%

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- Participate in Virtual Field Trip for Speech-Language Pathology learners, McMaster University