

What is the Auditory-Verbal Approach?

The Auditory-Verbal Approach incorporates the Principles of Auditory-Verbal Therapy and Auditory-Verbal Education.

What is Auditory-Verbal Therapy?

Programs using Auditory-Verbal Therapy focus on guiding and coaching parents and caregivers to use their child's optimised hearing, through the use of hearing aids and/or cochlear implants, to develop clear, age-appropriate speech and language through listening. Parents and caregivers become the primary facilitators of their child's spoken language development. The goal is for children with hearing loss to achieve academic, social and occupational success. This program involves early diagnosis, one-on-one Auditory-Verbal Therapy and state-of-the-art audiological management and technology.

What is Auditory-Verbal Education?

Programs using Auditory-Verbal Education focus on teaching children with hearing loss to develop clear, age-appropriate speech and language, through listening, using hearing aids and/or cochlear implants. This program may be conducted in one-on-one or group therapy sessions administered by a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory-Verbal Education.

Benefits of Training in the Auditory-Verbal Approach

Course participants gain the necessary knowledge and practical skills required to assist children with hearing loss to develop clear, age-appropriate speech and language through listening, in a variety of educational settings. Completion of courses in the Auditory-Verbal Approach contributes to the eligibility requirements for sitting the AG Bell Academy Certification Exam in Auditory-Verbal Therapy or Auditory-Verbal Education. Additional candidacy requirements can be found at www.agbellacademy.org.



"Today's professionals need to be appropriately trained and fully competent in these new intervention and educational measures in order to capitalize on the huge potential that cochlear implants offer deaf children in the 21st century."

Prof Graeme Clark, AC, FAA, FRS, Hon.FRCS,
Australian Cochlear Implant pioneer

Hear and Say WorldWide to date has trained 250 people across 12 countries internationally.



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in
Auditory-Verbal Therapy
and
Auditory-Verbal Education**
Listening & Spoken Language Specialties

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Accreditation towards postgraduate qualifications in education is available through an affiliation with the University of Southern Queensland: www.usq.edu.au

Accreditation towards Certification as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist, LSLS Cert A-VT is also available through the AG Bell Academy: www.agbellacademy.org

Welcome to The Hear and Say WorldWide e-Learning Courses

All Courses are in e-learning mode
and available online 24/7.

Courses are designed to allow maximum flexibility
to suit your schedule and individual learning needs.

You may work independently
or join scheduled sessions in our virtual classroom
with your instructors and other e-learning participants.

The Courses

Preliminary Course: Ideal for parents of children with hearing loss, allied health professionals, undergraduate and postgraduate students, teachers, teacher aides and interested Community members who seek basic understanding of hearing health and listening and spoken language development.

Intermediate Course: Suited to parents of children with hearing loss, allied health professionals, clinical and educational professionals including Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, Teachers of the Deaf, mainstream teachers and teacher aides, undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Advanced Course: Aimed at clinical and educational professionals with pre-existing qualifications, and parents of children with hearing loss who require in-depth knowledge of the Auditory-Verbal approach and the application of current hearing technology.

Extension Course: Specialty training for professionals wishing to apply an Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach to clinical practice and research in a broader context.



Preliminary: (Date To Be Advised)

Duration: approx. 20 hours

Cost: To Be Advised.

This course is an introduction to the principles of the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach. It includes information about listening and spoken language, the function of the ear, hearing aids and cochlear implants, and the role of parents and professionals when working with children with hearing loss.

No pre-requisite qualifications are required for the Preliminary Course.

Intermediate: Jul 11 - Sept 23, 2011

Duration: approx. 50 hours, no practicum

Cost: AUD \$1750

Special On-Line Offer for 2011 ONLY - \$750

The Intermediate Course provides a baseline qualification, using the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach, for the teaching of listening and spoken language to children with hearing loss.

Course content includes:

- Current hearing technology including hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Paediatric hearing assessment
- Development of audition, language and speech

No pre-requisite qualifications are required for the Intermediate course.

*The Intermediate Course leads to the Advanced Course.
Both courses are fully accredited by the University of Southern
Queensland. Successful completion of the two courses earns you
1 credit point towards a 4 point Graduate Certificate or
1 credit point towards an 8 point Masters in Education
for eligible candidates.*



Advanced: October 3 - December 2, 2011

Duration: approx. 30 hours, no practicum

Cost: AUD \$1750

Special On-Line Offer for 2011 ONLY - \$750

The Advanced Course provides practical skills and training in the application of the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach, including:

- Strategies for facilitating the development of audition, language and speech
- Assessment and goal-setting techniques for the Auditory-Verbal child
- Cochlear implant candidacy, technology and trouble-shooting

Prerequisite to enrolment in the Advanced Course is successful completion of the Intermediate course.

Intermediate and Advanced Course hours can be used to apply for candidacy of LSL Cert A-VT or AV-Ed Certification by the A.G. Bell Academy, for eligible candidates.

Extension: (Date To Be Advised)

Duration: approx 40 hours

Cost: To Be Advised.

The Extension Course provides specialised training in the application of the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach, including:

- A-VT clinical skills and techniques
- The neurodevelopment of language
- Genetic basis of deafness
- Surgical management for children with hearing loss
- Professional mentoring, research projects and outcomes

Prerequisite to enrolment in the Extension Course is successful completion of the Intermediate and Advanced Courses.