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Salus University Announces Tuition Freeze for Its Audiology Program

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Elkins Park, Pa. –Salus University Osborne College of Audiology (OCA) will freeze its tuition for the 2019 – 2020 academic year.

This marks the second consecutive year of no-tuition increase for Audiology students.

"It is not inexpensive to provide the Doctorate in Audiology (AuD) education with a unique model like ours," said Radhika Aravamudhan, PhD, dean of OCA. "However, because of the great opportunity that our program offers, students want to come to OCA for their AuD; and we have heard several times from our students that cost is a major factor in deciding between our program and another. In order to make our unique program more affordable, we have decided to freeze tuition and provide more scholarships."

As the first and only stand-alone college of audiology in the country, Salus University's unique Audiology program includes:

- 1.) Advanced level training with the biomedical sciences focus
- 2.) Early, extensive and advanced clinical experience (more than 2,000 hours in clinic)
- 3.) New short clinical rotation abroad to India at no additional cost
- 4.) Interprofessional education focus
- 5.) Opportunity to earn advanced studies certificates in cochlear implants, vestibular sciences or tinnitus & hyperacusis in the students' fourth year.

OCA joins a handful of other institutions across Pennsylvania who are freezing or cutting tuition in an effort to obtain more students as well as give students a better return on investment for their education.

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Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.salus.edu">www.salus.edu</a>.