



# Audiometry Basics Workshop

## About the workshop

This 1-day, in-company workshop provides efficient, hands-on training for small groups in the basic skills required to conduct hearing tests on adults, primarily within general practice and health assessment organisations.

- *How many of your nurses/practitioners have had formal training in this specialised area?*
- *How confident are they in conducting tests, inspecting ears and presenting results to patients?*
- *When the test isn't going to plan, or the patient isn't responding "properly", what do you do?*

During this workshop students will learn how to conduct audiometry, perform otoscopy and manage the numerous elements that can affect the accuracy of hearing test results.

Conducting a hearing test looks simple enough however there is more going on than meets the eye. In fact, research reveals that formal training produces accuracy, competence and confidence in practitioners. In turn, this can enhance the quality and reputation of the service provider.

The course combines theory and practical training in a compact format, utilising a range of teaching methods and materials including:

- Informative lectures
- Practical workbook exercises
- Industry examples from experienced testers
- Demonstrations and role plays
- Hands-on practice session (audiometry and otoscopy)

We provide a course manual and use of all required equipment during the practice sessions.

## Aim of the workshop

At the completion of this workshop students will have achieved a basic understanding of the skills and knowledge required to be a competent audiometric tester with a degree of confidence in applying the skills in the workplace.

*Note: This course does not train students to the standards required for compliance with the Work Health and Safety Regulations or NSW Coal Industry Order 43. For courses offering additional content/practical sessions, enhanced skills and compliance with industry requirements please see our 2-day **Intermediate Audiometry Workshop** and 4-day **Occupational Audiometry Course**.*

## Hosting the Audiometry Basics Workshop

This course is only offered in-house at the customer's premises for companies with a small group of nurses/practitioners. To discuss course content, scheduling or how the course might benefit your organisation please contact us:

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## Course content

- Audiometric testing technique
- Considerations when selecting equipment
- Reading audiograms and presenting results
- Basic acoustics and how to manage external noise
- Basic ear anatomy and physiology
- Otoscopy (safe and effective technique)
- Common causes of hearing loss
- The effect of hearing loss on people
- Referral criteria
- Clinical skills practice
- Basic equipment checks
- Tips for maintaining accuracy

Participation in the **Audiometry Basics Workshop** can earn up to 8 CPD points.



## About The Hearing Company

The Hearing Company Pty Ltd is Australia's most experienced and respected audiometry training and consulting business.

We have over 1,200 course graduates practicing audiometry in organisations ranging from small medical practices through to Australia's largest corporations, including: BHP, Rio Tinto, Sonic Health Plus, Alcoa, International SOS, Multiplex, John Holland, Chevron and South 32.

Glenn Johnson, Director and Principal Audiologist at The Hearing Company, has a post-Graduate qualification in Audiology and over 20 years' experience in the hearing profession. He has designed and presented audiometry courses around the world and is widely regarded as a dynamic and engaging educator. As a specialist Occupational Audiometry consultant, Glenn advises a wide range of clients in the corporate and government sectors.



Course Presenter: Glenn Johnson, Principal Audiologist and Consultant

## Feedback from our students

*"We were all very positive about the training. As nurses, we now all feel more confident in our practice and have more knowledge about what we're actually doing and why. This was the outcome we wanted and makes doing the test more interesting. The course also highlighted how important it is to check we are all doing things the same way and correctly, and now we have the course manual to keep us on track."*

**Susannah K, Senior Registered Nurse**

*"The course was succinct and well presented. Fantastic that you presented just what we wanted."*

**Dr Jenny S, General Practitioner**

*"I liked the way the practical related to the theory components, and that we had the chance to practice. Also, the training directly related to the requirements at our current job. I most liked the one-on-one help during the practical sessions and the easy manner of the presenters – very relaxed. Overall a good day with topics well covered and objectives reached. I am now more confident in conducting hearing tests correctly. I'm also a lot clearer about what I'm looking for when performing otoscopy."*

**Louise S, Registered Nurse**

*"The course was informative, enjoyable and has helped my confidence. The presenters were friendly, funny and approachable. Not 'over the top' or super 'wordy', and very appropriate for our needs. I most enjoyed learning how to do otoscopy properly and gaining confidence at looking into peoples' ears."*

**Elizabeth H, Registered Nurse**

*"This course had great content, which was well-explained and with good examples. I liked being shown the skills and then given time to practice – which is my ideal style of learning. After attending the course, I realised the importance of getting properly trained in the clinical skill of audiometry. The content was thorough, but I didn't feel overloaded with information."*

**Ailin S, Health Screener**