

CAOHC- Approved Occupational Hearing Conservationist Certification Course

Online: March 15, 2021

Onsite (Davenport, IA): March 16, 2021

(additional dates and locations may be scheduled as needed)

CAOHC Course Director Laura Kauth presents a CAOHC-approved recertification course for Occupational Hearing Conservationists. This 8 hour course is designed to provide a review of the basic components of hearing conservation in industrial settings and prepare participants to perform hearing testing and otherwise support their hearing conservation programs. This hybrid course provides online instruction via Zoom, and a face-to-face day of hands-on, practical training. At the conclusion of the hands-on day, students will take the standardized CAOHC recertification exam online.

Covered topics include:

- An overview of hearing conservation and the role of the Occupational Hearing Conservationist (OHC)
- Audiometric equipment and testing procedures
- Hearing test review, referral, and follow-up
- Federal and state regulations regarding hearing conservation
- Hearing protection device: types, purposes, fitting, and maintenance
- Education and motivation
- Recordkeeping

For further details on the curriculum, please visit: <http://www.caohc.org/occupational-hearing-conservationist/ohc-recertification-course>

About the instructor:

Laura Kauth: The course director and primary instructor is Laura Kauth, M.A., CPS/A. Laura has taught CAOHC courses since 2001 through the University of Iowa, the Iowa-Illinois Safety Council, and independently. She is an active member of the National Hearing Conservation Association, serving as President of that organization in 2012-2013. She has 20 years of experience as a professional supervisor for hearing conservation programs. Laura is committed to the effective prevention of hearing loss, and encourages students to consider her an ongoing resource in this important area of occupational health.

About the exam:

The CAOHC online certification exam will be administered at the end of the class. **Students will be responsible for providing their own laptop/tablet to access the exam.** The examination is a standardized test produced and graded by CAOHC, consistent with ANIS and ISO standards. Results are returned to the student via e-mail within 1-2 business days. In the event that a student does not pass the initial exam, there is a retest option available. The class registration includes the CAOHC certification and exam fee; if a retest is needed, the first retest fee is waived. There is a \$75 fee for a second retest.

Recertification Course Schedule

Monday, March 15 (online):

10:00 The OHC: Review
10:30 Regulations
11:30 Record Keeping
12:00 *Lunch*
12:30 Audiometer Care and Calibration
1:00 Audiometric Technique
1:30 Audiogram Review: Referral and Follow up
2:15 *Break*
2:30 Personal Hearing Protection
3:30 Education and Motivation
4:30 Adjourn

Tuesday, March 16 (on site):

12:30 Doors open
1:00 Audiometric practicum
2:15 HPD practicum
2:45 *Break*
3:00 Last questions/ exam prep
3:15 Exam
3:45 Adjourn

Additional resources:

CAOHC offers both a Hearing Conservation Manual and a Study Guide for students. While class notes and presentations are designed to comprehensively cover hearing conservation in preparation for the certification exam, students may benefit from supplementing their course experience with one or both of these resources. The CAOHC materials are available for order at: <http://www.caohc.org/educational-resources>
Note that these can also be ordered through the course director and sent out with the course notes prior to the class to take advantage of CAOHC's course director discount.

Location:

The hands-on portion of the course will be held at the **Village Theatre**, located at
2113 E 11th St
Davenport, IA 52803

The Theatre offers ample space for distancing and robust ventilation. Parking is available on site.

Educational Credit:

The University of Iowa College of Nursing is Iowa Board of Nursing provider #1. With full attendance, 8.5 contact hours will be awarded.

All participants will receive a separate participation certificate.

Cancellations:

In the event of significant changes in circumstances due to either COVID-19 or other severe circumstances, the face-to-face portion of this course may be rescheduled in a manner which best accommodates all students.

In the event that a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, is experiencing symptoms, or is otherwise concerned about attending for COVID-19 related reasons, an alternate date for completion of the face-to-face portion will be scheduled, or a full refund will be provided. The priority is to limit spread of SARS-CoV-2, and every effort will be made to accommodate this priority, while completing student training.

Registrations which are cancelled for other reasons by September 25 will be refunded in full minus \$50; after that point, cancellations will be refunded 75% through October 9. No refund will be made after the course has commenced, except in case of emergency. Please contact the course director in that event.

COVID-19 Measures:

To reduce risk and keep group size below ten, the face-to-face day will be capped at 8 attendees. If there is additional interest, a second face-to-face day will be scheduled later during the week.

- Students will observe physical distancing as well as possible during all parts of the practicum.
- Masks are required.** These may be cloth, medical, or higher grade. Please remember to bring your own mask; a limited number of masks will also be available if needed.
- Restrooms adjacent to the class space provide for handwashing; hand sanitizer will also be provided.
- Sanitizing wipes for the audiometers, as well as earphone covers, will be provided.
- If you are experiencing respiratory issues, fever, or other symptoms,** please contact the Course Director to discuss scheduling an alternate date.

Please contact Course Director Laura Kauth with any questions at (563) 499-6627, or Lstkauth@gmail.com.

This course is sponsored by the Heartland Center for Occupational Health & Safety.



Registration:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company/ Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact information:

Work Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Any necessary accommodations? (ADA, Spanish test, etc):

_____Recertification: March 15-16, 2021 \$375

CAOHC Hearing Conservation Manual \$65

CAOHC Study Guide \$10

To pay via check (payable to Laura Kauth), mail registration and payment to:

Laura Kauth
PO Box 4181
Davenport, IA 52808

It is strongly recommended that you confirm mailed registration via e-mail or phone.

For credit card transactions, please submit the registration via e-mail; an invoice for online payment will be provided. Registration forms should be e-mailed to Lstkauth@gmail.com.