

## **CAOHC- Approved Occupational Hearing Conservationist Recertification Course**

**Online: May 24, 2021**

**Onsite: Davenport, IA May 25 or Altoona, IA May 26**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This 8 hour course is designed to provide a review of the basic components of hearing conservation in industrial settings and prepare participants to continue performing 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.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Upon course completion, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the responsibilities and scope of practice of Occupational Hearing Conservationists.
2. Identify parts of audiometric equipment, maintenance, calibration requirements, and potential issues with equipment or testing environment.
3. Administer pure tone air conduction audiometric tests, compliant with federal standards.
4. Manage special issues in hearing conservation.
5. Identify types and causes of hearing loss, and bases for appropriate review and referral.
6. Discuss federal and state regulations regarding hearing conservation.
7. Identify hearing protection device types, and describe purposes, fitting, maintenance, and efficacy.
8. Discuss requirements for hearing conservation education, and ways of improving employee motivation.
9. Identify necessary record-keeping for compliance with regulations and for best practice.

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

### **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>

These materials can also be ordered through the course director (see registration form) to take advantage of the course director discount. Ordered materials will be sent out with course notes in advance of the class.

### **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.

## Recertification Course Schedule

### Monday, May 24 (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, May 25 (Davenport, IA) OR Thursday, May 26 (Altoona, IA):

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

### About the instructor:

The course director 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. With 20 years of experience in hearing conservation, 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.

### Onsite Locations:

#### Davenport (May 25):

**Village Theatre**  
2113 E 11<sup>th</sup> St  
Davenport, IA 52803

#### Altoona (May 26):

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Altoona**  
165 Adventureland Dr NW  
Altoona, IA 50009

### **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 ANSI 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.

### **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 May 14 will be refunded in full minus \$50; after that point, cancellations will be refunded 75% through May 21. 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](mailto: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):

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| _____ Recertification course                 | \$375                 |
| Preferred on-site: Davenport, May 25th _____ | Altoona, May 26 _____ |

**Optional additions:**

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| _____ 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

Please confirm mailed registration via e-mail or phone.

For credit card transactions, please e-mail completed registration form to [Lstkauth@gmail.com](mailto:Lstkauth@gmail.com).