

CAOHC- Approved Occupational Hearing Conservationist Recertification Course

Online: September 22, 2025

Onsite: Davenport, IA Sept 23 or Altoona, IA Sept 24

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This 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 half-day of hands-on, practical training, after which 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 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>

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 has been 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.

Educational Credit:

Attendees may submit this course for approval for Nursing Contact Hours. Prior courses have been pre-approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing for up to 8 hours, through DMACC and previously through the UI College of Nursing. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion to verify their attendance to their licensing board. It is the licensee's responsibility to determine if the continuing education they attend meets the requirements of their professional board.

Recertification Course Schedule:

Monday, Sept 22 (online):

- 9:30 Zoom opens for orientation
- 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, Sept 23 (Davenport, IA) OR Wednesday, Sept 24 (Altoona, IA):

- 11:30 Doors open/ verify exam access
- 12:00 HPD practicum
- 12:45 Audiometric practicum
- 1:45 *Break*
- 2:00 Last questions/ exam prep
- 2:15 Exam
- 3:00 Adjourn

Onsite Locations:

Davenport (Sept 23):

Davenport Public Library, Eastern Branch
6000 Eastern Ave
Davenport, IA 52807

Altoona (Sept 24):

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

Prior to the course, a Zoom link will be e-mailed to all participants. Please note that for successful completion you must fully attend the online and in-person practicum day.

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 given once the exam is submitted. In the event that a student does not pass the initial exam, there is a remotely proctored online retest. The class registration includes the \$100 CAOHC certification and exam fee.

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 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.

Cancellations:

In the event of significant changes in circumstances due to illness, weather, or other severe events, the face-to-face portion of this course may be rescheduled in a manner which best accommodates all attendees. In the event that an attendee has tested positive for COVID-19 or other infectious illness, or is experiencing symptoms, an alternate date for completion of the face-to-face portion will be scheduled, or a full refund will be provided.

Registrations which are cancelled for other reasons by Sept 7 will be refunded in full minus \$50 and any course materials which may have been shipped; after that point, cancellations will be refunded 75% through Sept 14. 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/ Public Health Measures:

- Space will be appropriate to allow physical distancing.
- Masks may be requested, depending upon current recommendations, community transmission, health of other attendees, etc. KN95s and N95s will be available.
- Sanitizing wipes for the audiometers and other equipment will be provided.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided.

If you are experiencing illness, 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. Special thanks for their on-going support!



Sept 2025 Registration:

Name: _____ CAOHC #: _____

Home Address: _____

(For materials/CE)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company/ Employer: _____ Profession: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact information:

Work Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

(Please use an e-mail which is accessible outside of work)

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

_____ Recertification course \$475

Preferred on-site:

Davenport, Sept 23 _____ Altoona, Sept 24 _____

Optional additions:

_____ CAOHC Hearing Conservation Manual \$65

_____ CAOHC Study Guide \$12

For credit card transactions, please e-mail completed registration form to Lstkauth@gmail.com.

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, as these courses can fill up quickly.