

Module 1 – Hearing Loss Basics

1.5 hrs to complete

Abstract:

Hearing loss will impact over 36 million baby boomers who are valuable employees. Learn the differences between the distinct populations of people with hearing loss. Learn how to recognize the hidden cost to job performance, employment opportunities and pay. This basic course is designed for counselors new to hearing loss issues.

As an Outcome, Participants will:

- Describe the levels of hearing loss and read an audiogram
- Identify the different types technologies for hearing loss, including hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Recognize how hearing loss affects perceptions on the job, performance and ultimately, pay.

Module 1 Outline:

Understanding the Population

Understanding Hearing Loss Ranges

 Discussion of potential challenges

 Unilateral, Moderate, Severe and Hi-Frequency hearing losses

Understanding the Audiogram

 Samples of audiograms

Factors Affecting Speech Recognition

Hearing Aids

Cochlear Implants

Cros/Bicross Hearing Aids

BAHA Implant

TransEar Bone Conduction Hearing Aid

Working With Your Audiologist

Recognizing Hearing Loss

 Common Difficult Situations

 Common Behaviors

 Impact from Behaviors

 (in regard to perceptions, performance and pay)

 Impact on Technology Use

 Barriers to Successful Technology Use