

Alternative Careers in Healthcare

Non-Regulated: Technical Jobs

Hearing Aid Practitioner

Overview	Hearing Aid Practitioners examine adult clients to assess hearing loss using diagnostic evaluation and electro acoustic testing. They recommend and dispense appropriate type of hearing instrument and take earmold impressions for use in the manufacture of hearing devices.
	Hearing aid practitioners fit, adjust and make minor modifications to hearing instruments and educate clients in appropriate use, care and maintenance of hearing instruments. They also perform follow-up examinations and readjustments.
	These practitioners identify and assess hearing problems provide ongoing user support (program, service, and minor repairs) and advise other health providers.
NOC Code	Other technical occupations in therapy and assessment (3237)
Alias Job Titles	Assistive listening device technician; Hearing aid assistant; Hearing aid consultant; Hearing aid dealer; Hearing aid dealer and consultant; Hearing aid practitioner; Hearing aid specialist; Hearing aid technician; Hearing assessment technician; Hearing disorder technician; Hearing instrument dispenser; Hearing instrument practitioner; Hearing instrument practitioner assistant; Hearing instrument specialist; Licensed hearing instrument specialist
Qualifications Required	2-3 year diploma program on Hearing aid practitioner including clinical/practicum placement
Salary Range	Average hourly Range hourly Average yearly Range yearly \$32 \$29.50 - \$32 \$62,400 \$57,525 - \$62,400
Job Demand	Medium Employment outlook is mostly good across provinces. More information is available here.

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Growth Opportunity	With further training and experience supervisory and teaching position can be obtained.
Years' Experience Required	0-1 year
Training Options (if available)	Hearing Aid Practitioner at McEwan University Hearing Instrument Specialist Program by George Brown College. Find more programs on OntarioColleges.ca
Personal Qualities	Ability to be precise and accurate; good communication skills, both orally and written; ability to work under pressure; be able to fully understand patients' needs; ability to operate related equipment; compassionate, dependable, ethical, and mature; ability to organize and prioritize workload priorities in collaboration with others; strong social skills and leadership ability; are comfortable working with instruments, apparatus, and technology; ability to manage high levels of stress associated with life threatening situations and medical conditions; self-discipline and self-directed; the ability to multi-task in a complex and fast-paced environment; a clean record, no prior criminal background.
Notes/Other Information	Provincially regulated. Licensure with a regulatory body is required for hearing instrument practitioners in all provinces except in Ontario where membership with the Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners (AHIP) is required Most hearing aid practitioners work in privately owned clinics, offices or retail companies. They may need to travel. Hours of work vary and may include evenings and weekends.



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Steps towards	
capacity building to	
become	
competitive for this	
job	

- 1. Proof of English proficiency and medical terminology and communication
- 2. Enrolling into a Hearing aid practitioner program
- 3. More information can be available here.

References and resources

- i. Alberta Learning Information Service
- ii. Job Bank Canada
- iii. National Occupation Classification ESDC
- iv. <u>Neuvoo</u>
- v. <u>Indeed</u>