



OTICON
**University Program
Seminar Series**

Educational support for Audiology
Graduate Students

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Oticon's University Program

establishes and reinforces partnerships with audiology graduate programs across the United States. Our goals are twofold:

1. *Serve as a resource on the hearing aid fitting process*
2. *Support and participate in the education of future audiologists*

ON-SITE SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:

The on-site seminars and workshops include a full range of topics presented at your facility with the graduate student in mind. The seminars can be custom-tailored to meet your educational needs. For example, we can provide either half-day or full-day seminars to include students, staff and supervisors or, if better suited, one topic for a specific amplification class. The majority of seminars and workshops are designed to be two hours in length.

SEMINAR TOPICS

- Amplification Strategies for Special Populations
- Patient Counseling: Motivating the Unmotivated
- Oticon Core Features
- Pediatric Hearing Aid Fittings
- Recognition of and Reaction to Age-Related Hearing Loss
- Adult Onset Hearing Loss and Isolation
- The Distortional Nature of Sensorineural Hearing Loss*
- Cochlear Synaptopathy*
- The Tinnitus Patient: Management and Treatment Options
- Private Practice - Is It for You? NEW

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Modeling and Modifications
- Classroom Solutions and Connectivity Options
- Understanding and Implementing Verification
- Hearing Aid Fitting Process: Counseling, Selection and Fine-Tuning
- Tech Trends in Audiology*

*Designed as one hour sessions

SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS

Amplification Strategies for Special Populations

This seminar will cover special strategies that are to be considered when fitting patients with low frequency hearing loss, ski slope, severe-distortional, as well as those with severe-to-profound hearing loss. This seminar will also address unique physiological and psychoacoustic characteristics of these losses and provide solutions.

Patient Counseling: Motivating the Unmotivated

It is important to understand your patient during the fitting process. This seminar will focus on motivational interviewing techniques and how to incorporate the Ida Institute tools with your patient to achieve hearing aid success.

Oticon Core Features

This seminar will allow you to gain more insight into Oticon's audiological approach and how our core features work and fit into our philosophy as a company.

Pediatric Hearing Aid Fittings

This seminar will address the specific needs and challenges of treating hearing loss for the pediatric patient. Current and clinically relevant information will be provided to enhance clinical skills when working with the pediatric patient.

Adult Onset Hearing Loss and Isolation

Fitting the adult patient can have its challenges. This course will explore certain perspectives and factors that influence the hearing aid fitting process with this population. Participants will be given information needed to provide appropriate strategies for the older adult patient.

Aging, Cognition and Hearing Loss

Hearing is not the only body function that changes in older adults. We also know that the entire cognitive system can become less efficient due to normal age-related changes. As we provide solutions for older adults with hearing loss, we always have to keep in mind that speech understanding is a cognitive process and treatment options must also be effective in the presence of these potential age-related cognitive changes.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS (CONT'D)

The Distortional Nature of Sensorineural Hearing Loss

To best understand what can be done to compensate for sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL), it is essential to relate treatment approaches to the underlying change in signal encoding. The signal can be poorly represented in the peripheral auditory system in a broad variety of ways. In this seminar, the psychoacoustic changes that underlie SNHL will be reviewed followed by an examination of current treatment approaches in light of these changes.

Cochlear Synaptopathy and What To Do About It

Cochlear Synaptopathy, also known as Hidden Hearing Loss (HHL), is a relatively recent discovery involving damage between auditory nerve fibers and sensory cells. The reason it is considered 'hidden' is because it is not something that can appear as a hearing loss on an audiogram. Individuals who may potentially have HHL could have suffered from a noise trauma (e.g., explosion) or repetitive noise events (e.g., working as a carpenter). In this talk, we will discuss what HHL is, its manifestations, how noise plays a major role in HHL, and what to think about when suspecting HHL.

Private Practice - Is It for You?

Have you considered private practice as the right setting for your career? This seminar will explore the ins and outs of private practice, such as location of practice, when to expand, marketing, cost of goods etc. This step-by-step seminar will provide you with tools and information to start the process towards private practice.

The Tinnitus Patient: Management and Treatment Options

Nearly everyone will experience tinnitus sometime in their lifetime. While for some it can be fleeting or not bothersome, for a small population it is more than a minor annoyance. In this two hour talk and workshop, we will discuss what factors can impact and exacerbate tinnitus, discuss how to address the tinnitus patient, and find which treatment method or methods may be the most suitable for a patient. The latest research will also be discussed to enhance the discussion on the most recent tinnitus management approaches.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

All workshops are structured to have a short presentation at the beginning, followed by a hands-on portion for the students to apply what they have learned.

Modeling and Modifications

The use of custom products is on the rise. Ever wonder how the shells are manufactured? The manufacturing process will be reviewed in this workshop. The art of impression taking will also be discussed. In the remaining time, you will have the opportunity to trim impressions, smooth out shells, patch holes and drop vents.

Classroom Solutions and Connectivity Options

Within the pediatric population improving the signal-to-noise ratio in the educational setting is an important factor for learning. This workshop will review the options available to be used in the classroom. You will have an opportunity to set up various solutions.

Understanding and Implementing Verification

In this workshop, we will explore ways to verify your hearing aid fitting using some new tools such as Verfit® LINK and REMAutoFit. This session will also cover best practices when it comes to using verification in the hearing aid fitting. Using equipment available in your facility, experience performing real ear measurements and test box measures will be provided.

Hearing Aid Fitting Process: Counseling, Selection and Fine-Tuning

Guiding the patient through the hearing aid process can be a daunting task. In this workshop we breakdown the process into three sections and provide examples within each step. Case studies will be provided to review the tips learned and hone your skills.

Tech Trends in Audiology

Technology is constantly evolving in today's world and the hearing aid industry is no exception. In this workshop, discussions will identify the trends and how they will impact hearing health care in the future.

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OTHER RESOURCES

AUDIOLOGY SUMMER CAMP

Since 1998, Oticon has hosted an annual five day educational “camp” in Keystone, Colorado, for audiology graduate students. The camp includes classroom and workshop sessions focused on the complete hearing aid fitting experience from the patient’s point of view, and supplements the university experience. For more information on the Summer Camp please visit www.oticon.com/professionals/audiology-students/events-and-programs.



WEBSITE

At www.oticon.com, you’ll find a wide variety of support tools and documents regarding our advanced technology and fitting solutions. In addition, there is a section dedicated specifically for the audiology student, here you can check out more information on fitting tips, interesting articles, events and professional development tips.

OTICON Student Network

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