



**Certification and Recertification Course  
Omaha, Nebraska  
August 13-15, 2014**

**Midwest Special Instruments** is pleased to partner with **Laura Kauth** to present a CAOHC-approved combined certification and recertification training course for Occupational Hearing Conservationists. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the basic components of hearing conservation in industrial settings. The course utilizes extensive hands-on training and student interaction to facilitate learning. At the conclusion of the course, students will take the CAOHC certification or recertification exam; results are e-mailed to students following processing.

**About the instructors:**

**Laura Kauth:** The course director and primary instructor is Laura Kauth, M.A., CPS/A. Ms. Kauth has taught CAOHC courses since 2001 through the University of Iowa and the Iowa-Illinois Safety Council. She is an active and enthusiastic member of the National Hearing Conservation Association, serving as President of that organization in 2012-2013. She has 14 years of experience as a professional supervisor for hearing conservation programs in the Midwest. Ms. Kauth is committed to the effective prevention of hearing loss in all sectors of society, and encourages students to consider her an ongoing resource in this important area of preventative health.

**Doug Fletcher:** Additional instruction will be provided by Doug Fletcher, MS, CIH, CSP. Mr. Fletcher spent 17 years working with OSHA, and another 7 administering an industrial hygiene program for a Department of Defense facility. He has a strong background in regulatory compliance and considerable experience in safety training. Mr. Fletcher brings that experience to the Noise Analysis and Control sections of the course.

**Brian Hough:** Brian has a background in audiology and trained at the University of Nebraska. He has worked in the instrumentation field for the past 14 years, helping clinicians find the right equipment and learn how to use it. As part of the Midwest Special Instruments team, he specializes in hearing testing equipment as well as other Occupational Health systems. Brian has been assisting with numerous CAOHC courses in the Nebraska and Iowa area for over 12 years, bringing his expertise in hearing testing and equipment to the class.

**Location:**

The course will be held at the **National Safety Council, Nebraska**, located at  
11620 M Circle  
Omaha, NE 68137

The classroom will be open at 7:30; class begins at 8 am each day.

## **CAOHC Certification Course (Wednesday, August 13-Friday, August 15)**

This course is designed to train attendees in all major aspects of occupational hearing conservation. The course is approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC), and is a prerequisite for certification. Covered topics include:

- An overview of hearing conservation and the role of the Occupational Hearing Conservationist (OHC)
- Anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the ear
- Factors which affect hearing health (including ototoxins and otoprotectants)
- Hearing and the physics of sound
- Noise measurement and control
- Audiometric equipment and testing procedures
- Hearing test review, referral, and follow-up
- Federal and state regulations regarding hearing conservation
- Hearing protection device: types, purposes, fitting, and maintenance
- Education and motivation
- Recordkeeping

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

## **CAOHC Recertification Course (Thursday, August 14)**

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive review of occupational hearing conservation for previously certified Occupational Hearing Conservationists (OHCs). The course is approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC), and is a prerequisite for renewal of certification. Covered topics include:

- An overview of hearing conservation and the role of the Occupational Hearing Conservationist (OHC)
- Audiometric equipment and testing procedures
- Hearing test review, referral, and follow-up
- Federal and state regulations regarding hearing conservation
- Hearing protection device: types, purposes, fitting, and maintenance
- Education and motivation
- Recordkeeping

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

**About the exam:**

The CAOHC certification exam will be administered at the end of the class and submitted to CAOHC. The examination is a standardized form produced and graded by CAOHC, consistent with both American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards. In the event that a student does not pass the initial exam, there is a retest option available through Pearson Vue centers. Three of these centers are located in the Omaha area. The class registration includes the CAOHC certification and exam fee, as well as the first retest if needed.

**CEUS:**

Nursing CEUs are not provided directly; however, course information may be submitted to the Nebraska and Iowa Boards of Nursing. Information regarding continuing education is available at the following links:

Nebraska: [http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl\\_nursing\\_rn-lpn\\_ce.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_nursing_rn-lpn_ce.aspx)

Iowa: [http://nursing.iowa.gov/nav/continuing\\_education.html](http://nursing.iowa.gov/nav/continuing_education.html)

**Additional Details:**

(need to add details about location, food, anything else?)

**Please contact course director Laura Kauth with any additional questions, at**

**(563) 499 6627**

**lstkauth@gmail.com**

**Registration:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:**

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration must be accompanied by payment (check payable to Midwest Special Instruments).

\_\_\_\_\_ Certification: August 13-15, 2014     \$650

\_\_\_\_\_ Recertification: August 14, 2014     \$375

**CAOHC Certification Number** (recertification only): \_\_\_\_\_

**If your certification will expire prior to the course, you MUST file for an extension at:**

<http://www.caohc.org/occupational-hearing-conservationist/ohc-recertification>

**Mail registration and payment to:**

**Kris Cavadini**

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