



## **Defense Health Agency, J-7, Continuing Education Program Office**

### **HCE: CAOHC Professional Supervisor On-Demand Pre-course Instruction**

**Home Study, August 18 - September 18, 2025**

#### **Continuing Education (CE)/Continuing Medical Education (CME) Information**

This CE/CME activity is accredited by the DHA, J-7, Continuing Education Program Office (CEPO). This activity provides continuing education for physicians, nurses, physician associates/physician assistants, and audiologists. A certificate of attendance is available for other attendees.

#### **HCE: CAOHC Professional Supervisor On-Demand Pre-course Instruction (7.00 clock hours)**

##### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Introduce the concept and structure of occupational hearing conservation
2. Discuss the role of the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) in formal training and implementation of strategies for hearing conservation
3. Explain the structure and benefits of an effective hearing conservation program
4. Recognize different types of audiograms
5. Explain the components of the regulatory model which apply to hearing conservation programs (HCPs)
6. Discuss "problem" audiograms, including standard threshold shift
7. Delineate the responsibilities of the Occupational Hearing Conservationist and Professional Supervisor for follow-up audiometric monitoring
8. Describe the critical role occupational and environment medicine physicians play in the prevention of occupational noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL)
9. Describe factors that affect hearing protector attenuation and influence hearing protection fit
10. Correctly evaluate employee records for noise exposure and inclusion in a hearing loss prevention program
11. Establish Key Performance Indicators for all aspects of the hearing conservation program

##### **Faculty:**

**Lt Col Hyrum Bronson, DO, SFS.** Presenter has no relevant financial or non-financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.

**Lt Col John M. Foster, AuD, MPH, CCC-A, CPS/A.** Presenter has no financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose. Lt Col Foster has a non-financial disclosure. He currently serves on the CAOHC Board representing the Military Audiology Association.

**LTC(R) John A. Merkley, AuD, CCC-A, CPS/A.** Presenter has no financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose. Dr. Merkley has a non-financial disclosure. He currently serves on the CAOHC Board as the immediate past Chair.

##### **Disclosures:**

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##### **Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE)**



In support of improving patient care, DHA, J-7, CEPO is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team. This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 7.00 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

## Physicians (ACCME)



DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DHA, J-7, CEPO designated this enduring material (home study) for a maximum of 7.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Nurses (ANCC)

DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Joint Accreditation/Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) to provide this Continuing Nursing Education enduring material (home study) for a maximum of 7.00 ANCC contact hours. Nurses should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Physician Associates/Physician Assistants (AAPA) – Enduring



DHA, J-7, CEPO has been authorized by the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7.00 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. Approval is valid until 18 September 2025. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

## ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit

DHA, J-7, CEPO is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing education. ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit providers will be provided a certificate of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. ACCME Non-Physician CME Credit providers may receive a maximum of 7.00 hours for completing this enduring material (home study).

## Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (ASHA)

Course # is ABIT2414



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Intermediate Level  
0.7 ASHA CEUs

DHA, J-7, CEPO is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology, and audiology. ASHA CE Provider approval and use of the Brand Block does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

## Other Professionals

All other healthcare professionals completing this CE/CME activity will be issued a Certificate of Attendance indicating participation and the number of hours of CE/CME credit. This may be used for submission to licensing boards for satisfaction of CE/CME requirements.

## Commercial Support:

No commercial support was provided for this activity.

## Participation Costs:

There is no cost to participate in this activity.

## CE/CME Inquiries:

For all CE/CME related inquiries, please contact: [dha.ncr.j7.mbx.continuing-education-office@health.mil](mailto:dha.ncr.j7.mbx.continuing-education-office@health.mil).

## How to Obtain CE/CME Credit:

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