

Occupational Hearing Conservation Training and Refresher Courses Offered by U of M - April 21-23, and April 27, 2010

The University of Minnesota's Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety is offering a Hearing Conservation course on April 21-23, 2010, designed for hearing conservation technicians and occupational health professionals seeking certification as an Occupational Hearing Conservationist (OHC). The Center is also offering a one-day refresher course on April 27, for OHC's seeking recertification. Both courses will be held at the U of M Minneapolis campus and will be offered again in October.

These courses are approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) and are designed to train nursing, allied medical, and industrial personnel to perform pure-tone air-conduction hearing tests and participate in other components of workplace hearing conservation programs for noise-exposed workers.

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- WHO:** The University of Minnesota's Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
- WHAT:** Hearing conservation training and refresher courses for those in the Occupational Hearing Conservation field
- WHEN:** April 21-23, 2010 and April 27, 2010
- WHERE:** University of Minnesota Minneapolis Campus
- WHY:** To provide training for hearing conservation technicians and occupational health professionals seeking certification as an Occupational Hearing Conservationist (April 21-23), or for those seeking recertification (refresher course April 27).

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