

## TPA Education Associate Course

### Abstract

Audiologists are uniquely qualified to provide tinnitus care, but, many are reluctant for a variety of reasons. There are fears that they do not have the skills to help tinnitus patients, or, that they will not be financially rewarded for their services. This practical course will empower audiologists to feel confident about their ability to provide basic care to their patients with tinnitus complaints. A structured program of assessments and diagnostics will help the audiologist determine the patient classification and recommend a management plan or referral. The ability to market and educate in their communities is an excellent opportunity to elevate and expand their practice and serve a population in search of care.

### Learner Outcomes

- Describe the neurophysiologic structures of the auditory system which contribute to the presence of tinnitus
- Identify categories of tinnitus patients through comprehensive evaluation
- Develop an individualized management plan or make appropriate referrals
- Apply instructive and cognitive tinnitus counseling techniques
- Choose and fit sound therapy devices including amplification and assistive sound therapy
- Promote their practice and provide basic tinnitus services and education in their communities

### Time Ordered Outline

#### Day 1

8:00 – 8:15	Welcome and Introductions
8:15 – 9:15	Structuring Tinnitus Care (lecture) (1hour)
9:15 – 10:30	Neurophysiologic Contributors to Tinnitus (lecture) (1 hour 15 min)
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:00	First Impressions (lecture and role play) (1 hour 15 min)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Audiological Assessment (lecture) (1hour)
2:00 – 3:00	Individualized Management Plan (lecture and case studies) (1 hour)
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:00	Instructional Counseling (lecture and role play) (45 min)
4:00 – 4:45	Cognitive Counseling (lecture) (45 min)
4:45 – 5:45	Counseling Demonstrations and Q (role play and interactive) (1 hour)

#### Day 2

8:00 – 8:30	Sound Therapy (lecture and demonstration) (30 min)
8:30 – 9:30	Amplification for the Tinnitus Patient (lecture) (1 hour )
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:45	Tinnitus Products (demonstration) (1 hour)
10:45 – 11:00	Hands On with Tinnitus Products (interactive with devices) (15 min)
11:00 – 12:00	Business Considerations (lecture) (1 hour)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Consumer Marketing (lecture) (1 hour)
2:00 – 3:00	Referrals and Consumer Education (lecture) (1 hour)
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Support from the TPA (lecture and demonstration) (1 hour)
4:15 - 4:30	Final Questions (interactive) (15 min)