



Short Course on Hearing Impairment

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Who should attend:	Careworkers, family members, educators, and other professionals and employers who would like to better their knowledge on hearing loss		
Course Duration:	12 hours	Time:	5:30 – 7:30pm
Dates:	Wed 9 th ; Mon 14 th ; Wed 16 th ; Mon 21 st ; Wed 23 rd ; Mon 28 th June 2021		
Delivery:	Online via Zoom	Course Registration Fee:	€135

Aim and Contents of the Course

Hearing impairment occurs when one loses part or all of the ability to hear. It can affect personal and work life due to impaired communication. This course will enable participants to obtain detailed information on hearing loss. Participants will learn how to understand and interact with individuals with this condition.

Course Outline**Sessions:**

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| ✓ | Hearing loss: An introduction | ✓ | The effects of noise on hearing |
| ✓ | Effects of auditory difficulties on learning | ✓ | Hearing loss and cognition |
| ✓ | Options for hearing loss and tinnitus | ✓ | Psychosocial impact of hearing loss |

Learning Outcomes:

- ✓ To obtain a general understanding of hearing loss.
- ✓ To examine how hearing impairment can impact communication skills, learning and academic achievement.
- ✓ To learn about the different devices that can help to improve hearing and help to relief tinnitus.
- ✓ To outline the importance of hearing conservation and create awareness on the damage caused by noise exposure to the organ of hearing.
- ✓ To learn about the link between hearing loss and cognitive decline.
- ✓ To appreciate how hearing loss affects daily activities, social activities, general emotional state.

Course Trainers

Dr Nadine Tabone, Au.D. (NSU), Ph.D. (Melit) is a full time lecturer in the Department of Communication Therapy at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta, in which her main academic focus is audiology and hearing impairment. She is a practicing Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist with a special interest in paediatric hearing impairment and auditory processing. Dr Tabone holds a Master of Science degree in Audiological Science from UCL and a Doctor of Audiology degree from Nova Southeastern University. She has also obtained a Ph.D. in the area of auditory processing skills in children where she has developed a behavioural test battery for auditory processing skills in Maltese children aged between 7 and 9 years.

Dr Andrew Sciberras, BAAT (UCL), MSc (UCL), Au.D (NSU) began his career in Audiology in 1998 when he attended a training course leading to the Baat part 1 and 2 at the School of Audiology at University College London. Since then he was employed by the Health Department until October 2015. In 2006, he graduated from University College London with a Masters degree in Audiological Science and in 2014 he graduated with highest honours from Nova Southeastern University in Florida with a Doctor of Audiology. He has a vast experience in the field of audiology, including adult audiology, paediatric audiology, hearing aids, and was a key player in introducing the cochlear implant programme in Malta. He set up his own private Audiology clinic in the year 2000 where he now works full time and has a specific interest in Tinnitus. Dr Sciberras also had some academic roles where he supervised MCAST and University of Malta students during their clinical placements and even carried out some lectures for the MSc in Audiology programme organised by the University of Malta. He is also a recognised supervisor by Aston University in Birmingham, UK. He is a fully registered professional with a warrant to practice the audiology profession in Malta and was a key player in registering the profession of audiology with the Council of Professionals Complementary to Medicine. He is also the president of the Malta Association of Audiologists which he helped to set up in 2017.

Certification

Upon successfully completing the course with 80% attendance, attendees will receive an Attendance Certificate from Malta University Consulting Ltd.

General Information

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