



## Foundations of Ear Health

**Program  
Information**



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## Program snapshot

PROGRAM TITLE	Foundations of Ear Health
PROGRAM SUMMARY	<p>The Foundations of Ear Health Program aims to provide students with foundation knowledge to provide education, develop management plans, identify and manage hygiene issues regarding ear and hearing health, and provide ongoing management where complex needs regarding ear and hearing health are required.</p> <p>This program is the first level in The Benchmark Group's ear health learning pathway.</p>
UNITS OF COMPETENCY	EHHPEH002 Promote, educate and manage ear health
COST	\$145 (Inc. GST)
PRE-READING	There is no pre-reading for this program.
DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT	Online assessment completed via accessIQ and workplace observed practice.
ESTIMATED HOURS OF STUDY	15 hours of active learning
CPD HOURS	As a general guide, one hour of active learning equates to one hour of CPD. It is the responsibility of the individual student to calculate how many hours of active learning have been completed. The hours of active learning estimated above should act as a guide to CPD hours.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	To view entry requirements please refer to the next page.
HOW TO APPLY	To apply, click the 'apply now' button on the website which will take you to the learning pathway purchase page in accessIQ. From here you will be able to choose one or more (or all!) programs from the pathway to purchase.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND STUDENT HANDBOOK	<p><a href="#">View terms and conditions visit benchmarkgroup.com.au/terms-and-conditions</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Student Handbook</a></p>

## Program outline

The Foundations of Ear Health Program aims to provide students with foundation knowledge to provide education, develop management plans, identify and manage hygiene issues regarding ear and hearing health, and provide ongoing management where complex needs regarding ear and hearing health are required.

Students will also gain knowledge on the requirements to perform ear health examinations, basic point of care hearing evaluations, management planning, and referral processes for further or specialist care in relation to a range of conditions, based on knowledge of the anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the auditory system.

## Program outcome

Upon successful completion of the program students should have the ability to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the ear
- Assess and determine factors that affect ear and hearing health, assess the client's physical and pathological auditory status and seek advice where appropriate.
- Provide education including identifying and manage hygiene issues regarding ear and hearing health, provide ongoing management and appropriate referral pathways
- Perform ear health screening assessments on children
- Develop management plans
- Develop education materials.

## Program content

Fully online program consisting of blended learning including knowledge information, articles, learning videos and self reflection activities.

The program involves detailed information on anatomy and physiology, condition recognition, assessment skills including otoscope and paediatric assessment skills.

Health literacy is also included consisting of literacy levels and communication skills. Students work through the foundation unit prior to moving on to any of OM, Tympanometry, Ear Health and Micro suction.

## Program structure

To achieve competency students must demonstrate successful completion of:

- Written assessment covering essential knowledge and skills
- Workplace observed practice.

Workplace observed practice is a mandatory requirement for this course, workplace practice must be observed by a medical practitioner, practice manager or practice nurse that performs the identified workplace tasks as part of their role.

All workplace activities must be completed in accordance with work health and safety.

## Program entry requirements

Entrants must provide evidence of a relevant professional role. Relevant roles would include:

- Registered and Enrolled Nurses
- Allied Health Professionals E.g. Audiologists
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care Practitioners and Workers
- General Practitioners.

Entrants should have:

- A minimum of six months' employment or experience working with clients in a clinical environment
- High language, literacy and numeracy levels. Sufficient to interpret medical documents/referrals/ requests and write medical notes and reports.

## Ear Health learning pathway

Learning pathways is a new approach where we are giving the control of your learning journey back to you, the student.

The underlying rationale recognises that students are better able to learn when they can control the flow of their experience, or when their learning is self-directed.

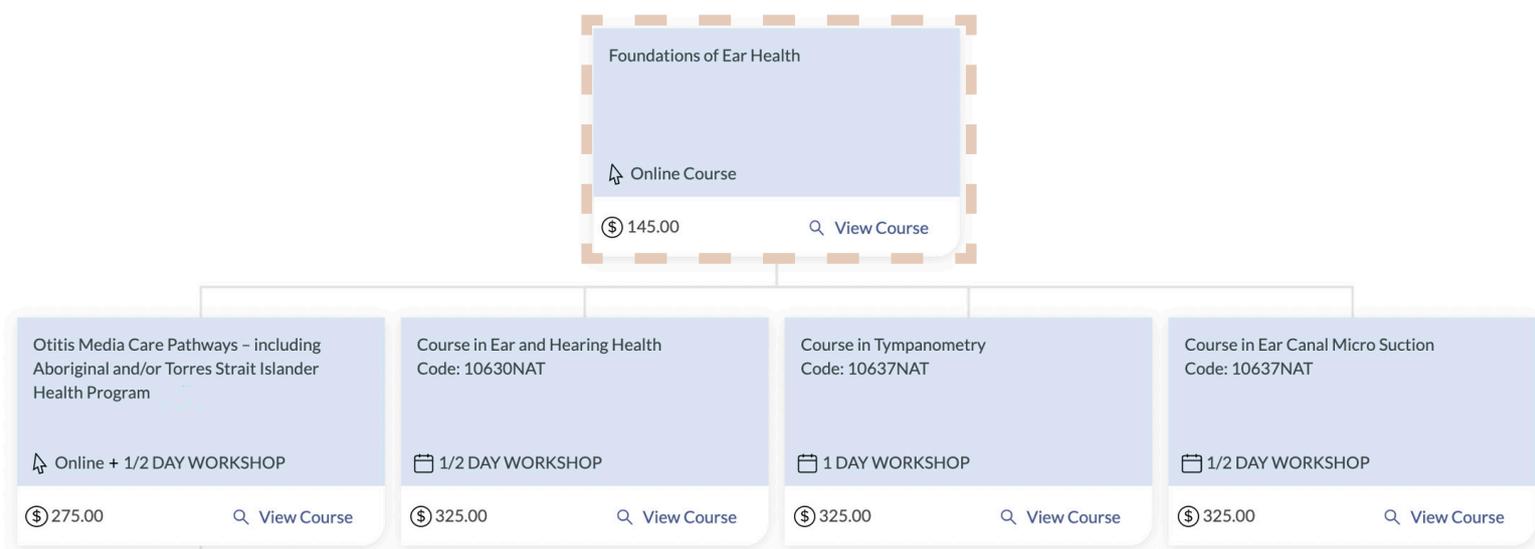
A self-directed model of delivery allows access to a broader range of students regardless of geographic location and allows people to complete the program at a pace that suits their current lifestyle and workplace balance.

## How it works

The pathway starts by building your base knowledge with the nationally-accredited online program, Foundations of Ear Health. You can then continue on with 4 more nationally-accredited Courses - options are dependent on your current qualifications, and topics include the ear and hearing health (including wax removal), otitis media, tympanometry and microsuction.

You can choose to purchase your pathway all at once or pay and complete one learning at a time – the choice is now yours! In fact, once you have completed your enrolment, you can even choose when to activate your assessment.

We look forward to expanding the Ear Health Learning Pathway in 2021 with some exciting new programs.



# About The Benchmark Group

The Benchmark Group (RTO 21824) is a Registered Training Organisation delivering a range of clinical skills courses and programs to meet the needs of a broad range of health professionals across Australia.

As an RTO working in the health sector, our focus is on the delivery of courses and programs designed to provide healthcare professionals with the opportunity to expand their skills and careers. We concentrate on skills and knowledge that can be immediately implemented in a vocational context.

Skills learnt today can be used tomorrow.

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