



# Course in Ear and Hearing Health

10630NAT

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## Course snapshot

PROGRAM TITLE	<b>10630NAT Course in Ear and Hearing Health</b>
PROGRAM SUMMARY	<p>The Course in Ear and Hearing Health is designed to develop the knowledge and skills to be able to safely assess and manage ear health, in relation to a range of conditions, based on detailed knowledge of the anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the auditory system.</p> <p>This program is part of the second level in The Benchmark Group's ear health learning pathway. Students must complete the Foundations of Ear Health Program prior to entry to this course.</p>
UNITS OF COMPETENCY	EHHAEH001 Assess ear health, EHHPEH002 Promote, educate and manage ear health, EHPWR003 Perform wax removal, and EHHPEA004 Pediatric ear health assessment.
COST	\$325 (Inc. GST)
PRE-READING	It is recommended students review the Foundations of Ear Health Program prior to attendance at the workshop.
DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT	Online learning and assessment completed via accessIQ, four hour face-to-face workshop, in-class activities assessed by a qualified assessor and workplace observed practice.
ESTIMATED HOURS OF STUDY	45 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="https://benchmarkgroup.com.au/terms-and-conditions">View terms and conditions visit benchmarkgroup.com.au/terms-and-conditions</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Student Handbook</a></p>

## Course outline

The Course in Ear and Hearing Health aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge to perform ear health examinations, basic point of care hearing evaluations, management strategies/ options and referral processes for further or specialist care in relation to a range of conditions, based on detailed knowledge of the anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the auditory system.

Vocational outcomes include enhanced clinical practice, addition of skills to scope of practice, ear health assessment clinical skills.

Specialist skills:

- Point of care hearing assessment
- Otoscopy
- Wax removal.

## Course outcome

On the successful completion of the Course, students should have the skills and knowledge to:

- Assess and determine factors that affect ear and hearing health in relation to wax irrigation, assess the client's physical and pathophysiological auditory status and seek advice where appropriate. The major focus of the unit is on risks of irrigation
- Provide education, develop management plans for wax irrigation, identify and manage hygiene issues regarding ear and hearing health, condition recognition and provide ongoing management where complex needs regarding ear and hearing health are required
- Perform wax removal procedures when deemed appropriate and safe
- Perform ear health screening assessments on children.

## Course content

The four hour face-to-face workshop involves anatomy refresher, principles of wax irrigation and practical activities including condition recognition, ear health assessment, monocular otoscopy, digital video otoscopy, and irrigation techniques for wax removal.

Students work with peers in the classroom to conduct simulated examination as part of the practical skills activities.

All irrigation practice and assessments are performed on a mannequin, and the workshop focuses on wax removal using irrigation including the legal and consent issues involving ear irrigation.

## Course structure

To achieve competency in this course, students must successfully complete:

- Realistic skills simulations and oral questioning. 'What if and how to' scenarios
- Written assessment covering essential knowledge and skills
- Workplace observed practice.

Workplace observed practice is a mandatory requirement for this course, work place practice must be observed by a peer or suitably qualified clinician.

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

## Course entry requirements

Entrants to the Course in Ear and Hearing Health 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 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.

### Benchmark Group Specific Requirements

Students must hold the unit EHHPEH002 Promote, educate and manage ear health unit from the Foundations of Ear Health Program. Students will receive a direct credit transfer for this unit when enrolling into the Ear and Hearing Health course.

## 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.

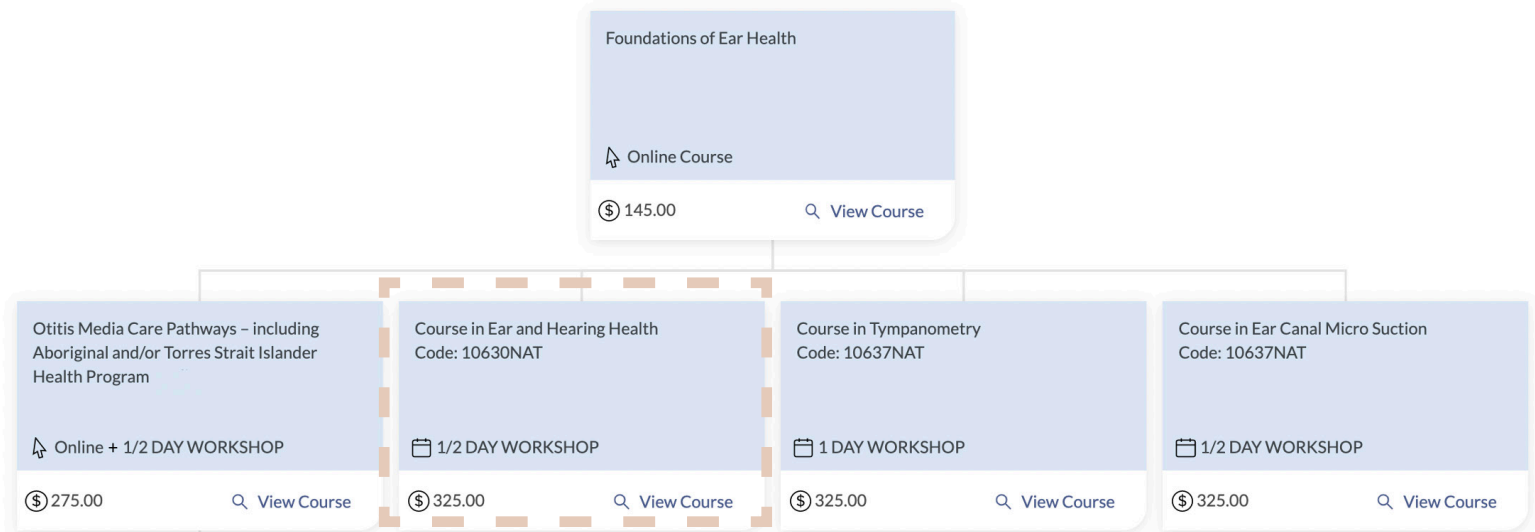
A self-directed model of delivery allows access to a broader range of students regardless of geographic location and allows people to complete the program at a pace that suits their current lifestyle and workplace balance.

## 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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