



**AHIP Hearing Instrument Dispenser (H.I.D.)  
& Hearing Instrument Specialist (H.I.S.)  
Membership Information**

Those who have met the educational requirements leading to obtaining a provincial certificate\* or diploma\* in the field of audiometric evaluation and hearing instrument provision are eligible for full membership in AHIP as a **Hearing Instrument Dispenser (H.I.D.)**. When requesting membership from AHIP, applicants must provide proof of education (certificate or diploma), payment of registration fees and valid Certificate of Professional Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$2,000,000.

A **Hearing Instrument Dispenser (H.I.D.)** is certified in the fitting, counselling and dispensing of hearing instruments and associated devices, and the removal of cerumen from the external ear canal where a member's practice includes it. Hearing Instrument Dispensers whose practice includes the removal of cerumen shall have successfully completed the educational requirements of AHIP for the **removal of cerumen**.

Once graduates have become Full members of AHIP, they are eligible for the **Hearing Instrument Specialist (H.I.S.)** Internship Program. Internship applicants must successfully complete 1000 hours of practical work within 36 months of graduation, monitored by either a Hearing Instrument Specialist or Audiologist. During this time period it is acceptable for an Intern to have more than one monitor however AHIP requires a separate application for each monitor. Also in order to finish their Internship program interns must successfully complete the **International Licensing Exam (ILE)**.

**Hearing Instrument Specialists (H.I.S.)** are certified in the practice of testing hearing, selection, fitting, counselling and dispensing of hearing instruments and associated devices and the removal of cerumen from the external ear canal where a member's practice includes it. Hearing Instrument Specialists' whose practice includes the removal of cerumen shall have successfully completed the educational requirements of AHIP for the **removal of cerumen**.

After successfully completing all requirements of the program, the applicant's qualifications are reviewed by the AHIP Board of Directors before the **Hearing Instrument Specialist** is certified by AHIP.

In order to maintain their certification in good standing with AHIP and Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Assisted Devices Program, the practitioner must complete 12 hours of continuing education units annually, be paid up to date with their membership, provide a valid yearly Certificate of Insurance for \$2,000,000 covering professional practice and abide by the AHIP Professional Code of Conduct, with no pending or outstanding grievances.

Once certified, as a **Hearing Instrument Specialist (H.I.S.)**, you are then eligible to apply to Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Assisted Devices Program (ADP), for an **Authorizer number**. The Authorizer package must be requested directly from ADP.

Note: Application forms for AHIP are available on line to be downloaded or can be requested from the AHIP office.

\*\*AHIP recognizes educational certificates or diplomas offered by the following colleges and universities: George Brown College, Ontario; Conestoga College, Ontario; MacEwan University, Alberta; Rosemont College, Quebec. Douglas College, British Columbia, and Cégep de La Pocatiere, Quebec