

What is Audiometry Nursing?

What does an audiometry nurse do?

Audiometry nurses provide comprehensive hearing health services for people of all ages.

Their main role is to identify ear disease and hearing impairment through:

- newborn and child hearing screening programs
- hearing testing for children and adults including:
 - looking inside the ear (otoscopy)
 - testing middle ear function (tympanometry)
 - testing hearing sensitivity (pure tone audiometry)
- interpretation of hearing assessment results.

They can also provide case management and referral to other services, including:

- speech pathologists, doctors, audiologists, hearing support organisations, other allied health professionals, and support teachers for hearing.

Audiometry nurses may also do the following activities:

- promote hearing health
- occupational hearing screening
- hearing conservation programs at work:
 - identify hazardous noise levels
 - provide appropriate hearing protection
 - educate employees about hearing safety.
- community education about hearing
- advocate for clients' needs
- mentor student audiometry nurses
- nursing research.

What qualifications does an audiometry nurse have?

Audiometry nurses are registered or enrolled nurses who have completed a postgraduate course in Audiometry Nursing.

They may work in community health centres, medical practices, audiology clinics, private practice or occupational screening programs.



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