

How Audiology Assistants Support Quality Service Delivery

Expanding Capacity

What is an audiology assistant?

An **audiology assistant** is an individual who, after appropriate training and demonstration of competency, performs delegated tasks that are prescribed, directed, and supervised by a licensed audiologist. When hearing instrument specialists are serving in the role of assistant, their duties will always be clarified by the supervising audiologist.

Audiology assistants may or may not be regulated by state laws and regulations, and the supervising audiologist is responsible for determining the applicable requirements in their state and work setting.

By employing an audiology assistant, you...

- A. Support the needs of your patients and/or students
- B. Improve daily work efficiency by delegating routine or technical tasks
- C. Allow yourself to practice at the top of your license

What can an audiology assistant do?

Some typical activities that fall within an audiology assistant's scope of practice may include the following:

Administrative Support

Document encounters with individuals served

Perform clerical duties:

- scheduling
- ordering supplies and equipment
- managing repairs
- ordering and tracking inventory

Technology and Materials Support

Assist with providing services (testing and connectivity support for technology-based hearing devices)

Prepare patient materials and equipment

Prepare technology for telepractice sessions

Provide basic troubleshooting and minor repairs on hearing devices

Clinical Support

Conduct specified audiologic testing without clinical interpretation

Perform non diagnostic otoscopy

Assist with educating patients and care partners about use and care of hearing devices

Resources for utilizing an audiology assistant:

- [Audiology Assistant Practice Portal](#)
- [Audiology Assistant Self Evaluation](#)
- [ASHA Scope of Practice for Audiology Assistants](#)
- [State by State Recognition](#)
- [ASHA Assistants Certification Program](#)
- [State by State Requirements](#)
- [ASHA Assistants Code of Conduct](#)

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