



State of Nevada

## Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

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## Apprentice Sponsorship & On-Site Training Agreement

### Requirements

#### On-Site Training and Work Experience

An Apprentice shall participate in the in-service training program under the direct supervision of a Sponsor for a minimum of two (2) years. The Sponsor must have the same employer as the Apprentice. The on-site training and work experience portion of the in-service training must include:

1. A minimum of 16 hours per week and 30 weeks per year and may be completed in conjunction with the academic portion of the in-service training.
2. The evaluation of the Apprentice's achievement of the following **core competencies**:
  - Sanitation protocols
  - The identification and documentation of the needs of a client
  - Visual inspections of the ear and otoscopic examinations
  - Audiometric testing
  - The results of hearing evaluations
  - Ear impressions, preparations, and molds
  - Physical and electronic checks of hearing aids
  - The fitting, programming, troubleshooting, adjusting, and repairing of hearing aids
  - Client documentation

#### Academic Training

The academic portion of the in-service training of an Apprentice must be specific to the training and education necessary to perform competently the duties and responsibilities necessary for the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids and must include, without limitation, training and education concerning:

- Laws and rules relating to ethics
- Federal laws and rules governing hearing aids
- Infection controls
- Basic hearing science
- Hearing instrument science and fitting practices; and
- Audiometric testing and masking

Please indicate what academic program will be utilized to fulfill this requirement:

IHS Distance Learning Program

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Documentation**

An Apprentice and their Sponsor shall jointly review and document the progress of the Apprentice in achieving the core competencies. All work completed by an Apprentice must be reviewed daily and signed by the Sponsor and the Apprentice.

**Sponsorship Agreement**

As the Sponsor, I hereby agree to:

1. Provide direct supervision to the Apprentice.
2. Determine the competency level of the Apprentice to perform tasks relating to fitting and dispensing hearing aids.
3. Evaluate the work of the Apprentice.
4. Document the training provided to and the direct supervision of the Apprentice.
5. Provide written notification to the Board if:
  - The Apprentice is no longer under the sponsorship of the Sponsor;
  - The Apprentice and Sponsor no longer have the same employer;
  - The Apprentice withdraws from or terminates his or her in-service training;
  - The Sponsor withdraws as a Sponsor for the Apprentice;
  - The Apprentice has completed one (1) year of in-service training under the direct supervision of the Sponsor and the Sponsor believes that the Apprentice is competent to work without physical on-site supervision; or
  - The Apprentice successfully completes all of the requirements for in-service training.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Apprentice Acknowledgement**

Apprentice Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***This document serves as a training guideline and agreement between the Apprentice and their Sponsor for the duration of the apprenticeship program.***