

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME LICENSED HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSER

The State of Illinois requires the following criteria to be completed to become a licensed hearing instrument dispenser:

- A. Minimum of an Associate's Degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution of higher education
- B. Completion of 12 semester hours of academic undergraduate work course work (3 hours of anatomy & physiology of the speech and hearing mechanism; 3 hours of hearing science; 3 hours of introduction to audiology; and 3 hours of aural rehabilitation (or equivalent)*)
- C. Successfully pass the Illinois Department of Public Health's written and practicum exam for hearing instrument dispensers.

*** You can complete the 12 semester hour requirement by purchasing and successfully completing the 30 course home-study program offered by the International Hearing Society. (approximate cost \$600.00)**

To Purchase the 30 Course Program

CONTACT:

International Hearing Society (IHS)
16880 Middlebelt Rd Ste 4
Livonia, MI 48154
734-522-7200
734-522-0200 Fax
Web Site: www.ihinfo.org

To Obtain College Credit From Parkland College

Upon completing the 30 course program and its corresponding exams, return the completed exams to the International Hearing Society. IHS will process your material and mail to you a Certificate of Completion.

Upon receipt of the Certificate of Completion send via mail, a copy of the Certificate of Completion along with a letter petitioning for 12 hours of college credit from Parkland College in the Department of Health Professions. Upon approval by Parkland College and receipt of your payment for 12 college credit hours (approximately \$1200.00), Parkland College will issue a transcript showing successful completion of the courses as outlined above.

CONTACT:

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Parkland College, Health Professions H -136
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Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 351-2286

To Take the State License Exam for Hearing Instrument Dispenser

The Illinois Department of Public Health conducts both the written and practicum exams for becoming a hearing instrument dispenser. To find out the schedule of times and places of these exams, contact the Department. Exam fees are approximately \$350.00.

CONTACT:

Illinois Department of Public Health
Vision & Hearing
(217) 782-4733

For More Information

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