



## Why Take Advantage of the New U.S. Department of Labor-Approved Hearing Aid Specialist Apprenticeship Program?

There are many benefits for employers, state licensing agencies, and future employees to utilize the newly adopted local apprenticeship program for hearing aid specialists!

- Provides a standardized training across the country for the Hearing Aid Specialist profession
- Exposes an untapped talent pool to the hearing aid dispensing profession
- Method for assisting with obtaining reciprocity
- State Apprenticeship Agency vets and connects candidates and supervisors on an ongoing basis
- Will produce strong candidates for licensure
- Improved quality of patient care
- More diverse workforce
- Associated with a nationally-recognized system of training throughout the United States
- Supports state-based hiring programs
- Teaching employees new skills increases productivity, decreases turnover along with absenteeism, and saves employers money spent on training
- Investing in the future of employees, through this program, can strengthen employee loyalty to employers
- Enhances the problem-solving ability and versatility of employees
- Provides possible tax and other business incentives for hiring Veterans or candidates from state hiring programs like vocational rehabilitation

To learn more about becoming a state-registered employer and start hiring through the program, contact your State Apprenticeship Agency. A listing of SAA contacts can be found at <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/contactlist.cfm>.