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- As an Audiologist, I learned the foundation of my professional knowledge and skills during my university experience. Eighty percent of what I do on a daily basis I learned after school working alongside a veteran Hearing Instrument Specialist. It would be a mistake to dismiss Hearing Instrument Specialists because of their lack of university training. To you AuD students here, I can assure you that after a year or two post college experience you will come to realize that you knew less than you thought you did about this profession upon graduation.
- The purpose of expanding the scope of practice for Hearing Instrument Specialists is to improve delivery of hearing healthcare services across Nebraska. It is a sad fact that there are not enough ENTs, General Physicians, PAs and Audiologists in this state to meet the needs of our hearing impaired population. This is especially true in rural areas.
- Finally, I would like you to take a look at this impression of my ear. Taking such an impression involves placing a block deep in the ear canal with a probe, then filling the ear with silicone material that slowly hardens. The impression is then removed from the ear and is used as a negative form to manufacture a custom hearing aid or earmold. Hearing Instrument Specialists are trained and proficient in this process. If we are comfortable with HIS taking impressions, we should not have concerns about trained HIS performing cerumen removal.

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