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Gwen Washburn earned her bachelor's degree in communication disorders and master's degree in Audiology.

She has also completed a

certified course in Diagnostics and Amplification for Infants and Toddlers at A.T. Still University. Gwen is certified by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and is a Licensed Audiologist and Hearing Instrument Dispenser in the State of Minnesota.

Gwen has 16 years of clinical and educational audiology experience. She has been a four-time grant recipient through the State of Minnesota contracted for Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program. In addition to speaking publicly to physicians and public health groups, Gwen has also provided training to nurses in hospitals throughout northern Minnesota.

Gwen enjoys helping people remain active and connected to their family and friends. People often feel frustrated and isolated when they are dealing with hearing loss. Gwen's goal is to provide personal care and guidance to people who are dealing with hearing loss so that they may enhance their hearing to its greatest potential. Gwen participates in continuing education classes so that she may offer her patient's the latest technology in audiology.

Gwen was born and raised in St. James, MN. She and her husband with three boys enjoy the outdoors, dirt bike riding, skiing, boating, camping and hunting with their favorite bird dog. She also enjoys traveling, volunteering at the local humane society and fostering dogs in her home.



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# Audiology/Hearing Aid Services



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## Our Services

- Diagnostic hearing evaluations
- Hearing Aid Selection and Fitting
- Hearing Aid Repairs/Programming
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Custom Hearing Protection and Swim Molds
- A lab for hearing aid cleaning, maintenance and minor repairs
- iPod® and MP3 Player Custom-Molds
- Musician Earplugs and Monitors
- Hearing Aid batteries and supplies
- On-site support staff to assist with walk-in needs
- ENT Services

*"My alertness is way better, my job performance is way better because I can hear so much better! I can hear birds, I can hear wolves! You have changed my life completely in a positive way!"*

– Sherie Griffiths  
(After going through the hearing aid process)

*"I have tried hearing aids before, but I couldn't always join in the conversation while riding in the car with my friends because the road noise was too much. Now, with my hearing aids from Fairview Mesaba Clinic, I am so amazed that I can hear what the ladies in the back seat are saying. I can be social now! My new hearing aids have really been a blessing."*

– Ruth Matucci

*"This has been a great experience from beginning to end. I have struggled to be able to hear my grandchildren for years and now I'm able to really enjoy them. I couldn't ask for better service or results. I'm so happy with everything!"*

– Michael Resch

## Symptoms of Hearing Loss

If you believe that you may have a hearing loss, take this short quiz to see if you may benefit from a hearing test.

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have problems hearing in places where there is a lot of background noise?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you find it difficult to understand someone if they are not facing you?        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do family, friends, or co-workers complain that you are not hearing them?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have difficulty hearing over the telephone?                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you find it difficult to understand conversations in group settings?           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you feel that people mumble or do not speak clearly?                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you think your current hearing ability may limit your personal or social life? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you prefer the TV louder than others do?                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you or did you work or play around loud noise or music?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you feel embarrassed meeting new people because you may not understand them?   |

**If you answered 'yes' to at least two of these questions, you may have a hearing loss and should have your hearing tested.**

**Call Fairview Mesaba Clinic-Hibbing at (218) 362-6462 to schedule your appointment to see if you could benefit from hearing aids.**

## What to Expect at Your Comprehensive Hearing Evaluation

There are five main procedures that will be completed during your visit at Fairview Mesaba Clinic-Hibbing for infants through adults:

- **Case History**
- **Otoscopy**
- **Tympanometry**
- **Audiology Evaluation**
- **Test Results/Recommendations**

## Hearing Aid Evaluation

### Fairview Mesaba Clinic – Hibbing

provides comprehensive hearing aid exams and consults for infants through adults; fitting of a wide range of digital hearing instruments; and follow-up services. We also offer on-site support staff to assist with walk-in needs.



The audiologist recommends that you bring a family member or friend with you to the appointment. It is helpful to use a familiar voice in testing and hearing aid demonstrations.