Hearing Screening vs. Hearing Testing

The difference between a hearing screening and a hearing test/evaluation can sometimes be confusing.

Let's chat about that:

Hearing Screening

A hearing screening is a quick test that you will pass or fail. If you pass, then you show no signs of hearing loss. If you fail, you will need more in-depth hearing testing.

The following people can provide you with a hearing screening:

- audiologist,
- speech-language pathologist
- nurse

Hearing Testing

A hearing evaluation (also called an "audiologic evaluation") is a complete hearing test. You should see an audiologist for a hearing/audiologic evaluation. An audiologist can talk to you about

- the type of hearing loss you have;
- how severe it is;
- what might have caused your hearing loss; and
- possible treatment options.