Pocket Talker

“The next thing that we are going to look at are some devices that are for people who have hearing impairments and are hearing aids essentially. So the first device we have here is the Pocket Talker and it has a little clip on the back so that you can clip it onto your belt as you go around. It has a mic on this hand held portion and then there is an ear piece right here. One of the limitations to using this device is that you are limited by the length of your head phone cord. So, you can hand this to somebody, maybe someone comes to your front door and you need to be able to have a conversation with them, you can hand them this and hold the ear piece and be able to talk to them and have a personal conversation right then and there. Maybe you don’t have a hearing aid or you need something to supplement your hearing aid so that’s one of the options; the Pocket Talker”.

“Our other option here is an FM system. It’s got two little pieces to it, two pods I guess. One is the microphone end which is this one here and it’s got a microphone hooked to it but you can-an instructor can hook to their shirt or their blouse and have it basically pretty conspicuously on their shirt. And then the other portion is the hearing portion which has the ear piece on the end and there is a volume control right here that you can control how loud it is. This system will incorporate with a hearing aid. There is actually a loop that you can hook up instead of the hearing the ear piece and it will link up with your hearing aid, so you can wear it around your neck under your shirt so it doesn’t stand out that you’re using assistive technology. So that’s an important thing to remember because you know students often don’t want to stand out from their peers, they want to look just like everyone else. One thing to keep in mind with this FM system is that unlike the pocket talker you can go as far as you need to. It will transmit through walls and everything. The instructor can have it and the student can have it and completely, like I said, completely keep it under wraps so you don’t have to stand out in any way, just be like everybody else. So you can go a greater distance, honestly the sound quality is a little better on the FM system. And those are your two options for hearing devices”.