

Aphasia Assessment, Treatment & Considerations in Goal Setting

Virtual: On-demand



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Course Description

In recent years, there has been a proliferation of research targeting various aspects of aphasia treatment. These range from studies addressing the development, theoretical underpinnings and efficacy of specific treatments to more general issues such as intensity and dose that impact learning and outcomes. In this online, self-paced course, participants will have an opportunity to view modules on assessment, treatment planning, principles and considerations and goal setting. Additionally, a peer reviewed article related to treatment planning and considerations will be read by participants. Participants will apply fundamental knowledge to case-based scenarios, calculations of intervention intensities and translate theoretical underpinnings to practical daily application.

Location and Delivery Method

This course is taught virtually using the Academy Learning Portal. Other online learning materials may also be utilized.

Successful Completion

Participants will complete 3 online modules, read an article on the Aphasia treatment approach, VNeST (Verb Network Strengthening Treatment), apply knowledge and skills gained to the application of a final evaluation assessment. Learners will have 90 days from date of purchase to complete the course content.

Who Should Attend

Speech-language Pathologists

Learner Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify common assessment practices and limitations
- Summarize models of lexical processing in order to assess the underlying language system
- Review elements important to the selection of intervention targets
- Discuss factors such as type, severity, and chronicity of aphasia that influence goal-setting and the development of a treatment plan
- Describe components related to optimal “dose” of aphasia therapy and implications for treatment planning and scheduling

Course Faculty (Listed Alphabetically)



Julia Carpenter, MA, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS

*Clinical Practice Leader for Speech-Language Pathology
Research Speech-Language Pathologist, Center for Aphasia Research &
Treatment, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab*

Julia Carpenter, MA, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS (she/her/hers) is the clinical practice leader for speech-language pathology and a research speech-language pathologist in the Center for Aphasia Research and Treatment at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. Julie works with speech-language pathologists across the system of care to implement evidence-based assessments and interventions, works on various research projects and provides interventions

in the organization’s Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Program. Julie is board-certified in neurogenic communication disorders from the Academy of Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Sciences and received the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association’s Exemplary Practice Award in 2023.



Leora R. Cherney, PhD, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS, FACRM

*Scientific Chair, Think + Speak Lab
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*Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Communication
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Leora R. Cherney, PhD, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS, FACRM is the scientific chair of the Think + Speak Lab at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and a professor of both physical medicine & rehabilitation and communication

sciences & disorders at Northwestern University. She has 40 years of experience in adult neurologic communication disorders. Clinically, she founded and currently directs Shirley Ryan AbilityLab’s specialized Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia program. She also is responsible for the weekly aphasia community conversation groups and classes.

Dr. Cherney has a continuous record as Principal Investigator on federal, private, and industry-sponsored research grants focusing on novel treatments and evaluating their efficacy. Topics of her research include: using state-of-the-art software with a digital therapist given face-to-face and over the internet; evaluating the addition of a pharmacologic agent, L-dopa, to behavioral language therapy; and examining the effects of cortical stimulation combined with speech-language therapy for persons with aphasia. Additionally, she is examining treatment variables (e.g. cuing, feedback) that affect the acquisition, maintenance, and generalization of skills and how acquisition can be optimized and forgetting minimized by manipulating the time distribution of treatment.

Dr. Cherney has authored over 100 journal publications and six books. She has received numerous prestigious awards, including Honors of the Association from ASHA, ANCDS and ACRM.



Caitlin Ferrer, MA, CCC-SLP

*Speech-Language Pathologist, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
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presents locally and nationally on topics relating to aphasia management, clinical decision-making and supported communication.

Agenda

Time	Content
90 Minutes	<p>Using your Assessment to Refine Treatment Targets Presenters: Julia Carpenter, MA, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS & Caitlin Ferrer, MA-CCC, SLP</p> <p>To Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watch Pre-recorded presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Feedback Survey
41 Minutes	<p>Aphasia Treatment Planning and Goal Setting Presenter: Julia Carpenter, MA, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS</p> <p>To Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watch Pre-recorded presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Feedback Survey
65 Minutes	<p>Aphasia Treatment Principles and Considerations Presenter: Leora R. Cherney, PhD, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDS</p> <p>To Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watch Pre-recorded presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Feedback Survey

105 Minutes	<p>Effect of Verb Network Strengthening Treatment (VNeST) on Lexical Retrieval of Content Words in Sentences in Persons with Aphasia</p> <p>Edmonds, L.A., Nadeau, S.E., Swathi, K. (2009). <i>Aphasiology</i>, 23(3), 402-424.</p> <p>To Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Read Article <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Final Application Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Overall Course Feedback Survey
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Technology Requirements

To participate, you will need access to a computer with an internet connection. High-speed broadband access (LAN, Cable or DSL) is highly recommended.

- Internet connection: broadband wired or wireless (3G or better)
- Web browser with latest stable version. Recommended browsers are Apple Safari, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Microsoft Edge
- JavaScript and Cookies enabled
- Speaker or headset to listen to audio files and participate in Zoom calls
- Do NOT use Internet Explorer, as it is not supported

Accessibility

Please contact the Academy if you require any special accommodations for this course.

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Caitlin Ferrer, MA, CCC-SLP

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