Utilizing Innovative Communication Training in Clinical Practice With Persons With Aphasia

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 8:00 am to 12:15 pm

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital Conference Center
26W171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, Illinois

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Course description

This intermediate-level, interactive course is designed for speech-language pathologists who work with persons who have aphasia. Persons with aphasia are highly susceptible to difficulties communicating during daily activities, which can impact participation. Communication difficulties can result in changes in social roles and lead to feelings of isolation. Persons with aphasia are at risk for decreased independence, inability to return to work, and poor quality of life.

This course recognizes the role of the Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA) as the underlying theoretical framework to the provision of speech therapy services to persons with aphasia. It integrates the use of multimedia, interactive polling, and lab opportunities to offer clinicians a hands-on experience to learn ways of incorporating innovative communication training and supports into clinical practice. Functional communication assessment resources will be shared and considered for utility to the rehabilitation clinician. Research and resources associated with the evaluation and implementation of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) strategies and tools with persons with aphasia will also be discussed. Case examples and opportunities to trial various AAC tools will be included. Students are welcome.
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**Learning objectives**

After attending this education activity, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the ways in which innovative communication training can be inserted into clinical practice with persons with aphasia.

2. Summarize Life Participation Approach to Aphasia (LPAA) and Living with Aphasia: Framework for Outcome Measures (A-FROM) with respect to their application and evidence for adapting a social approach to the management of aphasia.

3. Prepare defensible treatment plans for patients with aphasia that incorporate a social approach to promote communication for daily activities and increase general participation.

4. Analyze the impact of early access to augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) strategies and tools in aphasia rehabilitation.

5. Produce communication supports for patients with aphasia and their primary communication partners to foster better outcomes.

6. Identify at least three AAC resources for persons with varying types of aphasia and strategies to implement use during therapy.

7. Evaluate the utility of various standardized and informal measures as they relate to patients’ quality of life, self-confidence, and functional communication outcomes.

**Agenda: Saturday, May 11**

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Faculty

**Michelle Armour, MS, CCC-SLP**

Michelle Armour, MS, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist, master clinician and program lead clinician at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. She specializes in stroke rehabilitation and has specific areas of experience in aphasia and apraxia. She has presented her work nationally and is currently serving as co-chair on the Aphasia Task Force through the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) Stroke iSIG Committee. Michelle and her team were awarded the first Northwestern Medicine Innovation Grant, made possible by Superior Ambulance Services, to develop the Northwestern Medicine Aphasia Center at Marianjoy. Michelle is the developer and program lead clinician of the center and is responsible for all administrative, operational and clinical duties related to the program. Michelle received her Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2011.

**Disclosures:** Financial - Michelle Armour is employed by Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Northwestern Medicine, and receives a salary. Non-financial - She has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

**Stephanie Bay, PhD, CCC-SLP**

Stephanie Bay, PhD, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist, assistive technology specialist and program lead clinician at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. She has more than 10 years of experience in a rehabilitation setting working with children and adults who have complex communication needs. She has presented nationally and internationally on research and clinical issues associated with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Dr. Bay is the program lead clinician for the Marianjoy Center of Excellence in AAC. She is responsible for all administrative and operational duties for the center and is the principal clinician in the provision of AAC services to adults with varying diagnoses. Dr. Bay was awarded her Doctor of Philosophy in Disability Studies from University of Illinois at Chicago with an emphasis in assistive technology use within the disabled community. Her research interests are associated with the social participation of persons who use AAC.

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Program location

The program will be held in the Conference Center located in the Outpatient Pavilion at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, 26W171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

Audience

The content of this program is appropriate for speech-language pathologists who treat persons with aphasia. Speech-language pathology students are welcome.

Contact hour statements

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
This course is offered for .4 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate Level, Professional Area)

Registration fee

The fee is $149.00 for licensed professionals. A light breakfast and refreshments are provided.

Registration procedure

The registration deadline is May 8.

To register: Call 877.926.4664

Or register online at www.marianjoy.org/patients-visitors/classes-events/prof-learning.aspx

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Payment prior to the start of class is required. Full refunds are granted for cancellations received at least one week prior to the start of the program. Refunds are not granted for cancellations less than one week prior to the start of the program. Classes cancelled due to low enrollment will result in a refund. Marianjoy does not assume responsibility for any other expenses incurred by the registrant.

Accessibility

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