

Tapping into Aphasia



A Clinical Perspective on the Use of Interactive Metronome to Facilitate Communication and Language Processing Following Acquired Brain Injury

Course Description:

Join us for this informative course in honor of Aphasia Awareness Month (June). The basic foundations of aphasia, subtypes and incidence following acquired brain injury will be reviewed and the science behind rhythm, timing, and music in the treatment of language deficits explored. Treatment strategies will be presented for integrating timing & rhythm (via Interactive Metronome) into traditional aphasia therapy, including treatment materials for use in your clinic.

***Contact hours are offered pending successful completion of a written exam at the end of the course.**

Target Audience:

This course welcomes the following professionals who have completed the Interactive Metronome Certification Course.

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Instructional Level:

Intermediate

Specific Learning Outcomes for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists:

- Describe how rhythm and timing assist in the treatment of language deficits
- Describe different treatment ideas for addressing expressive aphasia in conjunction with the IM modality
- Describe different treatment ideas for addressing receptive aphasia in conjunction with the IM modality

***Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. SLPA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed SLP.**

Instructor:

Heather Barr MS CCC-SLP has been a Speech-Language Pathologist for over ten years, working in diverse settings with primary focus on inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation programs. She is the Speech-Language Pathology Department Manager and Inpatient Brain Injury Program Leader at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of York. Heather obtained her BA at the University of Pittsburgh and her MS at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. She has further developed her clinical skills by obtaining certifications in NMES/VitalStim Treatment, DPNS/FMEP, LVST, and ACBIS (Certified Brain Injury Specialist). Heather is the program co-leader/co-creator of a newly developed Neuro Work-Hardening Program at HealthSouth York, combining PT, OT and ST services in a holistic and job-simulated environment for patients with neurological injuries. She has provided numerous educational seminars in the areas of cognition (low level – high level), Post-Concussive Syndrome, and return to work after brain injury. Heather is a Certified Interactive Metronome (IM) Provider, incorporating IM into treatment for the remediation of communicative and cognitive impairments.

Disclosures:

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Agenda (60 minutes):

- Speaker introduction & disclosure
- Aphasia
 - a. Review
 - b. Subtypes
 - c. Statistics
- Fundamental relationship between rhythm and speech/language skills
 - a. Rhythm/Timing/Music
 - b. Brain Timing
 - c. MIT
 - d. Connecting rhythm and speech/language skills
- Treatment approaches with the use of Interactive Metronome (IM)
 - a. Expressive Aphasia
 - b. Receptive Aphasia
- Clinical benefits of integrating IM into in aphasia therapy
- Online post-test & course evaluation

CEUs Offered for:

0.1 ASHA (SLP)



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This course is offered for 0.1 ASHA CEU (Intermediate level, Professional area).

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- ASHA Member (includes Life member and International affiliates)
- ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) Holder
- Licensed by a state or provincial regulatory agency to practice speech-language pathology (SLP) or audiology
- Credentialed by a state regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Credentialed by a national regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral program in SLP or audiology