Using IM to Rehabilitate Cognitive-Communicative Abilities Self-Study



Course Description:

Many patients present with developmental or acquired cognitive-communicative deficits that affect their daily productivity and their ability to relate to others effectively. A significant number of these patients are high-level and quickly plateau in response to traditional cognitive-linguistic therapy methods. These patients are perfect candidates for integrating Interactive Metronome (IM) into cognitive/language rehabilitation. By doing so, you can target specific skill areas, such as executive functions, memory, thought organization, and various levels of attention/concentration while addressing critical mental timing skills (AKA temporal processing). Identifying the right time to introduce higher level cognitive-linguistic tasks during IM can facilitate a more expedient recovery and return to the community.

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

Target Audience:

This self-study course welcomes:

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Asst
- Occupational Therapist
- Certified Occupational Therapy Asst
- Educator
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Neurologist
- Licensed Medical, Rehabilitation or Mental Health Professional
- Music Therapist

Instructional Level:

Advanced

Learning Outcomes:

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

- 1. Review critical aspects of language and cognition and ways to identify deficits for remediation;
- 2. Identify appropriate patients for more advanced Interactive Metronome (IM) tasks;
- 3. Understand the implementation and adaptation of more complex IM tasks for remediation of cognitivecommunicative deficits.

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

Instructor

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CEUs Offer for: 0.1 SLPs (ASHA) 0.1 AOTA (OT/COTAs)

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