



# CRAIG HOSPITAL APHASIA THERAPY PROGRAM (CHAT)



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## Program Summary

The Craig Hospital Aphasia Therapy (CHAT) program offers specialized, intensive therapy for individuals with aphasia as a result of traumatic or other acquired brain injury. This evidence-based, specialized program will strive to improve the quality of life of persons living with this communication disorder and provide comprehensive, diverse and patient-centered treatment approaches. Our mission is to provide an intensive, comprehensive, goal-oriented program to maximize the level of independence, quality of life and self-efficacy of persons with aphasia. Physician orders are required for participation.

## Program Components

Participants will participate in a three (3) week intensive language program that includes pre- and post-assessment. The treatment program will consist of three (3) hours of individual speech-language therapy a day over the span of 15 consecutive business days. The participant will receive a minimum of 15 hours per week with additional therapy options if appropriate.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 a.m.	Adjunct Therapy	Adjunct Therapy	1:1 Therapy	Adjunct Therapy	Adjunct Therapy
10:00 a.m.	1:1 Therapy				
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	Adjunct Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy

## Program Dates

The CHAT program will be offered ongoing, year-round. In one calendar year, 12 cycles of the intensive aphasia program can be offered.

## Program Pricing

The program costs \$12,000. This does not include housing or meals. Discounted hotel rates are available.

## Inclusion Criteria

Each patient will be screened for appropriateness of fit prior to acceptance into the program. The basic inclusion criteria for all applicants include:

- Must have an aphasia diagnosis
- Must be able to tolerate at least 3 hours of individual therapy per day
- Must have basic comprehension abilities (e.g., be able to consistently follow simple directions, be able to consistently understand yes/no questions)
- Must have 1-2 identified language goals that are specific and concrete

## Treatment Principles

While each person with aphasia is unique, research has demonstrated improvement in language function following intensive therapy, regardless of severity, type of aphasia, education, age or stage of recovery. Craig Hospital's intensive aphasia program is built upon a variety of evidence-based treatment methods that target speaking, listening, reading, writing and/or drawing. For example, Intensive Language Action Therapy (also known as Constraint Induced Aphasia Therapy) may be used to target speaking.