



CRAIG HOSPITAL APHASIA THERAPY (CHAT) PROGRAM



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3 week programs from:

August 7 to 25, 2017
October 9 to 27, 2017
November 27 to
December 15, 2017
January 8 to 26, 2018
February 5 to 23, 2018
March 5-23, 2018

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Program Summary

The Craig Hospital Aphasia Therapy (C.H.A.T.) 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.

Program Components

Patients 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 fifteen consecutive business days. The patient will receive a minimum of 15 hours/week with additional therapy options if appropriate.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Independent practice	Group therapy	Independent practice	Group Therapy	Independent practice
10:00	Independent practice	Independent practice	Independent practice	Independent practice	Independent practice
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy
2:00	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy
3:00	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy	1:1 Therapy

Program Dates

The C.H.A.T. program will be offered ongoing, year-round. In one calendar year, 16 cycles of the intensive aphasia program can be offered.

Program Pricing

The program is offered at \$8,000. Payment options may be available. This does not include housing. Discounted hotel rates are available. This does not include meals

Inclusion/Exclusion 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 be current or former Craig patient
- Must have an aphasia diagnosis
- Must be able to tolerate at least 3 hours of individual therapy/day.
- Must be able to say at least 4 single words independently
- Must be able to produce additional sounds and/or words with help
- Must have basic comprehension abilities (e.g., be able to follow simple directions)
- 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. The C.H.A.T. 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.