



Rehabilitation & Communication for Patients with Neurocognitive Impairments

This training consists of **3 parts** - You must **complete/attend all three (3) trainings** for Education Credit
Sponsored by Ensign Services, Inc., and open to all Ensign affiliated Employees

Preregistration is required [Register now at BuildingTherapyLeaders.com](https://www.buildingtherapyleaders.com)

Registration **closes August 12th, 2023 @ 10:00pm**

Part 1 – Abilities Care Approach Introductory (30 minutes) Offered via WebEx August 15th (WebEx instructions will be sent August 13th)

12:30-1:00pm – Introduction to Abilities Care Approach (Aug. 15th 12:00pm-12:30pm)

Course Overview: Participants will be introduced to Abilities Care Approach. They will gain a broad overview of ACA, and the use of the Allen Cognitive Battery for the assessment of persons with Alzheimer’s disease and other Major Neurocognitive Disorders. Participants will be asked to bring back situations to be addressed during the live sessions.

Part 2 – Self-Study Access through our Learning Management System (LMS) Rise Levels 1-4 (2 Hours) this self-study is done at your own pace. The learning Modules will be loaded in your training requirements through our Learning Management System (LMS). You have 2 weeks to complete prior to the live session. Each

Module will take 30 Minutes to complete, and is considered complete after passing the post test. (Once you’ve registered through [BuildingTherapyLeaders.com](https://www.buildingtherapyleaders.com) these modules will be assigned in your training profile) **completion and passing a post test is verified through our completion report**

- Applying the remaining Abilities of Individuals with dementia **Early Stage (30 minutes)**
 - Applying the remaining Abilities of Individuals with dementia **Middle Stage (30 minutes)**
 - Applying the remaining Abilities of Individuals with dementia **Late Stage (30 minutes)**
 - Applying the remaining Abilities of Individuals with dementia **End Stage (30 minutes)**
- **Must be completed prior to the live Part 3 session on Sept 16, 2023.**

Part 3 Stage-Specific Rehabilitation for Patients with Neurocognitive Impairments (All Disciplines) (2.5 hours)

Live course **Saturday Sept. 16th, 2023** – DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Airport * 611 NW Loop 410 * San Antonio TX 78216

Course Overview: During this course, participants will engage in small group activities, discussion, lecture, and case studies to examine the impact of neurocognitive impairments on the rehabilitation process and daily functioning of patients with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Participants will identify the remaining abilities and challenges of persons in all stages of dementia and identify effective stage-specific intervention approaches. Participants will learn effective techniques for managing the behavioral and communication challenges common to each stage of dementia.

Course Objectives: By the end of this course Participants will be able to:

- Understand the unique challenges of providing rehab services to patients with dementia
- Learn to determine the “Just Right Challenge” for patients with neurocognitive impairments
- Identify the value of integrating person-centered factors into therapy interventions

- Utilize the multisensory cueing hierarchy to create effective intervention approaches
- Identify treatment and care approaches, risk factors, and caregiving concerns common to each stage of dementia

Time Schedule and Program Content:

9:00-9:30am	Overview of an Abilities-Based Treatment Approach
9:30-10:00am	Dementia Prevalence and Impact on Rehabilitation Process,
10:00-10:15am	Using the “Just Right Challenge” in a Stage-
	Specific Understanding of Dementia Break
10:15-10:30	
10:30-11:00am	Communication techniques and the Implementation of multisensory cueing
11:00-11:30am	Therapeutic goals, interventions and approaches for each stage of dementia
11:30-11:45am	Q&A and Final Reflections

Lunch Break 12:00-1:00pm

Instructors: See Bios Below

Discipline Specific Breakout Sessions for Rehabilitation & Communication for Patients with Neurocognitive Impairments

PT: Enhancing Health, Function, Mobility and Quality of Life for Patients with Dementia (3 hours)

Course Overview: During this workshop participants will engage in group activities, discussion, lecture, and case studies as they identify the remaining abilities and challenges of patients in all stages of dementia. Participants will receive specific training on the use of the major elements of the Abilities Care Approach(R) including adapted care approaches, multi-sensory strategies, and key skilled interventions for physical therapists in order to create effective plans of care and functional maintenance programs (FMPs) for clients with dementia who live in long-term care communities. Interactive activities throughout the workshop provide opportunities to practice the use of skilled language and documentation associated with the Abilities Care Approach.

Course Objectives: By end of course Participants will be able to:

- Understand the unique challenges of creating FMPs for patients with neurocognitive impairments and the use of rehabilitative and rehabilitative models of care .
- Incorporate stage-specific interventions that are relevant to the patient’s life history into the PT plan of care and FMPs.
- Utilize the medical record to determine the potential need for physical therapy services
- Identify standardized tests and measures to utilize with patients with neurocognitive impairment
 - Develop a system to monitor the functional status of long Term care residents throughout their stay.
 - Evaluate the evidence supporting PT services for patients with neurocognitive impairment .

Time Schedule and Program Content for PT

- 1:15 -1:45** Overview of an Abilities-Based treatment Approach and Physical Therapy intervention
- 1:45–2:15** Discussion of effective system to identify needs for physical therapy services
- 2:15–2:30** Abilities Care Approach of the evaluative, intervention, training and FMP phases
- 2:30–3:00** Developing stage specific and individualized POCs/FMPs for patients with dementia
- 3:00–3:30** Integrating interventions into facility wide systems
- 3:30–3:55** Strategies for documentation along with standardized tests for patients with dementia
- 3:55-4:15** Q&A and posttest

Jon Anderson, PT

Jon Anderson, **PT** Jon is a certified instructor for Abilities Care Approach. As a Therapy Resource for Ensign Services, Inc. Jon uses his experience to train other therapists in assessments and treatment approaches to facilitate the best Functional Maintenance Program including, knowledge of treatment planning, goals, and general caregiver approaches

Patty Fantauzzo, OT

Patricia (Patty) Fantauzzo is a COTA/L, Therapy Program Manager for Julia Temple Healthcare, Chief Therapy Officer for the Endura market, and Operations Manager for Julia Temple Outpatient Services in Colorado. She has been at Julia Temple for the past 8 years where they provide therapy to subacute patients in addition to specialized care for long term care residents with progressive cognitive impairments including Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Patty was a 2019 Colorado Healthcare Association finalist for the “Spotlight On Excellence Award” for therapy professionals and was recently awarded the NBCOT Impact Award for her commitment and work towards improving knowledge of and quality of life for those living with Alzheimer’s and other forms of Dementia. Her career spans over 28 years and in addition to providing hands on occupational therapy, Patty enjoys advocating for and presenting both locally and nationally on the benefits of therapy and personalized care for those living with Alzheimer’s and other forms of Dementia.

Jayna Owens, SLP

Jayna Owens, SLP, is a multi-site management operations therapy resource with over 10 years of experience in dementia care. She has a proven track record of developing and implementing long-term care programs that improve the quality of life for residents with dementia. Her expertise includes dementia design, grant writing, and working with multiple teams to deliver high-quality care.

Jayna's passion for dementia care began during her time as a rehab director at a large skilled nursing facility in Texas. She saw firsthand the challenges that residents with dementia and their families faced, and she was determined to make a difference. In her role as a therapy resource, Jayna has developed innovative programs that have helped residents with dementia maintain their independence and quality of life.

Jayna is also a strong advocate for dementia design. She believes that the physical environment can have a significant impact on the well-being of people with dementia. Jayna is committed to creating spaces that are both safe and stimulating. She has written and received approval for multiple grants for facilities specific to dementia care, and she is currently working on a dementia design project in one of the memory care units she services.

Jayna's work has been featured in several publications, and she is a frequent presenter at conferences.

A total of 8 Education Hours (.8 CEUs) for Physical Therapists/Physical Therapy Assistants Must have completed/attended all three components of the Abilities Care Approach Series to obtain CEU