What is Aphasia?

Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder that results in the loss or impairment of one or more features of language use. It can affect the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Facts about Aphasia

- Aphasia is most commonly caused by stroke, but can also occur due to severe head trauma, brain tumor, or degenerative conditions that affect the left hemisphere.
- Although aphasia results in an impairment of language processing, it does not impact intelligence.
- There are around 85,000 new cases of aphasia annually, and close to 2 million Americans are currently affected by it.
- Aphasia is more common in people who are middle-aged or older, but it can affect any person, regardless of age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

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Aphasia Services at the USLHC

Diagnostic evaluations and individual and group therapy services are offered at the University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic (USLHC) at the University of Houston main campus. Drop-in adult conversation groups are provided by the USLHC in partnership with the Third Ward Multi-Service Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3611 Ennis Street. All services are provided by graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, under the supervision of a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist.



The Benefits of Aphasia Therapy



Participation in aphasia therapy can potentially increase communication effectiveness and allow for more functional communication for persons with aphasia. With participation in individual and/ or group therapy contexts, the areas of communication affected by aphasia can be strengthened.

Conversation groups benefit those with aphasia by providing supported communication. Supported communication has been seen to benefit those with aphasia by allowing them to participate socially and learn how to utilize certain tools for more effective communication.

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Registration Required

Call 713-743-0915 to register or email Michele Ozgen at <u>uslhc@uh.edu</u>.

Fees

- Sliding scale based on income
- Drop-in conversation groups provided at Third Ward Multi-Service Center

Schedule

Varies — Approximately 12 weeks in the fall and spring semesters

Who is Eligible?

Adults with aphasia who wish to improve their communication and participate in a therapeutic learning environment.

Location

The University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic — Main UH Campus

• Tues/Thurs conversation groups at Third Ward Multi-Service Center

Equitable Treatment Services at the USLHC are available to all people, regardless of gender expression and identity, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, religious beliefs, and socioeconomic status.

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The University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in the Melcher Life Sciences building next to the Fertitta Center.



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SERVICES OFFERED AT THE USLHC

Child Speech & Language

- Pre-K Language Learning Group
- Language Development
- Speech Sounds
- Apraxia
- Fluency
- Autism
- Social Skills

Adult Speech, Language, & Cognition

- Aphasia
- Post Stroke Communication Group
- Parkinson's Voice Project
- Transgender Voice
- Fluency
- American English Accent Training

Hearing Services

- Audiological Evaluations
- Hearing Aid fittings



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