

Building the Brain: A Neurobiological Approach to Assessment and Treatment

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Faculty

Robin Harwell, M.A., CCC-SLP is a dynamic instructor and clinician who takes complex information and easily applies it clinically. She has extensive experience in a variety of settings, including hospital, clinic, nursing home, home health, private practice and public schools. She spends the majority of her time working “hands-on” at a facility that has incorporated her brain building program. This program, GaitWay to the Brain was part of a published 2+year study by a major university. She limits her private practice, since 2020, to in-person assessments only. She continues consulting with other facilities on their brain building programs.

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If you wish to “practice” and “use” what you will learn in the workshop, these items are part of the 2nd day of the Webinar:

1. One (1) 7”-8” hand-held flashlight with incandescent light for treatment (NO LED lights, MUST be Incandescent). I use Rayovac (found online at Ace Hardware for as little as \$1.99). *Will need to glue a penny on it (in the center of the lens) with a glue gun or some form of superglue: DO NOT TAPE the penny to the lens: this distorts the light and is useless for our purposes. If you prefer to wait to see how your flashlight/penny should look, we will do this together at the end of the first day of the webinar.*
2. One (1) small “doctor’s” penlight (it will use incandescent light). This will be for assessment.
3. Three (3) racquetballs of varying colors if you can; all one color is fine.
4. Several sheets of plain drawing paper if it is available; otherwise, unlined typing paper will suffice.
5. Two (2) differently colored pens, if possible.

About this Live Webinar

This intensive lab course will help you link neuroscience to your clinical practice with a focus on evidence-based interventions to improve measurable outcomes for adults and children with neurological challenges. It teaches you how to use tools to support the brain's ability to rewire itself rather than retraining or relearning a specific skill. This course draws on the expansive brain-behavioral sciences to provide a framework for assessment, priority setting, prognosis and intervention for clients in any treatment setting from those with acute issues such as medically fragile diagnoses, behavioral issues, to those with chronic issues in any treatment setting.

Objectives

At the completion of this webinar participants will be able to:

- Describe the neurobiology of therapeutic relationship and attachment as a healing force in therapy
- Identify and describe the stress response as an antagonist to healing
- Analyze the role of arousal as the driving force for attention, learning and rehabilitation
- Apply a skill set of “tools” for building the brain as an aspect of neuro-rehabilitation
- Demonstrate a preliminary understanding of the brain/body self-healing mechanisms and the implementation of complementary healing techniques

Audience

This course applies from infants to geriatrics with any neurologic disorders. The course is appropriate for Physical Therapists and assistants, Occupational Therapists and assistants, Speech Language Pathologists and assistants.

Schedule – Day 1 9:10 am - 6:30 pm EST (US)

9:10-9:30	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
9:30-11:00	Brain Research and its Implications for Therapy
11:00-11:45	Foundations for Therapy Success in Adults and Children Network Theory, Arousal, Attention, Learning, Self-regulation, Modulation
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-1:30	LAB + Lecture: Tools to Prepare the Brain/Body System for Learning and Retraining
1:30-2:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Techniques to Balance the System: Quantum Healing
3:00-3:30	The Healing Brain: Neurogenesis, Neuroplasticity, Neurodevelopment
3:30-4:15	Clinical Applications of Current Knowledge on How the Brain Learns: Auditory, Visual, Vestibular, Sequential Processing Brain Dominance
4:15-4:30	Break
4:30-5:00	LAB: Mental Practice
5:00-6:30	The Stress Connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gut brain/inflammation • Exercise and the brain • Sedentary lifestyle • What the science tells us

Schedule – Day 2 9:10 am - 5:00 pm EST (US)

9:10-9:30	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
9:30-10:00	Theoretical Framework for a NeuroIntegrative Approach to Treatment
10:00-11:45	An Interactive Approach to Assessment: A New Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration and video
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-1:00	Demonstration and video continued Troubleshooting Workshop Attendees' Clientele (<i>submitted prior to day two</i>)
1:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:00	LAB: Tools to Retrain and Relearn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional skills evidence-based strategies • Visual vestibular tactile brain gym • Videos of tools used with clientele of varying ages/diagnoses
3:00-3:45	LAB + Lecture: An Integrative Approach to Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrations and videos: tools applied with a variety of clientele
3:45-4:00	Break
4:00-5:00	Troubleshooting for Functional Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended reading • Research and resources

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