

BU Aphasia Resource Center



Summer Session 2024

May 29, 2024 – August 7, 2024

Some groups will be held online via Zoom, and some groups will be held in person. If you plan to attend our online sessions, high speed internet and the use of a laptop, desktop computer or tablet is recommended for the best experience. Parking may be available during in person groups for those who need it.

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Registration Deadline: Monday, May 13th, 2024

Registration

The **Aphasia Resource Center** is pleased to announce the Summer 2024 Program. This semester we will have **both in person and online sessions.**

Enrollment

You may request enrollment by completing the separate registration form. If you are new to groups, please see the section "New Referrals" below.

- Forms can be completed and sent by email to aphasiacenter@bu.edu
- You may also register by phone at (617) 353 0197.
 - Please leave a message with your name, contact information and group selection(s).

Requirements for Participation: Online Groups

For **online** participation, group members must have access to Zoom with video and audio, as well as access to email.

Deadline

Registration request forms MUST be received by Monday May 13, 2024 to receive full consideration.

Placement and Confirmation

Group enrollment numbers will be strictly limited to preserve the quality of the treatment, and to maintain safety regulations. Requests will be reviewed to determine appropriateness of each individual for the requested group(s). Registration requests received after the deadline will be assigned on a first come, first served basis while space is available.

If you wish to enroll in more than one group, please **RANK** the groups according to your preference. Please also indicate the **TOTAL** number of groups you would like to take. Places will be assigned based on your preference.

We encourage you to request as many groups as you wish; however, <u>registration requests are not a guarantee of enrollment</u>. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with your group placement no later than Monday, May 20, 2024. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the center.

New Referrals

To help us provide the best possible care, we ask that all new referrals send a recent evaluation report from another facility along with your application.

Faculty

Jerry Kaplan, M.A., CCC-SLP

Note about Online and In Person Groups

Information about joining online groups with Zoom will be shared after group confirmations have been sent out.

Please note that in person groups and online groups will be held separately. For example, you may not attend a specified in-person group online.

Descriptions below will indicate if the group will be held in person or online.

Parking

If you *require* parking close to the building, please indicate this on your registration form with the make and model of your car as well as your license plate number.

<u>Limited space is available</u> in our parking area located behind the building. Instruction on how to access the lot will be sent via email prior to the start of the program. Otherwise, there is a drop off location at the front of our building at 635 Commonwealth Avenue as well as metered parking along Commonwealth Ave.

Monday Groups

Monday Morning Groups

Toastmasters/Storytelling (in person)

This group will focus on communicating effectively when speaking in groups. It is modeled after Toastmasters International, whose philosophy is to learn by doing in a supportive environment. Group Members will share stories and experiences on a variety of topics and will provide feedback to each other. Specific strategies in areas such as organization, eye contact, use of notes, and visual materials will be provided. The goal is to enable the storyteller/speaker to more effectively communicate in group speaking situations.

Meeting time: Mondays, 10:30–11:45 am Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Monday Afternoon Groups

<u>Total Conversation</u> In person

"Total Conversation" Group is a combination of past "Conversation" and "Total Communication" Groups. This group addresses functional communication through talking, writing, drawing, and forms of nonverbal communication such as gesture and pantomime. Music, poetry, and other forms of creative expression will also be encouraged. This Group will encourage participants with diverse types and severities of aphasia to exchange ideas and develop connections through all forms of communication.

Meeting time: Mondays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm **Faculty:** Jerry Kaplan

Wednesday Groups

Wednesday Morning Groups

<u>Movies</u> Online

This group will feature both classic and contemporary movies and documentaries, including silent movies. Participants will receive links to movies and documentaries to watch at home. During each session, we will watch specific scenes and discuss the plot, characters, relationships, and other aspects of the movie. Movie suggestions from group members are encouraged.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 10:30–11:45 am Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Wednesday Afternoon Groups

Music Appreciation Online

The Music Appreciation Group, formerly the Chorus Group, will gather via Zoom Video to discuss, listen to, and perform songs from a variety of genres. Group members will be encouraged to share favorite songs, music videos, perform on their own musical instruments and in group singing.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm **Faculty**: Jerry Kaplan

Group Meeting Dates

Monday Groups Meeting Dates			
June 3 (First day of Monday groups)	July 8		
June 10	July 15		
June 17	July 22		
June 24	July 29		
July 1	August 5		

Wednesday Groups Meeting Dates			
May 29 (First day of Wednesday groups)	July 10		
June 5	July 17		
June 12	July 24		
No Class June 19: Observation of Juneteenth	July 31		
June 26	August 7		
July 3			

Aphasia Community Group Saturday Group

Now in its 35th year, the Aphasia Community Group provides education, support, socialization, and resources for those whose lives have been touched by aphasia and related disorders.

Presentations on treatment, recreation, community and family support are offered by group members and guests. In the last portion of each session, the group is divided into smaller "breakout" sessions to share ideas, feelings, and concerns.

The ACG is currently offered **online** sessions on the dates listed below. We will send email announcements about these online sessions with the zoom link information.

Meeting time: Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Faculty:** Jerry Kaplan

Saturday Meeting Dates			
May 4		June 22	
May 20		July 13	
June 1		August 3	



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Times	Monday	Wednesday	Saturday		
10:30am- 11:45 am	Toastmasters (Jerry Kaplan) In Person	Movies (Jerome Kaplan) Online	Aphasia Community Group Aphasia 11am-12:30pm		
11:45am- 1:00 pm	Lunch Break		May 4 May 20 June 1 June 22 July 13		
1:00pm- 2:15 pm	Total Conversation Group (Jerry Kaplan) In Person	Music Appreciation (Jerry Kaplan) Online	August 3		