

Criteria for Participation

The criteria for participation in Brooks Rehabilitation Aphasia Center include all of the following:

1. Acquired neurological disease or injury with a concomitant diagnosis of aphasia. May be related to but not limited to: Stroke, Brain Injury (traumatic and non-traumatic) or Primary Progressive Aphasia.
2. Age 18 or older.
3. Independent in daily self-care activities or accompanied by a companion.
4. Co-existing disorders (apraxia, dysarthria, cognitive-linguistic deficits) may exist but must not be more prominent than the aphasia or prohibit the individual from actively participating and benefiting from center activities (i.e., dementia).
5. Must be able to sustain adequate alertness/attention for hour long group activities from 9 am to 2 pm.
6. Must not demonstrate behaviors that are disruptive or offensive to other members/staff (e.g., extreme emotional liability, wandering, violent outbursts).
7. Must be able to participate in a group (even if it's difficult or limited).
8. Must have access to transportation to/from the center during programming hours.
9. Must be independent in ADL's (toileting, ambulation, eating, saliva control) or be accompanied by a caregiver. The caregiver must be available to the member at all times while attending the center.
10. Behavior does not pose a risk of injury to self or others.
11. Admissions are not limited on the basis of sex, race, or religion.
12. Members must have the ability to communicate in English as the BRAC currently has the capacity to provide services only to English speakers.
13. Referrals are accepted from self-referral, physicians, psychologists, insurers, schools, families, rehab specialists, and other interested parties.
14. Ability to actively participate during course of treatment.

We look forward to meeting you and your family.