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# Fundamentals Certificate

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The all-new training and certificate program for non-licensed direct care staff and individual caregivers.

## Did you get your certificate?

Display your achievement by wearing a Brain Injury Fundamentals pin!

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Developed by experienced clinicians and rehabilitation professionals, Brain Injury Fundamentals is an all-new training and certificate program designed to address the unique needs and challenges of those who care for or encounter individuals with brain injury. This includes non-licensed direct care staff persons, facility staff, family members and friends, first responders, and others in the community. The mandatory training course covers essential topics such as:

- Cognition
- Guidelines for interacting and building rapport
- Brain injury and behavior
- Medical complications

- Safe medication management
- Families coping with brain injury

The course is grounded in adult learning principles, maximizing participant engagement and application through an interactive workbook. Using real-life scenarios to anchor the course concepts, participants learn about the challenges people face following brain injury and the types of support they need. This essential program will help candidates understand different types of behavior, manage medication safely, and provide support to families and friends.

After completing intensive training, candidates will receive a certificate that is valid for three years. To learn more about the training and certificate process, [click here](#).

## Training

Training is required in order to receive the Brain Injury Fundamentals certificate. We anticipate that trainings will take approximately 7 to 12 hours, but this will depend on the individual instructor and training style. If you would like to become a Brain Injury Fundamentals Instructor, [click here](#) to learn more about the process. To become an instructor, you must be (1) a current Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer or (2) a current Certified Brain Injury Specialist who has held CBIS certification for three or more years.

Official training will be provided by approved Brain Injury Fundamentals instructors and may be offered at specific Brain Injury Association state affiliate conferences and events and through many service providers across the country. If you are interested in Brain Injury Fundamentals training for yourself or your organization, you can find a list of qualified trainers [here](#).

[Contact the ACBIS office](#) with questions about training or [sign up here](#) to be notified when online training becomes available.

## Costs & Fees

Fundamentals Application (including Practical Training Workbook): \$125 plus shipping\*

Training fees vary by instructor.

*\*Fundamentals Application fees are non-refundable.*

For more information and frequently asked questions about the program, please [click here](#).

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## Speak to a Professional Services Representative

An ACBIS professional services representative is happy to assist you with questions related to obtaining your certification, taking the exam, renewals, and more!

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