



CNS-ADVANCED Pediatrics Certification Course

THE NEURO SPECIALIST INSTITUTE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The CNS-Advanced® Pediatrics Certification Course is a 14-hour continuing education (CE) course for healthcare professionals. It is an advanced-level course for those who have obtained the designation Certified Neuro Specialist or CNS.

The course covers neurological conditions in the pediatric population including pediatric stroke, brain injury, neuroblastoma, meningitis, encephalitis, and other acquired and congenital conditions. Participants will receive distance learning education on current, evidence-based interventions that can be applied to the pediatric population in an age-appropriate manner.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Evaluate the clinical presentation and pathophysiology of congenital and acquired pediatric neurological conditions.
- Incorporate natural play with functional interventions to support the developmental progression of ADLs.
- Design innovative treatment plans that utilize new technologies and devices in clinical practice.
- Synthesize the lived experiences of actual patients to create a comprehensive treatment plan that is client-centered and evidenced-based.

PROGRAM CONTENT

Participants will engage in a variety of critical thinking and clinical reasoning modules, including:

- Neuroplasticity, Child Development & Milestones
- Acquired Pediatric Conditions – Oncological, Neurological, Other Acquired Events
- Congenital Anomalies – Spina Bifida, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Rett Syndrome, Neurofibromatosis, Cerebral Palsy
- Rehabilitation Techniques & Interventions
- “Lived Experiences.” Case Studies, and Resources



REGISTRATION

Register online at www.neurospecialist.org/advanced
For participant security, payment by cash/check is **not** accepted.

Course Fee: \$119.00

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of all modules and the Certification Exam is required to earn continuing education units (CEUs) and the certification, "CNS-Advanced Pediatrics."
- Participants must receive a passing score of 80% to obtain the CNS designation and earn continuing education credits.
- Participants who do not pass the exam on the first attempt will have one opportunity to remediate.

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

- After the five-year certification period, renewal is required to maintain certification status every five years. Individuals must provide documentation of the following continuing education (CE) requirements (24 hours total):
 - Minimum of 8 hours from any CNS-Advanced Course.
 - Remaining 16 hours of continuing education may be completed from any course related to neurological conditions or deficits.
 - If audited, applicants must submit evidence of continuing education hours. Approved documentation may include CE transcripts, letters, or certificates from organizations, courses, seminars, workshops, etc.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

The CNS-Advanced® Pediatric Certification Course is an advanced-level course. Participants are required to develop, design, and integrate complex treatment protocols by the end of the course. Participants are required to demonstrate competency by taking the Certification Exam at the end of the course.



TARGET AUDIENCE

The CNS-Advanced Pediatric Certification Course is exclusive to healthcare professionals who have completed the initial CNS Certification Course and have earned the CNS Certification.

The CNS-Advanced Pediatric Certification Course is intended for occupational therapists (OT), occupational therapy assistants (OTA), physical therapists (PT), & physical therapist assistants (PTA).

Other healthcare professionals interested in neuro-rehabilitation may be eligible to take the course. Please verify with your State or National Board for CEU eligibility.

CONTACT HOURS & CEUS

14 contact hours (1.4 AOTA CEUs) for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants via the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Approved Provider Program; please see the list of participating states at www.aota.org.

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) does not pre-approve continuing education courses. Each individual participant is responsible for verifying CEU/PDU eligibility, and for submitting any required documentations to their State Board.

The assignment of AOTA CEUs does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products, or clinical procedures by AOTA or indicate AOTA approval of a certification or other professional recognition.

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COURSE AGENDA

Topic	Time
Module 1: Pediatric Neurological Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Pediatric Neuroplasticity• Arterial Occlusion & Brain Anatomy• Oncological – Neuroblastoma, Ependymoma, Astrocytoma, Germ Cell Tumor, Posterior Fossa Syndrome• Stroke, Pediatric TBI, Hypoxic Events, Meningitis, Encephalitis	2hr 38 min
Module 2: Techniques & Interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling• Splinting• Forced-Use Therapy• Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality• Interventions for Developmental Milestones<ul style="list-style-type: none">– ADLs, Cognition, Play Development, Motor Skills, Grasp, & Reflexes	2 hr 17 min
Module 3: Congenital Anomalies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spina Bifida• Autism Spectrum Disorder• Rett Syndrome• Neurofibromatosis• Cerebral Palsy	3 hr 30 min
Module 4: “Lived Experience” Interviews	5 hr 25 min
Module 5: Resources & Conclusion	13 min
Total Time	14 hr 03 min

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Lectures, videos, step-by-step demonstrations, case studies, role-play, real-life “lived experiences”



SPECIAL NEEDS & ACCOMMODATIONS

If participants require special needs or accommodations, please contact The Neuro Specialist Institute via email: info@neurospecialist.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Participants will have immediate access to course content; therefore, all sales are final. Participants are not eligible for a refund, even if they do not complete the course or pass the certification exam.

AGREEMENTS

By registering, participants agree to the **Important Information & Disclaimers, Terms & Conditions**, and **Privacy Policy**, accessible online at www.neurospecialist.org.

DISCLAIMERS

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The "CNS" and "CNS-Advanced" designations indicate that a healthcare practitioner has completed advanced-level training in neurological rehabilitation through a series of workshops/seminars, and has successfully passed a certification examination. Certification indicates that a person has met the specific requirements of the certification process, but is not a guarantee of any treatment processes, results, or outcomes. The "CNS" and "CNS-Advanced" designations do not expand a professional's scope of practice. It does not qualify a healthcare professional to offer or provide professional services without appropriate licensure or credentials.

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The Neuro Specialist Institute reserves the right to screen applicants prior to registration to determine if they meet professional, legal, and ethical requirements. Only applicants in good standing (not subject to any sanction, suspension, or disciplinary censures) and without history of any legal/ethical/academic disciplinary actions will be given consideration to take any course by The Neuro Specialist Institute.



SPEAKER

Chrysolite (Chrissy) Gaddam

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Chrissy earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Family Studies & Human Development from the University of Arizona. She earned her Doctor of Occupational Therapy at West Coast University Center for Graduate Studies in Los Angeles. During her doctoral capstone experience at The Neuro Specialist Institute and Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), she developed intervention programs for children with acquired neurological conditions.

Chrissy currently works at Sevita NeuroRestorative and various school-based settings. She also has experience in inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient rehabilitation for the adult population. She is a Certified Neuro Specialist and is approved for advanced practice in Physical Agent Modalities (PAM).

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