

# CNS-ADVANCED COGNITION CERTIFICATION COURSE

THE NEURO SPECIALIST INSTITUTE

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The CNS-Advanced® Cognition Certification Course is an 8-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 evidence-based interventions for individuals living with cognitive-related impairments or conditions. Participants will receive distance learning education on various cognitive processes; instructional methods for cognitive rehabilitation; strategies to improve attention, memory, and higher order executive functions.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

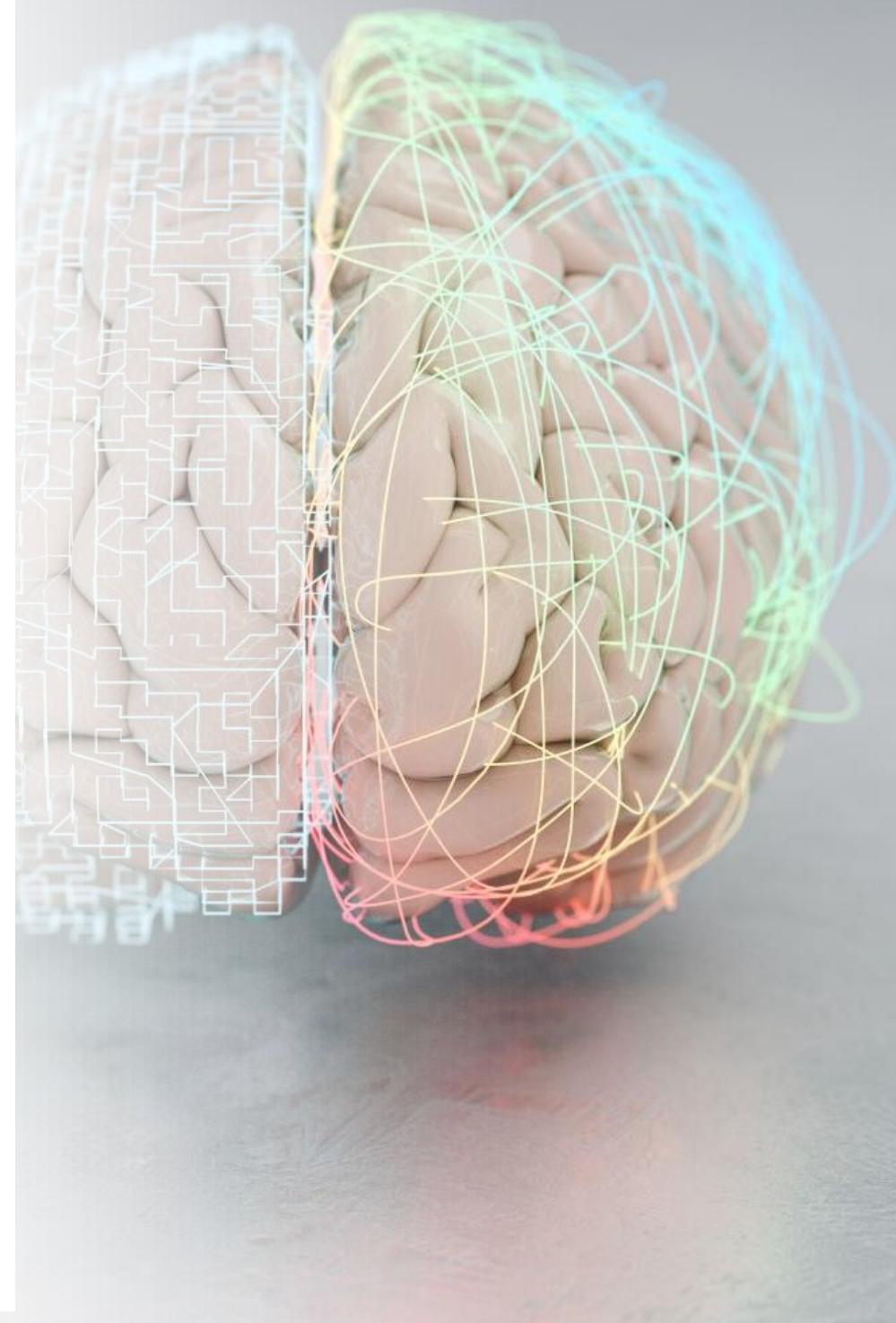
At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Implement evidence-based cognitive interventions in a variety of settings.
- Develop instructional methods for a variety of cognitive deficits to maximize patient performance and skill acquisition.
- Synthesize caregiver experiences with evidence-based interventions to optimize functional outcomes.

## PROGRAM CONTENT

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

- Optimizing cognitive function affected by brain injuries, neurologic conditions, or events.
- Understanding cognitive processing, physical and psychosocial states, and behavioral changes to make necessary adaptations through compensatory and restorative approaches.
- Utilizing instructional methods and repetition of processes that rely heavily on neuroplasticity.
- Utilizing a variety of intervention strategies including direct instruction, consistent wording, modeling, practice, cumulative review, trial & error, errorless learning, spaced retrieval, and vanishing cues.



## REGISTRATION

Register online at [www.neurospecialist.org/advanced](http://www.neurospecialist.org/advanced)

For participant security, payment by cash/check is **not** accepted.

**Course Fee: \$79.00**

## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of all modules and the Certification Exam is required to earn continuing education units (CEUs) and the certification, "CNS-Advanced Cognition."
- 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.

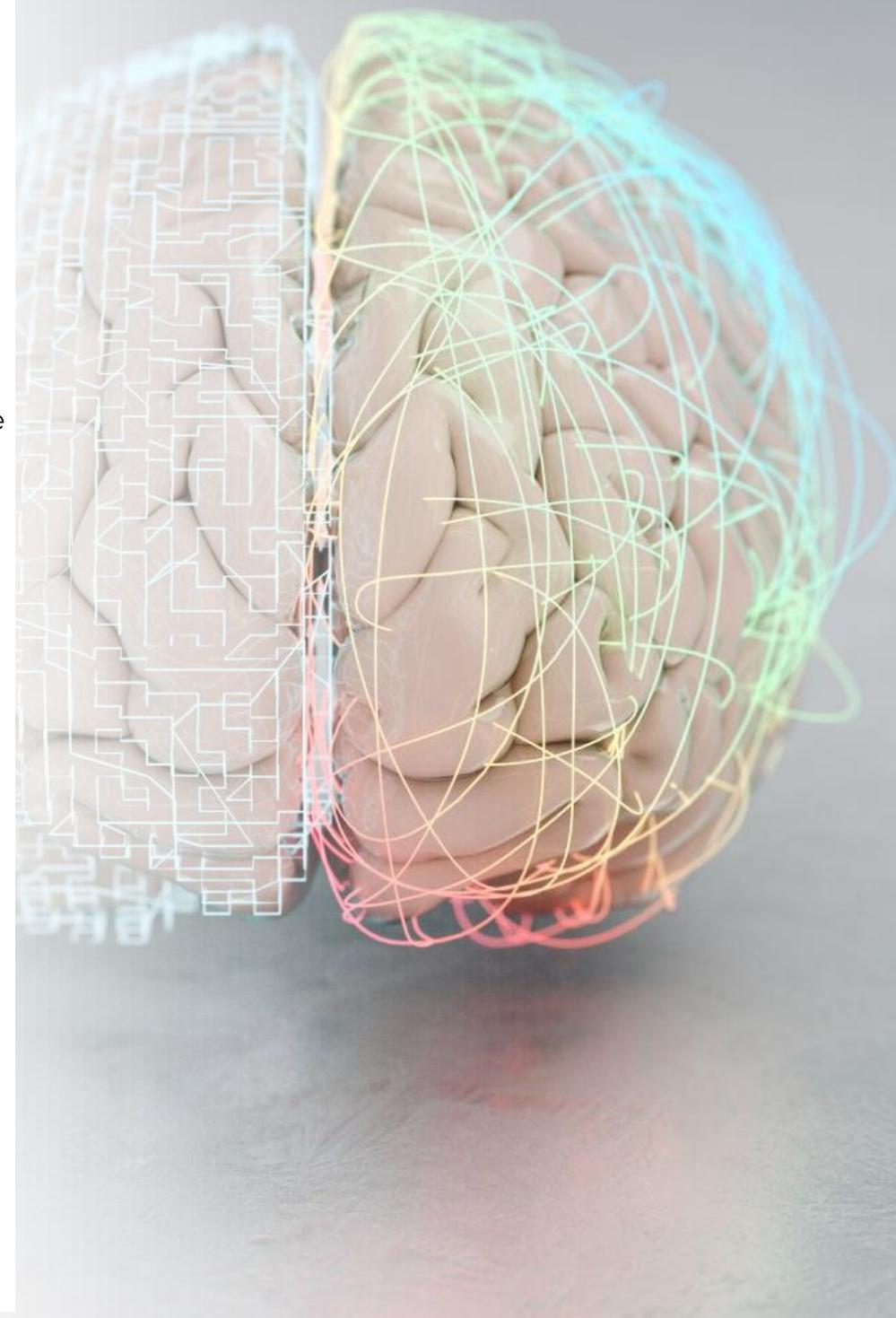
## CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

- After the five-year certification period, a renewal application 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® Cognition 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 Cognition Certification Course is exclusive to healthcare professionals who have completed the initial CNS Certification Course and have earned the CNS Certification.

The CNS-Advanced Cognition 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.

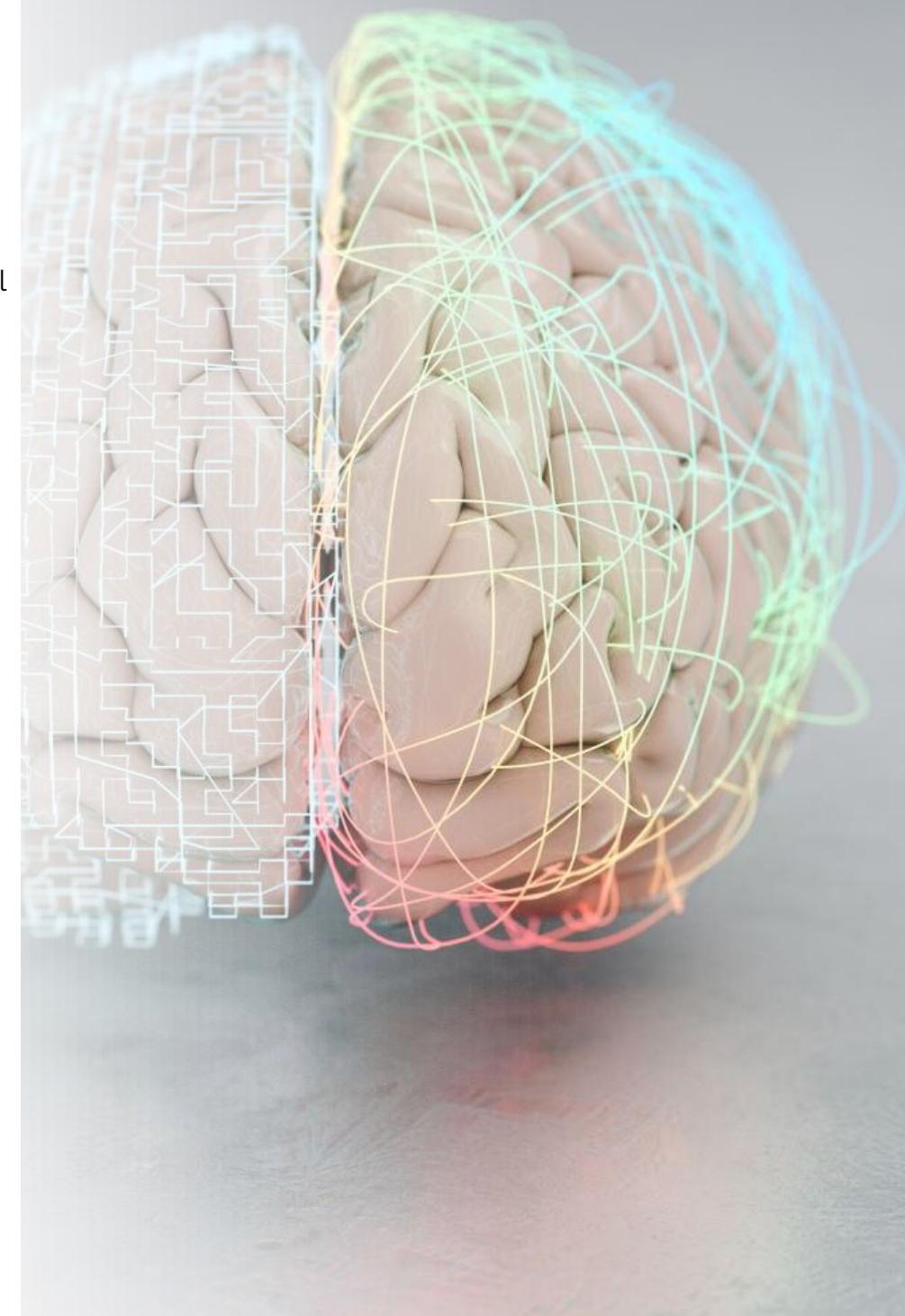
## CONTACT HOURS & CEUS

8 contact hours (0.8 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](http://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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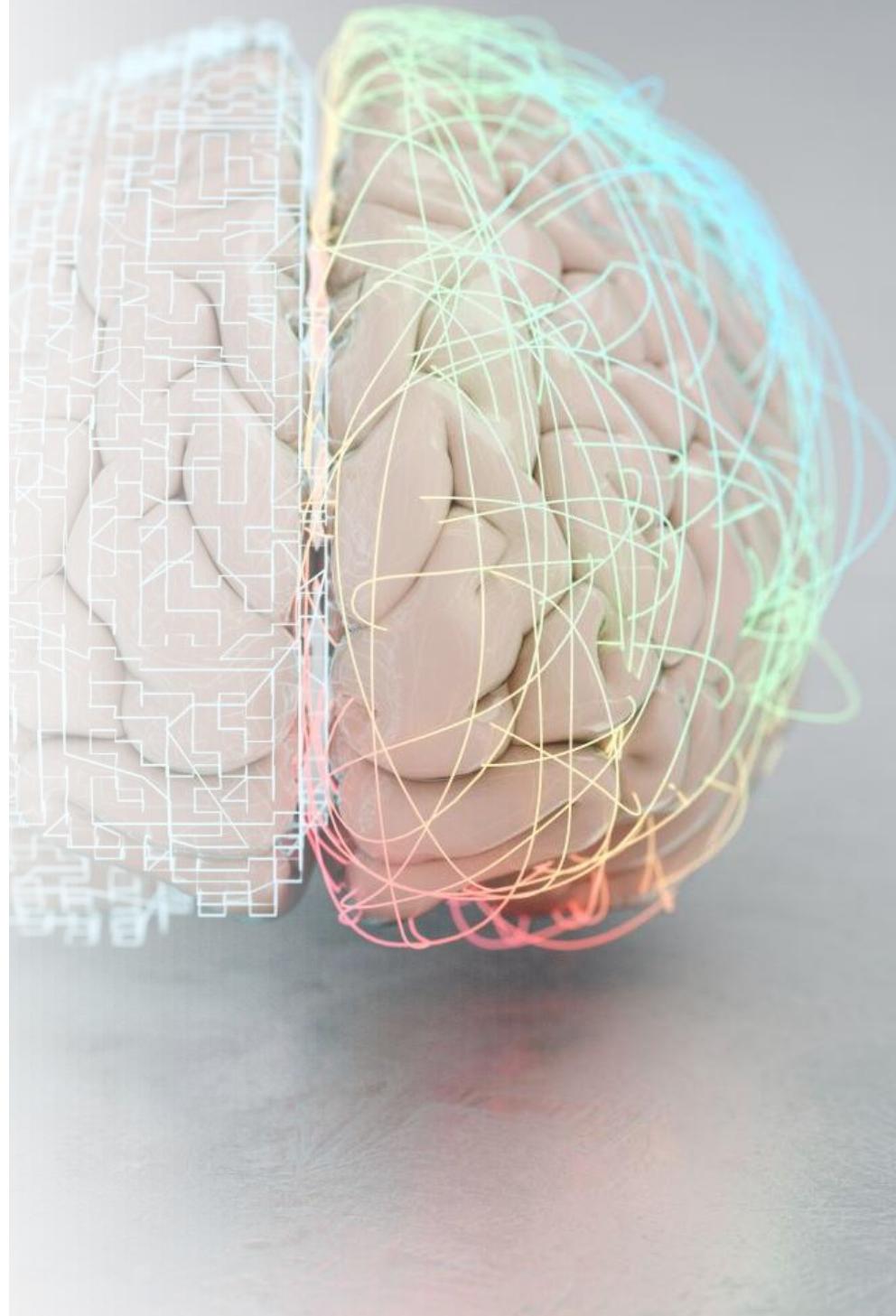


## COURSE AGENDA

Topic	Time
<b>Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Cognitive Processes</li><li>• Instructional Methods for Rehabilitation</li><li>• Utilizing the Rehabilitation Treatment Specification System (RTSS)</li><li>• Overview of Memory, Attention, and Executive Functions</li></ul>	1 hr 27 min
<b>Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Direct Instruction</li><li>• Trial &amp; Error</li><li>• Errorless Learning</li><li>• Spaced Retrieval</li><li>• Vanishing Cues</li></ul>	1 hr 42 min
<b>Part 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intervention Strategies for Attention, Memory, and Executive Functions</li><li>• Dual Tasking</li><li>• Computer-Based Cognitive Rehabilitation</li></ul>	2 hr 35 min
<b>Part 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmacology</li><li>• Vitamin Supplementation</li><li>• Holistic Approaches</li></ul>	1 hr 57 min
<b>Part 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caregiver Wellness, Insights, Education, and Interventions</li></ul>	27 min
<b>Total Time</b>	8 hr 8 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](mailto: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](http://www.neurospecialist.org).

## DISCLAIMERS

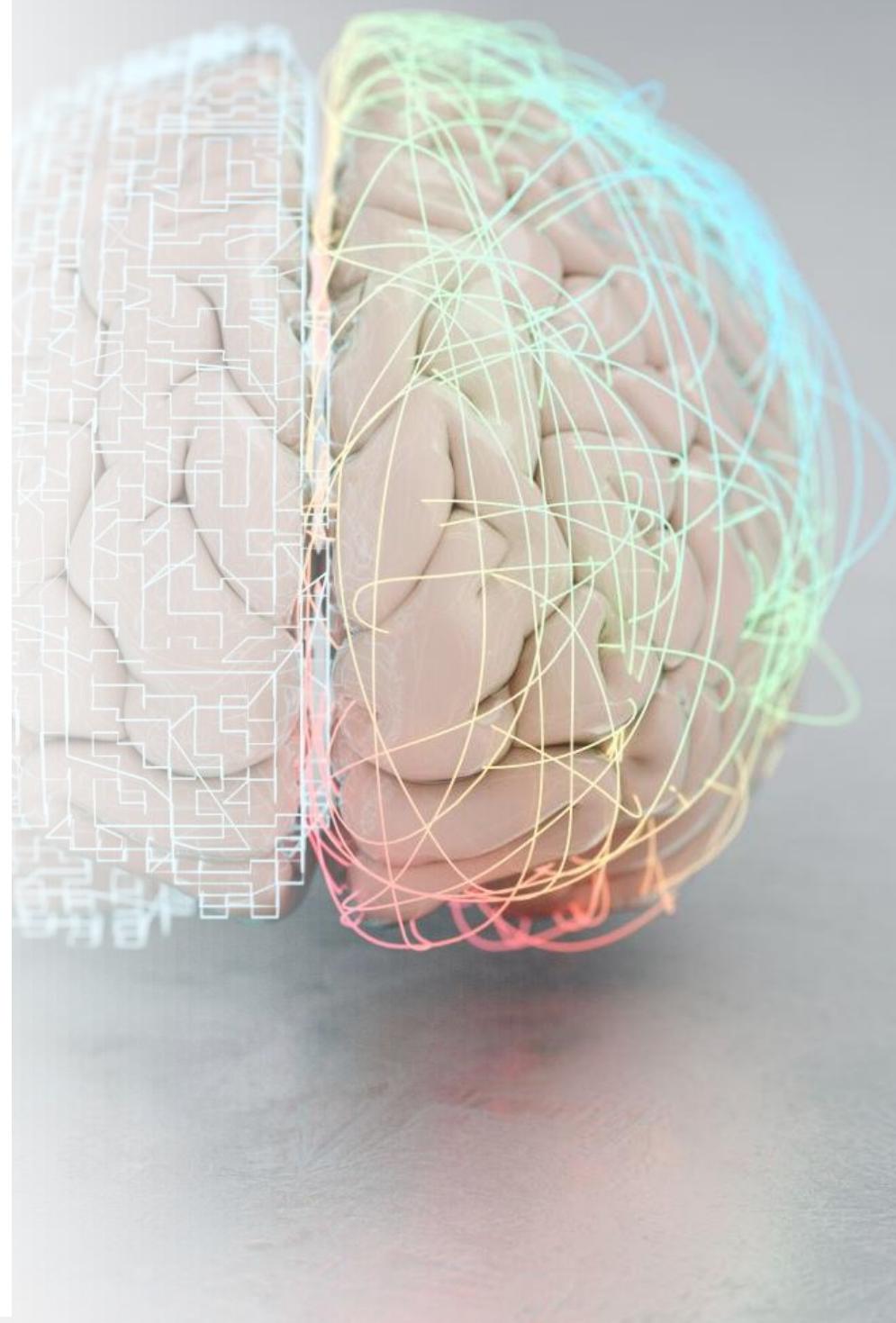
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The "CNS" and "CNS-Advanced" designations indicate that a healthcare practitioner has completed advanced-level training in neurological rehabilitation through a series of workshops/seminars, and has successfully passed a certification examination.

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.

The Neuro Specialist Institute shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, claim, or otherwise, whether an action in contract or tort and shall further not be liable for any lost profits, or direct, indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages of any kind (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expenses).

The Neuro Specialist Institute reserves the right to screen applicants prior to registration in order 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

### Reya Andrews

OTD, OTR/L, CNS

Reya earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and went on to receive her Doctor of Occupational Therapy from West Coast University in Los Angeles. She currently works in neurorehabilitation at the Center for Neuro Skills, a specialized brain injury and stroke center, and provides care across a variety of settings including inpatient, outpatient, day treatment, and assisted living.

In addition to neurological populations, Reya has experience treating patients with a wide range of hand and upper extremity conditions. Reya has designed and implemented multiple mental health programs within forensic occupational therapy. She also developed the CNS-Advanced Cognition Certification Course to address gaps in knowledge among rehabilitation professionals. Outside of her professional pursuits, Reya enjoys spending time with loved ones, cooking, and being outdoors.

#### Speaker Disclosures:

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