



Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists Fundamentals Program FAQs

What is the Brain Injury Fundamentals Program?

Brain Injury Fundamentals is a training and certificate program that addresses the practical needs and challenges of those who care for or encounter individuals with brain injury.

What are the eligibility requirements of the program and who can take the course?

There are no requirements. All individuals can take the course and pursue the certificate. The program is designed for non-licensed direct care staff, individual caregivers, family members and friends, first responders, and others in the community.

What are the associated costs?

The published price for a single applicant is US\$133, which includes applicant registration, one copy of the Fundamentals Practical Training Workbook, and shipping. This fee does not cover potential training costs, which are determined by instructors.

Who teaches the course? What is taught in the course?

The Fundamentals course is delivered by approved Brain Injury Fundamentals Instructors. The course is grounded in adult learning principles, maximizing participant engagement and application through an interactive workbook. The training course covers topics such as Cognition, Guidelines for Interacting and Building Rapport, Brain Injury and Behavior, Medical Complications, Safe Medication Management, and Families Coping with Brain Injury.

What is the process to obtain the Fundamentals certificate?

Candidates must register and attend a training course, submit an electronic application and payment, and successfully pass the online quiz in order to obtain the Fundamentals certificate.

Is training mandatory? If so, where and when are trainings held?

Yes. Didactic training must be arranged and coordinated with a Brain Injury Fundamentals Instructor. Details, such as location and time, vary based on the instructors' availability.

How long are trainings?

The length of a training course is dependent on the instructor and his/her teaching plan. In piloting the Fundamentals program, we found that training may take from 7 to 12 hours.

Are there online trainings available?

Yes. A recorded webinar is available for purchase in the BIAA online marketplace.

What are the benefits of participating in the Fundamentals program?

The Fundamentals program promotes a higher standard of care. By taking the course, you will broaden your knowledge of brain injury and improve your ability to interact with and/or care for individuals with brain injury.



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Does Fundamentals count as a credential?

Brain Injury Fundamentals is not a credential or licensure. It is a certificate of completion for those who complete Fundamentals training and pass an online quiz.

How long is the certificate period and what is the renewal process?

The certificate is valid for three years. Certificate holders must repeat the course and pay associated fees to renew the certificate.

When and where do I take the quiz?

The quiz can only be taken after all forms and fees have been submitted, processed and approved, and after completing training. The quiz is administered online, and candidates must arrange their own quiz date & time with the ACBIS office through the Fundamentals Quiz Generation Card.

What will I find on the quiz and what score is required to pass?

The quiz has 34 multiple choice questions with two ungraded short answer questions. Candidates must score 80% or higher in order to pass the quiz.

What study tools and resources are available?

There is a complimentary Brain Injury Fundamentals Practical Training Workbook with each application purchase.

What is the Brain Injury Fundamentals Practical Training Workbook?

It is a paperback, 7 module, 83-page text that accompanies official Brain Injury Fundamentals trainings. The workbook includes guided prompts for notes to help the attendee record important concepts presented during training.