



Aphasia Resource Center



Summer Session 2025

May 29, 2025 – August 7, 2025

*Some groups will be held **online** via Zoom, and some groups will be held **in person**. If you plan to attend our online sessions, high speed internet and the use of a laptop, desktop computer or tablet is recommended for the best experience. Parking may be available during **in person** groups for those who need it.*

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Registration Deadline: Monday, May 12th, 2025

Registration

The **Aphasia Resource Center** is pleased to announce the Summer 2025 Program. This semester we will have **both in person and online sessions**.

Enrollment

You may request enrollment by completing the separate registration form.

If you are new to groups, please see the section “New Referrals” below.

- Forms can be completed and sent by email to aphasiacenter@bu.edu
- You may also register by phone at (617) 353 – 0197.
 - Please leave a message with your name, contact information and group selection(s).

Requirements for Participation: Online Groups

For **online** participation, group members must have access to Zoom with video and audio, as well as access to email.

Deadline

Registration request forms MUST be received by **Monday May 12, 2025** to receive full consideration.

Placement and Confirmation

Group enrollment numbers will be strictly limited to preserve the quality of the treatment, and to maintain safety regulations. Requests will be reviewed to determine appropriateness of each individual for the requested group(s). Registration requests received after the deadline will be assigned on a first come, first served basis while space is available.

If you wish to enroll in more than one group, please **RANK** the groups according to your preference. Please also indicate the **TOTAL** number of groups you would like to take. Places will be assigned based on your preference.

We encourage you to request as many groups as you wish; however, **registration requests are not a guarantee of enrollment**. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with your group placement no later than Monday, May 19, 2025. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the center.

New Referrals

To help us provide the best possible care, we ask that all new referrals send a recent evaluation report from another facility along with your application.

Faculty

Jerry Kaplan, M.A., CCC-SLP

Anne Carney, M.S., CCC-SLP

Note about Online and In Person Groups

Information about joining online groups with Zoom will be shared after group confirmations have been sent out.

Please note that **in person** groups and **online** groups will be held separately. For example, you may not attend a specified in-person group online.

Descriptions below will indicate if the group will be held **in person** or **online**.

Parking

If you *require* parking close to the building, please indicate this on your registration form with the make and model of your car as well as your license plate number.

Limited space is available in our parking area located behind the building. Instruction on how to access the lot will be sent via email prior to the start of the program. Otherwise, there is a drop off location at the front of our building at 635 Commonwealth Avenue as well as metered parking along Commonwealth Ave.

Monday Groups

Monday Morning Groups

Toastmasters

In person

This group will focus on communicating effectively when speaking in groups. It is modeled after Toastmasters International, whose philosophy is to learn by doing in a supportive environment. Group Members will share stories and experiences on a variety of topics and will provide feedback to each other. Specific strategies in areas such as organization, eye contact, use of notes, and visual materials will be provided. The goal is to enable the storyteller/speaker to more effectively communicate in group speaking situations.

Meeting time: Mondays, 10:30–11:45 am

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Monday Afternoon Groups

Conversation

In person

This group will address functional communication through talking, gesturing, drawing, and writing. Drawing upon our experiences and interests, participants will practice using effective strategies to exchange ideas and develop connections through communication.

Meeting time: Mondays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Wednesday Groups

Wednesday Morning Groups

Movies

Online

This group will feature both classic and contemporary movies and documentaries, including silent movies. Participants will receive links to movies and documentaries to watch at home. During each session, we will watch specific scenes and discuss the plot, characters, relationships, and other aspects of the movie. Movie suggestions from group members are encouraged.

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 10:30–11:45 am

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Wednesday Afternoon Groups

Storytelling Group

Online

We all have stories to share. Aphasia should not be a barrier to sharing them. The Storytelling Group is for people who want to share personal stories. You are welcome to have a "co-storyteller" assist you. Your motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment are the essentials to successful storytelling. Join us!

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 1:00 –2:15 pm

Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Thursday Groups

Thursday Morning Groups

Fiction Book Club

Online

This group meets to discuss the content and ideas generated through reading a text. The “book” is ~300 pages in length and is chosen by the group members from a choice of 4-5 offered texts. Group members may read the text or listen to an audio version.

Meeting time: Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:45am

Faculty: Anne Carney

Thursday Afternoon Groups

Talk of the Town!

Online

Many of us enjoy reading or watching the news. In this group, we will practice sharing thoughts and ideas as we discuss current events taking place locally as well as around the world. Together, we will read and/or watch news articles and discuss these current events. Each meeting, we will also focus a portion of the discussion on at least one positive news story. Participants should understand spoken or written language at a paragraph level.

Meeting time: Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Faculty: Anne Carney

Group Meeting Dates

Monday Groups Meeting Dates

June 2 (<i>First day of Monday groups</i>)	July 7
June 9	July 14
June 16	July 21
June 23	July 28
June 30	August 4

Wednesday Groups Meeting Dates

June 4 (<i>First day of Wednesday groups</i>)	July 9
June 11	July 16
June 18	July 23
June 25	July 30
July 2	August 6

Thursday Groups Meeting Dates

May 29 (<i>First day of Thursday groups</i>)	July 10
June 5	July 17
June 12	July 24
No Class June 19: Holiday	July 31
June 26	August 7
July 3	

Aphasia Community Group

Saturday Group

Now in its 36th year, the Aphasia Community Group provides education, support, socialization, and resources for those whose lives have been touched by aphasia and related disorders.

Presentations on treatment, recreation, community and family support are offered by group members and guests. In the last portion of each session, the group is divided into smaller “breakout” sessions to share ideas, feelings, and concerns.

The ACG is currently offering [online](#) sessions on the dates listed below. We will send email announcements about these online sessions with the zoom link information.

Meeting time: Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm









Faculty: Jerry Kaplan

Saturday Meeting Dates	
May 17	July 12
May 31	July 26
June 14	August 9
June 28	



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Times	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
10:30am-11:45 am	 Toastmasters (Jerry Kaplan) In Person	 Movies (Jerome Kaplan) Online	 Fiction Book Club (Anne Carney) Online	Aphasia Community Group  11am-12:30pm May 17 May 31 June 14 June 28 July 12 July 26 August 9
11:45am-1:00 pm	 Lunch Break			
1:00pm-2:15 pm	 Conversation (Jerry Kaplan) In Person	 Storytelling (Jerry Kaplan) Online	 Talk of the Town! (Anne Carney) Online	