

Certification: Interactive Metronome for Pediatrics & Adults



Discover the scientific evidence behind IM & learn hands-on practical application for addressing critical brain timing skills in order to improve outcomes in the areas of cognitive, communicative, motor, sensory, and academic performance in conditions like

Course Description

The ability to synchronize motor movements with a steady auditory beat is **fundamental** for academic performance & the development and rehabilitation of cognitive, communicative, sensory, & motor skills. Published studies have consistently demonstrated the direct link between auditory-motor synchronization and temporal processing, or the coordinated communication between critical neural networks involved in attention, auditory & phonological processing, reading fluency & comprehension, cognitive speed, working memory, executive functions, and fine/gross motor coordination. Many of these studies have implicated poor timing & rhythm in individuals with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Aphasia, Parkinson's, Schizophrenia, and other neurological conditions. Interactive Metronome® (IM) is a highly effective and engaging assessment & training tool that uniquely combines the concept of a musical metronome with a computer-based, patented software program to precisely measure & train a person's timing & rhythm in order to improve performance at home, school, work & play.

Join us for this stimulating workshop that includes an in-depth discussion of the evidence and rationale for use of IM as it relates to students and patients encountered in academic and therapy settings. Participants will brainstorm and interact with each other as they learn to implement the Interactive Metronome through direct, hands-on training. The instructor will provide tips and best practices that have been shown to facilitate outcomes. *Completion of this course leads to full Interactive Metronome Certification and ASHA/AOTA/PT CEUs/contact hours in select states (pending successful completion of a written exam).*

Target Audience

This course welcomes the following professionals:

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Assistant
- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Athletic Trainer
- Chiropractic Care Professional
- Licensed Medical, Rehabilitation or Mental Health Professional
- Music Therapist
- Educator

Instructional Level

Introductory (Basic)

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the relevance of timing & rhythm as it pertains to functional abilities in home, work, school, and social settings;
- Cite published research that provides evidence for the efficacy of training timing & rhythm to improve cognitive, communicative, behavioral, sensory, motor, and academic performance;
- Identify criteria to appropriately select students and patients for Interactive Metronome assessment/training;
- List steps to competently administer and interpret IM assessments in order to develop individualized IM training plans;
- Cite criteria for developing measurable goals for IM training for students and patients encountered in academic and therapy settings;
- Explain how to interpret IM assessment & training data in order to adjust IM training settings as needed to facilitate performance.

***Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. OTA and PTA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed OT or PT.**

Specific Learning Outcomes for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the relevance of timing & rhythm as it pertains to functional cognitive & communicative abilities in home, work, school, and social settings;
- Cite published research that provides evidence for the efficacy of training timing & rhythm to improve cognitive, communicative, behavioral, sensory, motor, and academic performance;
- Identify criteria to appropriately select students and patients for Interactive Metronome assessment/training;
- List steps to competently administer and interpret IM assessments in order to develop individualized IM training plans for the treatment of speech/language and cognitive/communicative disorders;
- Cite criteria for developing measurable goals for IM training for students and patients encountered in academic and therapy settings;
- Explain how to interpret IM assessment & training data in order to adjust IM training settings as needed to facilitate performance.

***Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. SLPA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed SLP.**

Agenda

Contact hours (8.0) includes only the ondemand pre-course homework, live interactive course, post-test and course evaluation. Breaks & technology set-up are not included in contact hours.

Start Time	End Time	Total Time	Description
OnDemand Course Content To be completed at least 2 business days BEFORE the course begins. NO EXCEPTIONS		1 hour	Pre-Course Homework: Introduction and Science *You MUST complete the pre-course homework at least 2 business prior to the course. This allows time for troubleshooting with Technical Support, if needed.
9:30 am EST	10:30 am EST	1 hour	Course Begins: Instructor Introduction, CE Disclosure & Technology Hour (PLEASE JOIN ON TIME!)
10:30 am EST	10:45 am EST	15 minutes	Introduction
10:45 am EST	11:15 pm EST	30 minutes	Research, Case Discussion and Q & A
11:15 pm EST	11:45 am EST	30 minutes	Introduction to IM: Hardware/Software Features
<i>11:45 am EST</i>	<i>12:00 pm EST</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>Break</i>
12:00 pm EST	02:00 pm EST	2 hours	IM Assessment, IM Training Phase 1 Instruction and Labs
<i>02:00 pm EST</i>	<i>03:00 pm EST</i>	<i>1 hour</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
03:00 pm EST	04:00 pm EST	1 hour	IM Training Phase 2 Instruction and Labs
04:00 pm EST	04:45 pm EST	45 minutes	IM Training Phase 3 Instruction and Labs
<i>04:45 pm EST</i>	<i>05:00 pm EST</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>Break</i>
05:00 pm EST	05:30 pm EST	30 minutes	IM Training Phase 4 Instruction and Labs
05:30 pm EST	06:00 pm EST	30 minutes	Closing Thoughts and Post-Test

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(select a date on the website to register for & tell us your special needs requests during registration)

Dates/Locations*:

Please visit www.interactivemetronome.com for the most current schedule.

Instructional Methods

LECTURE, PPT, DEMONSTRATION, CASE STUDY, PHOTOS, VIDEOS, LABS WITH HANDS-ON PRACTICE*

*Ratio is 1 instructor:16 participants

Contact Hours/ASHA, AOTA & PT/PTA CEUs

- 0.8 ASHA (8 contact hours)
- 0.8 AOTA/ 10.0 NBCOT PDUs (8 contact hours)
- PTs & PTAs: **Approvals for 2025:** in AL (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), AR (0.8 CEUs), AZ (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 2/8/26), CA (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 9/30/25), CO (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), CT (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/25/26), FL (8.0 CCH EXPIRES 12/31/25), GA (8 CCH EXPIRES 7/12/25), IA (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), ID (0.8 CEUs – via reciprocity with other APTA Chapters that have pre-approved this course), IL (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 12/1/25), IN (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/24/26), KS (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 12/31/25), KY (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 9/29/25), LA (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 12/31/25), MA (8 CEH EXPIRES 12/7/25), MD (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 11/19/28), ME (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), MI (8.0 CEH EXPIRES 10/26/25), MO (8.0 CEH EXPIRES 2/3/25), MS (8 CCUs EXPIRES 6/30/25), MT (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), NC (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), ND (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), NE (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 7/21/25), NH (8.0 CEH EXPIRES 1/25/26), NJ (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/31/26), NM (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/14/26), NV (8 CCUs EXPIRES 9/20/26), NY (9.6 CEH EXPIRES 6/1/25), OH (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/11/26), OR (0.8 CEUs – via reciprocity with other states that have pre-approved this course), PA (0.8 CEUs – via reciprocity with other states that have pre-approved this course), RI (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 7/17/25), SC (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 7/31/25), SD (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), TN (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 12/6/25), TX (8 CCUs EXPIRES 2/12/25), UT (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 2/28/25), VA (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 1/25/26), WA (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required), WI (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 10/19/25), WV (0.8 CEUs EXPIRES 12/31/25), WY (0.8 CEUs – preapproval not required). *PT/PTA & Other Disciplines Not Listed Above: If your discipline or state is not listed above, you may submit paperwork to your state board or association for CEUs if they allow you to do so. Please check with your state board/association prior to registering for this course.*

Instructor (one of the following)

April Christopherson, OTR/L has been an Occupational Therapist for over 25 years and has worked with diverse populations in a variety of settings – including home health, private clinic and in-patient rehabilitation. She is the owner of Exploration Kids Therapy in Gunnison, CO serving the pediatric rehabilitation outpatient population having diagnoses such as Autism, ADHD, Dysgraphia, Misophonia, Down’s Syndrome, Delayed Milestones, and general fine motor delays. She consults privately from her home in Colorado Springs, CO. She believes in a whole, team approach to the client – including various medical professionals and therapists plus the use of functional neurology and metabolic/nutrition counseling. April has worked as a legal consultant and as an expert witness throughout the United States. She is a member of the Adjunct Faculty for Interactive Metronome and Advanced Brain Technologies. April was granted her degrees in Occupational Therapy and Psychology from St Ambrose University in Davenport, IA in 1991.

Instructor Financial Disclosure(s): April is the author of course materials that focus on the clinical application of Interactive Metronome technology, for which she has received honoraria from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She does not receive royalties or any other form of compensation for the continued publication and use of educational materials she has authored. April is also an instructor for Interactive Metronome, for which she receives a fee for teaching each course and reimbursement of travel expenses from Interactive Metronome, Inc. April does not sell or receive compensation for the sale of Interactive Metronome products.

Instructor Nonfinancial Disclosure(s): April periodically contributes blog posts to www.interactivemetronome.com that are clinical in nature. She does not receive compensation for this. April uses the Interactive Metronome in clinical practice at MaxAchieve, Inc.

Dara Weger, MS, CCC-SLP received her undergraduate and masters degree from the University of Central Arkansas and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dara served as the National Program Champion for Interactive Metronome within the HealthSouth Corporation. She currently serves as Interactive Metronome’s Clinical Support contact person for Life Care Centers of America. Dara has been teaching IM Certification Courses since 2007 and has contributed to the development of the Adult Best Practice Certification Course and Fall Prevention Protocol. With expertise and experience in the field of neurological disorders, Dara has been able to accept this new treatment tool and successfully integrate it into her practice by modifying it to individually meet her patient’s needs.

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Course Origination Date*: 1/13/18

*This course is updated annually with information pertaining to the most current hardware/software, research & clinical/academic applications.



Effective July 1, 2011, individuals must meet at least one of the following conditions in order to be eligible to earn ASHA CEUs.

- ASHA Member (includes Life member and International affiliates)
- ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) Holder
- Licensed by a state or provincial regulatory agency to practice speech-language pathology (SLP) or audiology
- Credentialed by a state regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Credentialed by a national regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral program in SLP or audiology



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