

What makes the ABI Program special?

Staffed by a team of credentialed special education instructors, assisted by a neuropsychologist, instructional associates, aides, interns and volunteers, the ABI Program's goal is to provide structured cognitive retraining, allowing students to maximize their abilities, regain their independence, and achieve academic and vocational goals.

A Student Educational Contract, developed in a student/family/team conference, serves as a guide for assisting students in achieving their individual goals. With an average student-to-staff ratio of seven-to-one, students are ensured individualized attention.

Coastline's ABI Program was named 1998 Exemplary Program by the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges, and 1990 Outstanding Program by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)/National Organization on Disability and featured in Disability Support Practices in Community Colleges: Selected Examples published by AACC in 1993.

Coastline was the first community college in the nation to offer cognitive retraining to adults with acquired brain injuries. Its program has long served as a model for other colleges.



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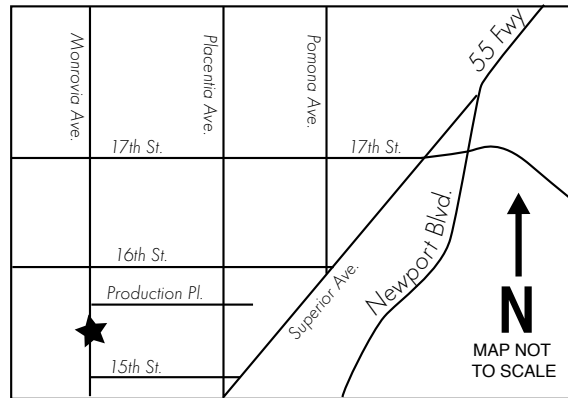
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Coastline's Acquired Brain Injury Program



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What is the Coastline Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program?

Coastline's ABI Program is an educational program designed to provide structured cognitive retraining for adults who have sustained a brain injury due to traumatic (such as a motor vehicle accident or fall) or non-traumatic (such as a non-age-related stroke, brain tumor or infection) injuries.

Each year, according to the Brain Injury Association of America, more than 700,000 Americans sustain brain damage from traumatic head injuries alone. Most are between the ages of 15-30, young, active, involved individuals suddenly and unexpectedly disabled.

In most cases, impaired attention and concentration, memory disturbances, language disabilities and/or loss of reasoning skills prevent these individuals from resuming even minimal pre accident activities. Awareness of limitations and shattered career and personal goals lead to frustration and depression—further contributing to the individual's unemployment, isolation and alienation from friends, family and community.

Coastline's ABI Program has developed a unique curriculum to address these special needs. The ABI Program emphasizes cognitive retraining, socialization

and career development to promote individual responsibility and independence. Students in the program learn strategies to compensate for deficits in:

- verbal skills
- figural skills
- attention
- memory
- critical thinking
- organization

With a strong focus on emotional adjustment to brain injury and appropriate psychosocial skills, the program teaches students to apply these skills to practical, real-life home and work environments.

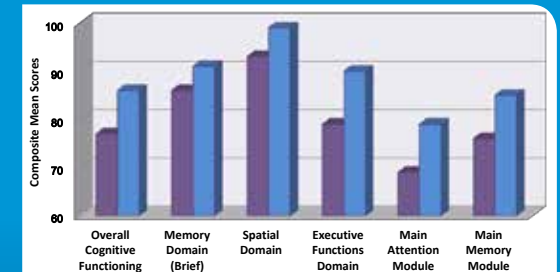
Coastline's ABI Program also offers the following program support services:

- neuroeducational assessment
- counseling for students and their families
- structured planning for the future, whether for employment, training, education, or volunteering

Classes meet at the Newport Beach Center, Monday through Thursday, four hours per day. The school year includes two, 16-week semesters and a six- to eight-week summer session.

Does this program really work?

Research shows that students who complete the program make statistically significant progress. Compare students' average cognitive performance before and after attending the ABI Program.



How do I apply?

Call (714) 241-6214 to request an application and medical record release forms. You may even want to sign up for a tour. Once your paperwork is received, we'll set up appointments for individual and group pre-admission testing and an intake interview.

What about fees?

California residents pay the standard low-cost community college enrollment fee*; out-of-state students are subject to non-California resident policies and tuition. Nominal fees for materials and supplies may be required.

*Department of Rehabilitation (D.R.) consumers may have fees paid by D.R. Students receiving SSI are eligible for grants from the Board of Governors