

Virtual Communication Alliance

What is the Virtual Communication Alliance (VCA)?

Individuals who have suffered from a stroke, traumatic brain injury or other acquired brain injury have special needs that often extend beyond the intensive skilled treatment that they received during their initial recovery period. At this point in the rehabilitation process, these individuals have exhausted their insurance benefits and are no longer receiving skilled, medically necessary services. However, they may wish to pursue additional support and have limited access. VCA provides activities to support these individuals by helping them to practice and maintain their communication skills and thereby improving their quality of life in a virtual format.

VCA:

- Focuses on functional communication skills through use of compensatory strategies.
- Includes experiences focused on maintaining speech, language and cognitive skills as well as developing strategies to improve everyday communication.
- Is facilitated by graduate student clinicians under the supervision of speech-language pathologists.

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Resources: Must have access to an internet connected device with a camera and microphone such as an iPad, smart phone, desktop or laptop computer.

Participant: Texas residents who have suffered from a stroke, traumatic brain injury or other acquired brain injuries that have special needs.

Enrollment: This program is semester based and enrollment is a rolling basis.

Contact:

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