



## Lingraphica Student Certification Program

### Self-Study Project: Setting Up TalkPath Therapy

In this project, you will get familiar with Lingraphica's TalkPath Therapy platform by setting up a plan for a client, completing some therapy tasks and reviewing the data.

#### Step 1: Identify Your Patient

- Use one of the attached case studies, OR
- Use a patient you have worked with. You need some familiarity with their impairment levels and areas they would like to work on.

#### Step 2: Setting up Accounts

- Download the TalkPath Therapy app for iPad OR visit [www.talkpaththerapy.com](http://www.talkpaththerapy.com)
- Create an account for yourself if you do not already have one (note: if you have completed any courses for Lingraphica, you likely already have an account).
- Create an account for your “patient” – under “All Clients,” click the plus sign to add a new client. **\*\*NOTE\*\*:** The system requires an email address to create an account. You can “borrow” a friend or family member’s address, or make one up if needed. It must be formatted like an email address – e.g., john.smith123@fakeemail.com

#### Step 3: Create a Treatment Plan

- Consider the patient’s strengths/weaknesses, severity level, and what areas are important to them to work on. You will need to open up different sections of TalkPath Therapy to get familiar with different tasks that are offered.
- Add at least three exercises to the patient’s treatment plan (Use “manage client” icon next to the patient’s name; you’ll see the exercise bank on the left and the patient’s treatment plan on the right)

#### Step 4: Follow Through

- Log in as the patient and complete at least five tasks in each exercise
- Log back in as yourself/the SLP to review the data

#### Step 5: Wrapping It Up

- Complete and submit the attached worksheet summarizing your patient and the plan you create



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### Self-Study Project: Setting Up TalkPath Therapy – Worksheet

Patient's Diagnosis (example: aphasia, TBI):

Severity (example: moderate):

Patient's goals by communication area (example: word finding, writing, cognition):

Patient's life participation goals (example: independence going out to dinner, participate in a support group, email with grandchildren):

Exercises chosen based on impairment and goals:



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### Self-Study Project: Setting Up TalkPath Therapy – Case Study Options

**Patient Name:** James

**Age:** 62

**Diagnosis:** Aphasia, Apraxia post CVA

James had a stroke approximately six months ago. In the last six months, he has received speech therapy and made a lot of progress. He currently presents with moderate aphasia and mild-mod apraxia. His auditory comprehension and reading skills are relatively good at a sentence level; however, he struggles with longer reading passages. His verbal speech is marked by word finding difficulties, groping for words and difficulty initiating speech. His writing has also been impacted by hemiparesis; however, he is open to trying to use a computer to type.

James lives at home with his wife. They have two grown children who do not live nearby. Prior to his stroke, he worked as a restaurant manager. His personal goals include increased independence when he and his wife go out for dinner and to email his children independently. His main interests are current events and sports.

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**Patient Name:** Lucas

**Age:** 21

**Medical Diagnosis:** TBI

Lucas sustained a TBI as a result of a car accident approximately six months ago. He currently presents with mild impairments with spoken and written language, including word finding and spelling. His primary areas of difficulty are with memory and cognition, including executive function, planning and organization.

Lucas lives at home with his mom and younger brother. Prior to the accident, Lucas was a full-time student at a local community college, studying film. His personal goals are to return to school and have an easier time texting his friends. He lost his driver's license as a result of the accident and would like to get it back; in the meantime, he would like to learn to use public transportation and increase his ability and memory to get around town. He used to host an annual Oscar party with his film friends, but is feeling overwhelmed by trying to do that this year.

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