

Course Description

Overview:

Individuals with Cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders often use breath holding as a means of finding stability in their effort to achieve functional skills. Integrating aspects of postural control and alignment during movement and functional tasks is essential in developing more efficient and effective movement. Learning and applying the NDTA™ Contemporary Practice Model in the assessment and treatment of children with neuromuscular challenges can more directly impact the alignment of body segments and support dynamic postural activity, stability, and control. During the 1-day introductory level course, physical and occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists will learn how biomechanical alignment of the trunk and limbs impacts the function and participation of the child. Experiential lab with practice on course participants will be utilized to learn how to improve the child's function through addressing mobility and stability of the trunk for function and participation in school and life skills.

Authors/Speakers:

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Target Audience:

This program is designed for Physical Therapists ♦ Physical Therapist Assistants Occupational Therapists ♦ Occupational Therapist Assistants

Objectives:

Participants will:

1. Label the components of the framework of the NDTA™ Contemporary Practice Model utilized during assessment and treatment of clients with Neurological challenges
2. Identify the biomechanical aspects of the ribcage, spine, head, neck, and shoulder girdle
3. Identify treatment strategies practiced with partners in lab that may be utilized to increase ribcage mobility, spinal and head/neck alignment, shoulder girdle stability, abdominal activity, and the balance of flexor/extensor synergies for improved functional skills.

Date: July 16, 2026

Completion Requirements: In order to obtain CEU credits, participant must fully attend course.

This program has been submitted for 6 continuing education credits to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants.

Linking the Ribcage to Function & Participation

**CEU ONE DAY COURSE
6 CEUs**

Date: July 16, 2026

**Lakeview School/NJID
New Jersey Institute for Disabilities**

10 Oak Drive ~ Roosevelt Park
Edison, NJ 08837

Room: School Multi-Purpose Room

Registration/ information:
Call: (732) 549-5580 ext. 2401 or
Email: Catherine.Nicholas@NJID.org

COST: 150. SEATING IS LIMITED

Continental breakfast will be provided

**REGISTRATION/PAYMENT
NOT ACCEPTED DAY OF SEMINAR**



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DIRECTIONS:**FROM ROUTE 18 (EAST & WEST) OR ROUTE 287 (NORTH & SOUTH)**

Route 18 or Route 287 to Route 1 North in Edison
Continue on Route 1 to Parsonage Road Exit
Cross Route 1 onto Parsonage Road
Continue past Menlo Park Mall to 3rd traffic light
Turn left into Roosevelt Park
Continue approximately one city block to make 1st right onto Oak Drive, Grove 1 (A-B-C)
Continue around the bend.
Lakeview School is on the left, across from the lake.

FROM NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE

New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 10
Follow signs to 287 North
Continue approximately 1/2 mile on Route 287 North to the Route 1 North exit
Follow directions as above.

GARDEN STATE PARKWAY TO EXIT 132

Bear right after exiting Parkway
(Rahway/Metuchen/Iselin) to Route 27 South
Travel approximately 2 miles on Route 27 to Parsonage Road (Dunkin Donuts on the right - 4th traffic light)
Take left turn onto Parsonage Road
After 2nd overpass, pass tennis courts and before traffic light, bear right and come to a stop sign.
Turn right onto Roosevelt Drive
Continue approximately one city block to make 1st right onto Oak Drive, Grove 1 (A-B-C)
Continue around the bend.
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GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH EXIT 130

Take exit and continue until the Menlo Park Mall exit
Follow exit ramp to the traffic light on Parsonage Road
Turn right onto Parsonage Road and continue to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left into Roosevelt Park
Continue approximately one city block to make 1st right onto Oak Drive, Grove 1 (A-B-C)
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FROM ROUTE 1 SOUTH

Follow directions for **GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH TO EXIT 130**

Course Schedule:**Date: July 16, 2026**

8:00	Registration
8:30	Framework for Assessment & treatment Utilizing the NDTA™ Contemporary Practice model
9:30	Importance of Alignment, Stability, and mobility of ribcage, spine, and shoulder girdle.
10:45	Break
11:00	Experiential lab: Trunk & Ribcage mobility & alignment
12:30	Lunch
1:15	Experiential lab: Treatment strategies impacting trunk stability for function
3:15	Questions/Discussion
3:30	End of Day

TOTAL COURSE Contact Hours: 6**Cancellation Policy:****Activity Cancellation by the learner:**

All cancellations must be in writing and postmarked or by dated email at least fourteen days prior to the beginning of the seminar to receive a full refund. NO REFUNDS will be made after that date.

PARKING: Parking is available onsite inside the park along the lake. Please do not park in the school parking lot.

Questions:

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