

## Acquired Brain Injury Ireland's Vision is:

*People with neuro-rehabilitation needs and their families receive the highest quality personalised services and supports, as and when they need them*

As part of ABI Ireland's biopsychosocial model of rehabilitation, the following core neuro-rehabilitation services are provided:



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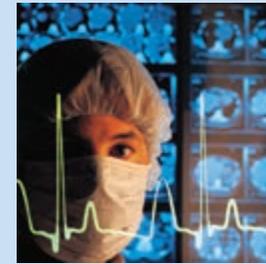
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## Certified Brain Injury Specialist Programme



in association with



ABI Ireland is a  
CARF accredited organisation



## Background

The Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS), a programme administered under the auspices of the Brain Injury Association of America, was created in 1996 to address a growing need to provide a standard of training for persons working with those with brain injury.

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland entered into a formal agreement with ACBIS to undertake the development of an Irish edition of the CBIS Training Programme and to offer the programme in Ireland. This is the first ACBIS programme to be developed in Europe.

Because of the wide variety of unique skills and knowledge required of those who work with persons with brain injury, certification is designed to address specific training issues in brain injury services and to complement other existing credentials. Professionally trained staff will ensure the delivery of high-quality, personalised, ABI-specific services for the people we serve.

The programme is governed by the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) and is administered by the Brain Injury Association of America, in conjunction with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland.



## Training Programme Content

The CBIS programme is based on the Essential Brain Injury Guide – Irish Edition

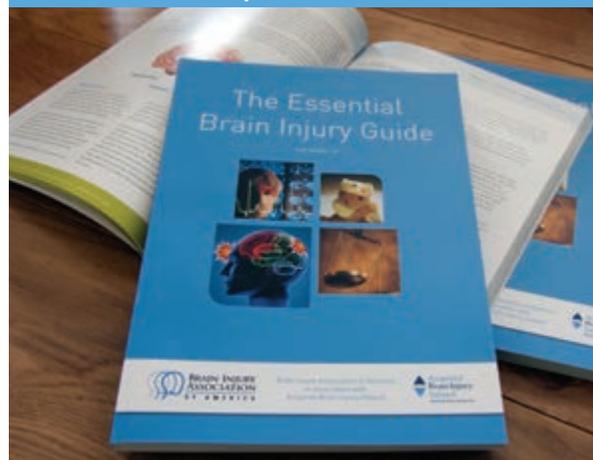
- Overview of Brain Injury
- Philosophy of Rehabilitation
- Understanding the Brain and Brain Injury
- Health, Medications and Medical Management
- Understanding and Treating Functional Impacts of Brain Injury
- Children and Adolescents with Brain Injuries
- Family Issues
- Legal and Ethical Issues

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have:

- 500 hours of direct contact experience with individuals with brain injury (paid employment and/or academic internship). Volunteer work does not qualify.
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent

For more information visit [www.abiireland.ie](http://www.abiireland.ie) or contact ABI Ireland, tel: (01) 280 4164 or visit [www.acbis.pro](http://www.acbis.pro)



## How do I become CBIS certified?

Learners undertake self-study of the core text book, the Essential Brain Injury Guide (approx. 10 weeks). The next step is attendance at a 2-day classroom based training programme facilitated by two approved CBIS Trainers. This is followed by a 2 hour multi-choice test and if successful (must achieve 80%) leads to certification as a Brain Injury Specialist.

## Costs

The cost of the programme is €520 per person or €460 per person for a group of 5-29 staff. Price includes:

- Registration fee (applicants register online at [www.acbis.pro](http://www.acbis.pro))
- The Essential Brain Injury Guide—Irish Edition
- Attendance at a 2 day training programme facilitated by two CBIS Trainers
- Administration of ACBIS test
- Test correction and issuing of CBIS Certification
- Annual subscription to the peer-reviewed Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation

**Note: Costs based on conversion from \$US to EUR so may vary slightly**

**Note: There are ongoing CPD requirements in order to retain certification**