

INTRODUCTION

First introduced in Canada, the Arrowsmith Program identifies and strengthens the weaker cognitive capacities that affect learning and the acquisition of academic and social skills. What's unique about Arrowsmith is that it addresses the root causes of specific learning disabilities rather than managing their symptoms. A student's ability to perform complex tasks is improved when the weak cognitive areas are strengthened. As a result, students become effective learners without having to compensate for their learning disabilities.

- ~ Trouble remembering oral instructions
- ~ Difficulty putting information into ones' own words
- ~ Mishearing words, and thus misinterpreting information
- ~ Problems with self-direction and self-organization in learning
- ~ Poor word recognition
- ~ Slow reading; problems with associative memory
- ~ Awkward body movements, bumping into objects, finger counting
- ~ Problems learning math facts
- ~ Difficulty developing social skills
- ~ Motor sequencing

ARROWSMITH AT BCA

BCA is one of only three schools in the Metro Atlanta area to offer the Arrowsmith Program. A recent BCA graduate who attended the Arrowsmith Program full time gained 20 IQ points as a result of the cognitive training. Needless to say, seven years after introducing Arrowsmith to BCA, we are very pleased with it's success. Based on neuroscience research demonstrating that it is possible to address learning disabilities by identifying and strengthening weak cognitive capacities, the program has been used successfully by the Canada based Arrowsmith School since 1978.

THE GOAL

Goals are set for each student based on his/her individualized plan. In general, the cognitive training program helps students to:

- ~ Build and strengthen cognitive processes necessary for more efficient learning
- ~ Train visual and auditory memory as well as attention and concentration
- ~ Improve fine motor skills necessary for writing and note-taking
- ~ Strengthen working memory, processing speed and cognitive efficiency
- ~ Build the capacity for verbal & nonverbal thinking, reasoning, and problem solving
- ~ Strengthen executive function

STUDENT PROFILE

A typical student who will benefit from the Arrowsmith program meets the following criteria:

- ~ Average or above average intelligence
- ~ One or more cognitive weaknesses*
- ~ Elementary, or middle school age
- ~ Able to concentrate and actively engage on cognitive exercises
- ~ Does not have severe intellectual, cognitive, emotional or behavioral disorders that would significantly affect his or her ability to participate in the program
- ~ Does not have an acquired brain injury or an autism spectrum disorder

PROGRAM PRICING

Full-Time Options

Option 1—Arrowsmith / BCA Student

Full-time Arrowsmith/BCA students attend Arrowsmith classes for four sessions each day. These students are also enrolled in the following academic classes at BCA: Language, Reading, and Math.

Grades 1st—5th — Arrowsmith Program — \$7,975/annually Bridgeway Tuition — \$10,710/annually

Grades 6th—8th — Arrowsmith Program — \$7,975/annually Bridgeway Tuition — \$11,375/annually

Option 2—Home School Student Enrolled in Full-time Arrowsmith Program at BCA

Grades 1st—8th

Four daily Arrowsmith sessions (morning hours) — \$9,150/annually

Part-Time Options

Option 1—Arrowsmith/BCA Student

Cognitive training classes are offered to students with weakness in one – three cognitive areas. These students are also enrolled in academic classes and pay full tuition at BCA.

Four, 1-hour weekly sessions — \$2,350/annually

Motor Sequencing Period

Two, 1-hour monthly sessions — \$2,350/annually

Option 2—Home School Student Enrolled in Arrowsmith

One Arrowsmith session— \$4,650/annually

Two Arrowsmith sessions—\$6,750/annually

GETTING STARTED

To find out if your student is a candidate for the Arrowsmith Program at BCA, contact our Director of Admissions, Melissa Hayes at mhayes@bridgewayca.org. Once a student enrolls in the program, an assessment will be given by one of our Arrowsmith teaching staff. An individualized plan is developed for each student based on the findings of the initial assessment.

Admission into the Arrowsmith Program requires candidate to submit a completed file including all school records, references and psychological report(s).

* Students with severe weaknesses in four or more cognitive areas are considered full-time Arrowsmith candidates.