



## Literacy/Dyslexia Endorsement Provider Information Sheet

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<b>Brief explanation of format (e.g., virtual, synchronous, asynchronous):</b>
The coursework is conducted entirely virtually and synchronously.  Practicum observations are conducted virtually either in real-time via Zoom or by recording with both written and oral feedback.
<b>Brief explanation of professional learning experience:</b>
<b><u>Classroom Educator Level Orton-Gillingham Training:</u></b> The 30-hour Orton-Gillingham Classroom Educator course is aligned with the Standards of the Orton-Gillingham Academy. It is designed to provide educators with the knowledge to teach reading and writing skills using a structured, simultaneously multisensory, evidence-based approach at the whole class or small group level. The course addresses reading acquisition in all learners as well as the nature and needs of the dyslexic learner, the principles of the Orton-Gillingham approach, and knowledge of the structure of the English language. Teachers learn to design and implement Orton-Gillingham-based lessons involving phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and handwriting. A supervised 50-hour practicum with five observations is required in order for teachers who have completed the course work to receive the Literacy/Dyslexia endorsement. During the practicum, teachers will be able to implement what they learn in their particular setting with the mentorship of an OGA Fellow. Individuals seeking Classroom Educator certification through the Orton-Gillingham Academy may also apply to the Academy after the successful completion of the course and practicum.
<b><u>Associate Level Orton-Gillingham Training:</u></b> The 70-hour Orton-Gillingham Associate Level course is aligned with the standards of the Orton-Gillingham Academy. It is designed to provide educators with the knowledge to teach reading and writing skills using a structured, simultaneously multisensory, evidence-based approach to students with a dyslexia diagnosis in a one-to-one instructional setting, but it may be used with students of any learning profile and in a small group or whole class setting as well. Course topics will include:

administration of informal diagnostic assessments, creating O-G lesson plans, neurological underpinning of dyslexia and the needs of learners with dyslexia, phonological awareness, sound-symbol relationships, syllable and morphemic structures of the English language, diagnostic-prescriptive teaching, research-based multi sensory, direct, and systematic instruction that can transfer to a classroom setting, handwriting instruction, vocabulary instruction, reading comprehension skills, applying the OG approach to written expression, preparing the application to the OGA for Associate level certification. The Associate Level Practicum includes 100 hours of one-to-one tutoring (may include small group instruction) and 10 lesson observations with feedback from course instructor. Upon successful completion of the course, trainees will be eligible to apply to the Orton-Gillingham Academy for certification at the Associate level.

**Recommendation:**

While this training meets the Right to Read Act requirements for all educators needing to meet *proficiency* requirements, the following recommendations are offered for consideration.

Classroom Educators	Recommended
Specialists, Tier II and Tier III Instructors	Associate Level is highly recommended
Administrators (Awareness)	Recommended

**Length of Training and Associated Costs:**

<p><b><u>Classroom Educator Level:</u></b></p> <p>30 hours of coursework</p> <p>50-hour practicum over the course of eight months with five observations</p> <p><b><u>Associate Level:</u></b></p> <p>70 hours of coursework</p> <p>100-hour practicum over the course of eight months with 10 observations</p> <p><i>Five graduate credits from Adams State University available for an additional fee upon completion of Associate Level certification requirements. Contact instructor for details.</i></p>	<p>Coursework and materials: \$1,350</p> <p>Five practicum observations: \$225/observation, paid on a per-observation basis</p> <p>Total cost: \$2,475</p> <p>Coursework and materials: \$2,950</p> <p>10 practicum observations: \$250/observation, paid on a per-observation basis</p> <p>Total cost: \$5,450</p>
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