



## Literacy/Dyslexia Endorsement Provider Information Sheet

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<b>Brief explanation of format (e.g., virtual, synchronous, asynchronous):</b>
<b>Connections: OG in 3D</b> Online Asynchronous, Independent "Self Paced" Online Synchronous, Live Online with Live Component In-person, Face-to-Face Live Hybrid
<b>Brief explanation of professional learning experience:</b>
The APPLE Group/Connections training is unique in that it teaches both the why (knowledge of the science of reading) and the how (application of knowing how to teach the science of reading.) This is beneficial to teachers and administrators because often the participant gains knowledge of the research in professional development but has no idea how to teach that content to their students. Because it is important to provide modeling and hands-on practice, The APPLE Group provides the most integrated content and practice standards. This training provides Structured Literacy curriculum and materials for teachers and administrators to gain knowledge and to assimilate what this reading instruction should look like. Because they have practiced teaching reading in the training and become well-versed in planning and implementing reading instruction based on the science of reading, participants will become experts in the implementation of science-based reading instruction.

Because the research-based principles of instruction required is the same way teachers learn new materials and how students learn new material, teachers are taught the science of reading while learning and practicing the implementation of each content area required. The teacher training includes modeling new learning, engagement with the hands-on interactive 3D teaching materials provided, ongoing practice with immediate corrective feedback, frequent distributive practice, and teaching to mastery. The content is embedded in the application, a difference in this teacher training.

**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	Recommended
Administrators (Awareness)	The depth of this training exceeds administrator expectations.

**Length of Training and Associated Costs:**

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The live, synchronous online course is \$3100. The live training on Zoom is offered as a five-day training. In the summer the training is 5 consecutive days. During the school year, three days of training are offered. Two weeks later the final three days are offered. In addition to the five/six day training, teachers will meet with a trainer in a one-on-one session for 1 1/2 hours. Teachers will participate in follow-up online sessions, read and respond to articles, organize materials and participate in group discussion on Thinkific.

The “Self-Paced” course is \$3500. The Self-Paced training includes two extra private sessions with the trainer. This training includes 6 modules. Teachers spend 8-10 hours on each module.