



Professional Development Training Programs for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction

This document presents professional development training for evidence-based reading instruction advancing the instructional priorities outlined in Act 135 of 2024.

Professional Development Training Programs

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the PDE Reading Leadership Council (Council) identified the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) as a clearinghouse for professional development training programs. This organization is nationally recognized and provides high-quality, evidence-based resources to support schools in making informed decisions about literacy programming and has a review process that is in alignment with the requirements of Act 135.

In this context, a *clearinghouse* refers to a repository of programs or materials that have been evaluated using a transparent, research-based process. Such repositories may be housed within federally funded centers, private organizations, nonprofits, or state education agencies.

Intended Use for Local Education Agencies

The lists are designed to support local education agencies (LEAs) in making informed decisions about the selection and use of reading curriculum material and professional development. Inclusion on the list does not constitute approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; rather, it indicates that the material or program was evaluated by one or more of the identified clearinghouses. LEAs retain full discretion in determining how to use this information to meet their literacy needs and are not limited to selecting only the resources included.

Additional PDE Professional Development Training Program Resources


[PDE Reading Professional Development Training Programs for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Guidance](#)

[PDE Reading Professional Development Training Programs for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Comprehensive Resource \(Excel\)](#)

Professional Development Training Program Key

The table below shows the key and categories for the **IDA Accreditation Ratings**.















Table 1. International Dyslexia Association Accreditation Ratings Key and Categories
















Accreditation: Meets Knowledge and Practice Standards (KPS)	Accreditation Plus: Meets KPS and Has a Practicum
	
















Pennsylvania Professional Development Training Programs















Pennsylvania Specific Professional Development Training Programs Updated July 9, 2025.		Program Length
OCDEL, Overview of Structured Literacy for the Pre-Kindergarten Educator		2 hours
PDE, Standards Aligned System, Structured Literacy Course		10 hours
PaTTAN, PaTTAN PA Science of Reading: Knowledge Course		10 hours
PaTTAN, PaTTAN Structured Literacy Leadership: What Administrators Need to Know		Contact PaTTAN




Accredited Independent Training Programs

Professional Development Training Programs for Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: International Dyslexia Association Accredited Independent Training Programs		IDA Accreditation Rating	Program Length
Listed on the clearinghouse website as of July 9, 2025.			
95% Group, Top Ten Tools			45 hours
AIM Institute for Learning and Research, Pathway to Structured Literacy			30 hours +
AIM Institute for Learning and Research, Pathways to Proficient Reading			55 hours
All Memphis, Structured Literacy Intervention Comprehensive Education (SLICE)			40 hours
All Memphis, Structured Literacy Intervention Practicum Education (SLIPE)			40 hours +
Ashlock Consulting, Inc., Ashlock Structured Literacy Bundle			80 hours
Atlanta Speech School: Rollins Center for Language & Learning, Cox Campus			30 hours
Bowman Educational Services, Orton Gillingham “Plus”			60 hours
Brainspring, Phonics First® Certification Pathway			30 hours
Brainspring, Structures® Certification Pathway			30 hours
Chartwell, Structured Literacy Level 1 Certificate			Not Listed
Classmates Educational Group, Inc., SLANT System® Structured Literacy and Dyslexia Specialist			16–24 hours
CORE Learning, Elementary Reading Academy (ERA)			Not Listed
CORE Learning, Online Language & Literacy Academy (OL&LA)			45 hours















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Listed on the clearinghouse website as of July 9, 2025 .			
DC Reading Clinic, Citywide			60 hours
DC Reading Clinic, In School Elementary			Not Listed
DC Reading Clinic, In School Secondary			Not Listed
DC Reading Clinic, Summer Intensive			Not Listed
Dyslexia Association of Singapore (DAS) Academy (Singapore), Specialist Diploma in Educational Therapy			47 hours +
Dyslexia Training Institute, Dyslexia Certificate Program			130 hours
Edwards Orton-Gillingham, Inc., Edwards Orton-Gillingham Level 1 & Edwards Orton-Gillingham Level 2			45 hours
Glean Education, Structured Literacy Academy			19 hours
Glean Education, Structured Literacy Academy + Practicum			19 hours +
Hamilton County Education Services (formally Meyerson Academy), Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading (Practicum I)			60 hours
Hamilton County Education Services (formally Meyerson Academy), Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading (Practicum II)			60 hours
Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE), Comprehensive OG PLUS (formally Comprehensive)			30 hours
Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE), IMSE Specialist Certification			120 hours
Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE), Morphology Plus (formally Intermediate)			30 hours
Jemicy w/ Notre Dame of Maryland University, Dyslexia Certificate Programs			30 hours

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Keys to Literacy, Keys to Beginning Reading Training Program		36 hours
Learning MATTERS, Ltd (New Zealand), Learning Matters Intervention Teaching Certificate		36 hours
Lexercise, Lexercise Practicum in Structured Literacy Teletherapy		45 hours
Lexia, Aspire Professional Learning		Not Listed
Lexia, Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading (LETRS)		Not Listed
Maharashtra Dyslexia Association (India), Dyslexia Teaching Level		Not Listed
MaxScholar, MaxScholar Orton-Gillingham Level 1		Not Listed
May Center for Learning, May Center Teacher Institute		56 hours
Memphis Literacy Institute, Memphis Literacy Institute		21 hours +
MGT Impact Solutions (formerly Step by Step Learning), Structured Literacy Acquisition and Implementation Coursework		Not Listed
National Institute for Learning Development (NILD), Orton-Gillingham Teacher Certificate Program (Level I, Level II, & Level III)		Not Listed
NC Department of Education, Reading Research to Classroom Practice		Not Listed
Neuhaus Education Center, Online Certificate Program for Dyslexia Specialists (OCPDS)		128 hours
Orton-Gillingham Academy (formally AOGPE), Associate Level		70 hours +
Orton-Gillingham Academy (formally AOGPE), Certified Level		100 hours +

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Orton-Gillingham Academy (formally AOGPE), Classroom Educator			30 hours +
Orton-Gillingham Approach – Yoshimoto, Dyslexia Specialist			Not Listed
Orton-Gillingham Approach – Yoshimoto, Science of Reading & Learning			Not Listed
Public Consulting Group, Building a Strong Foundation for Lifelong Literacy Success			Not Listed
READ Redefined, R.E.A.D. Redefined			160 hours
Reading and Language Learning Center, Sounds2Print™ Multisensory Reading Program			Not Listed
Region 4 ESC, Reading by Design			40 hours
Savannah Dyslexia, Introduction to Implementing Multisensory Structured Literacy K-3			45 hours
The Apple Group for Dyslexia, Connections: OG in 3D Certificate Program			45 hours
The Apple Group for Dyslexia, Dyslexia Therapy – Interventionist Level I			Not Listed
The Apple Group for Dyslexia, Dyslexia Therapy – Therapist Level II			Not Listed
The International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC), Teacher Level			Not Listed
The International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC), Therapy Level			Not Listed
Valley Speech & Learning Center, Basic Language Skills & Basic Language Skills Advanced			Not Listed

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Valley Speech & Learning Center, WELLS – Structured Literacy for English Learners			Not Listed
Wilson Language Training (WLT), Level I WLT Certification			Not Listed
Wilson Language Training (WLT), Level II WLT Certification			Not Listed















Accredited Pennsylvania Higher Education Training Programs

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Arcadia University (PA), M.Ed. Reading Specialist Certification PreK–4 Undergraduate Certification		
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Carlow University (PA), M.Ed. in Reading Specialist		
Clarion University (PA), M.Ed. Special Education PK–8/7–12 with Reading Concentration		
Drexel University (PA), Master of Special Education with a concentration in Dyslexia Specialist		
Drexel University (PA), Dyslexia Specialist Certificate Post-Baccalaureate		
Drexel University (PA), Reading Specialist Certificate Post-Baccalaureate		
Drexel University (PA), M.S. in Teaching, Learning and Curriculum with Multisensory Reading Instruction Level 1 Concentration		
Duquesne University (PA), M.Ed. in Reading and Literacy Education		
Duquesne University (PA), Dyslexia Interventionist Credentials		
Robert Morris University (PA), Reading Specialist Certificate		
Robert Morris University (PA), Structured Literacy Intervention		
St. Joseph University (PA), M.S. in Special Education: Systemic Literacy		
St. Joseph University (PA), B.S. Elementary Education PreK–4 and Special Education		








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Accredited Higher Education Training Programs Outside Pennsylvania

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Listed on the clearinghouse website as of July 9, 2025.		
Antioch University Midwest (OH), Dyslexia Certificate Program		
Bay Path University (MA), Master of Science in Reading (M.Ed.) both licensure & unlicensure		
Bay Path University (MA), Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) both licensure & unlicensure		
Bay Path University (MA), Reading Specialist Licensure		
Carroll University (WI), Reading Teacher (RT) Program		
Carroll University (WI), Dyslexia Interventionist (DI) Program		
Central Michigan University (MI), Structured Literacy and Language Intervention Certificate (SLLIC)		
City University of Seattle (WA), Master's in Teaching (MIT) Program		
City University of Seattle (WA), Master's in Reading (Elementary Ed)		
City University of Seattle (WA), Reading Endorsement Program		
Colorado State University – Pueblo (CO), Bachelor's in Elementary Education		
Colorado State University – Pueblo (CO), Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education		
Colorado State University – Pueblo (CO), M.Ed. Reading Language and Literacy		
Colorado State University – Pueblo (CO), M.Ed. Special Education		

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Listed on the clearinghouse website as of July 9, 2025.		
Fairleigh-Dickinson University (NJ), Orton-Gillingham Teacher Training Program		+
Faulkner University (AL), Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education		●
Faulkner University (AL), Master of Education in Elementary Education		●
Gordon College (MS), Master of Science Reading Program		+
Mount St. Joseph University (OH), M.A. in Reading Science Program		+
Mount St. Joseph University (OH), OH Reading Endorsement		+
Mount St. Joseph University (OH), Dyslexia Certificate: Structured Literacy Interventionist		+
Pacific University (OR), Dyslexia Certificate Program		●
Southern Connecticut State University (CT), Master of Science in Reading		●
Southern Connecticut State University (CT), 6th Year Certificate in Reading		●
University of Central Arkansas (AR), Master of Science in Reading		+
University of Central Arkansas (AR), GRAD Certificate in Dyslexia		+
University of Dayton (OH), Undergraduate Dyslexia Certificate		+
University of Dayton (OH), Graduate Dyslexia Certificate		+
University of Florida (FL), Dyslexia Certificate Program		+

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Listed on the clearinghouse website as of July 9, 2025.		
University of Georgia (GA), Dyslexia Endorsement and Certificate Program		
University of Hawai'i (HI), University of Hawai'i Reading Interventionist Program		
University of Southern Mississippi (MS), Master of Education in Dyslexia Therapy		
University of Wisconsin (WI), Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Language-Based Learning Disabilities		
Webster University (MO), Webster University, Master of Science in Reading with a Graduate Certificate		
Webster University (MO), Webster University, Certificate in Dyslexia		
William Carey University (MS), Master in Dyslexia Therapy		
Wright State University (OH), Dyslexia Certificate Program		