



## **Dyslexia Certificate Program**

### **Level 1**

### **Winter/Spring 2019**

#### **BACKGROUND & PHILOSOPHY**

It is estimated that 10 – 15 percent of the general population has a reading based learning disability. Of those individuals, approximately 80% has dyslexia. Yet, many people are misinformed or uninformed about dyslexia, including many school teachers, school staff and parents. Children and adults with dyslexia are often not identified and/or do not receive the appropriate remediation they need to learn to read, write and spell despite the fact they have the intellectual capacity to learn. What is dyslexia? The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) adopted the following definition of dyslexia:

Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate and / or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

In an effort to address the needs of individuals with dyslexia, educators and parents need to have a deep understanding of dyslexia, how to effectively assist those individuals with dyslexia to be successful in school and adult life, and be trained in the appropriate remediation for dyslexia.

Many parents and educators who have contacted us have been searching for training but they rarely have access to appropriate training in their area. Therefore, we have developed an online format to provide a quality training program so that those desiring training can access training and subsequently help those individuals with dyslexia they educate or interact with in their daily lives.



Benefits of taking this course online as compared to on-site courses:

- Participants have access to the course content 24 hours a day/7 days a week for the duration of the course. Participants fit the course work into their schedule. Coursework is instructor-led so feedback and answers to questions will always be provided on a timely basis.
- Participants can review archived PowerPoint presentations, videos and other course material to be viewed as often as desired
- Participants have the opportunity to reflect on what they are learning before posting questions and reflections on discussion boards
- Participants are not limited to on-site in class time only to ask questions and interact with instructors and program participants

Upon completion of the Dyslexia Certificate Program Level 1 course participants will have a better understanding of dyslexia, how to assist individuals with dyslexia and their families in school settings, and be able to implement interventions that are based on the Orton-Gillingham approach.

### **GOALS**

DTI developed the online certification program to:

- Provide accurate information about dyslexia and effective remediation practices to those who educate and interact with individuals with dyslexia and related reading disabilities
- Provide training to education professionals and parents in effective remediation so more individuals with dyslexia have access to appropriate remediation
- Provide an online format for training so more individuals have access to learn what dyslexia is and how to effectively remediate it

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

A wide range of individuals may benefit from taking this certification program. The curriculum has been developed to be appropriate both for professionals, paraprofessionals and parents. The target audience includes:

- K-12 Professionals involved in the education of children with reading disabilities including school administrators, teachers, classroom aids and advocates



- Homeschooling parents and homeschooling service providers
- University and community college staff involved in departments supporting students with reading disabilities
- Parents, caretakers, grandparents and extended family of children with reading disabilities
- Educational Therapists, professional and volunteer tutors who work with individuals with reading disabilities
- College students enrolled in teacher training programs
- Community agencies providing services to individuals with reading disabilities (ie: literacy programs for children and adults)

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The certificate program consists of two components: online coursework, midterm, final and a practicum. *It will take approximately 110 hours (approximately 20 hours per class, plus three two hour webinars) of class work plus and additional approximately 45-60 hours for the practicum to complete the certificate program.*

### **REQUIRED ONLINE COURSES**

**Dates: January 14 – February 8, 2019**

*What is Dyslexia?*

What research says about dyslexia

How to assess dyslexia – formal and informal assessment

Determining the right intervention

Ongoing assessment

Multisensory Teaching & Learning

Using questioning effectively

Accommodations & Modifications in an educational or work setting



**Dates: February 11– March 1, 2019**

*Orton-Gillingham - Part 1*

What is Orton-Gillingham?

Meeting the needs of the student – strategies and pacing

Terminology

Phonemes of the English Language

Phonemic Awareness

Phoneme Drills

Letter Cards and Blending Drills

Keywords

Developing the student binder

Lesson Planning

**Dates: March 4 – March 22, 2019**

*Orton-Gillingham – Part 2*

Sight Word Study Method

What is a syllable?

Why use nonsense words?

Overview of the Seven Syllable Types

Overview of Syllabication Patterns

How to teach the first three syllable types

Syllable & Word Cards

Teaching exceptions to phonics and spelling rules

**BREAK – March 25 – March 29, 2019**



**Dates: April 1 – April 19, 2019**

*Orton-Gillingham – Part 3*

Using word patterns  
Spelling Rules  
Prefixes & Suffixes  
How to teach remaining four syllable types  
Morphology  
Review Lesson Planning

**Dates: April 22 – May 10, 2019**

*Reading Comprehension & Fluency Development*

What is metacognition and how to develop it  
What research says about reading comprehension, vocabulary and fluency  
Strategies to improve reading comprehension  
Strategies to improve vocabulary development  
Strategies to improve fluency

**Webinars – (1 - 2 hours each, Webinars will be archived if you are unable to attend) Dates TBD**

*Overview of Dyslexia & Simulation*  
*The Law & Dyslexia – IEPs & 504 Plans*  
*Executive Function*

Note – Additional live chats will be scheduled at the end of each course for a live Q&A and for the practicum. Dates TBD. If you are unable to attend, the webinars are recorded and posted on the class site.



**Required Practicum for certification : May 13, 2019 – February 15, 2020**

The practicum is required to complete the certificate program.

Participants are required to begin their practicum within one month of completion of online coursework (by June 10, 2019), unless otherwise approved by the Dyslexia Training Institute.

Participants will be required to:

- Implement strategies learned during the course with a student who has been identified as a struggling reader.
- Identify the student they will be instructing/tutoring and provide the background information to DTI. (DTI will provide forms required for participation.)
- Conduct all sessions in a one-on-one private setting.
- Sessions are required to be a minimum of 50 minutes (or two 30 minute session to equal one full session). A minimum of two 50 minute session must be conducted each week (or four 30 minute sessions per week).
- Meet with their student a minimum of 45 sessions. Lesson plans and lesson notes for all 45 sessions must be submitted to DTI.
- Meet with DTI mentor for a minimum of two online sessions to conduct lessons with mentor and demonstrate knowledge of information covered.
- Video tape a minimum of 2 tutoring session and submit to DTI. DTI mentor will review and provide feedback and coaching to assist program participants to improve their skills.
- Practicum will begin after the completion of the online courses and must be completed within nine months from the end of the online courses.

*Non-Certificate Enrollment Option* – It is an option to take the course work only and not complete the practicum. A certificate of completion stating course work has been completed will be issued. Full certification will be issued only to those participants completing the required practicum.



## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **Duration of Course**

Online course work will take approximately three and a half months to complete.

Practicum will begin after the completion of the online courses and must be completed within nine months from the end of the online courses.

### **Attendance**

Participants are required to:

- actively participate in all online courses by completing required readings and assignments on a timely basis
- actively post questions and reflection on discussion boards
- participate in live chats and webinars or watch recorded version

### **Grading and Tests**

Each participant will be required to complete a pre-test at the beginning of the program, assignments, quizzes, mid-term and a final.

Participants enrolling in graduate credits through the University of San Diego will be required to write a paper at the end of each course. Paper guidelines will be given at the beginning of each course.

### **Course Textbook & Materials**

*Overcoming Dyslexia*, by Sally Shaywitz, M.D. (*must be purchased separately*)

All DTI course materials will be provided online.

School supply materials needed for tutoring sessions will be the responsibility of the program participant. (ie: binders, lined paper, index cards, pencils, markers, etc)

Note: We may add additional books after the course begins if we determine the book is important to add. However, this does not happen often.



## Computer and Technology Requirements

Internet access

Your computer must have the ability to view live streaming, PowerPoint presentations, download pdf and word documents.

Head set for webinars. (optional)

A means to video record a minimum of two 50 minute tutoring sessions for the required practicum.

## Enrollment & Fees

Participants must enroll and pay the non-refundable registration fee at least two weeks before the first day of the certification program. The first day of the certificate program is January 14, 2019.

Steps to enrollment:

- Visit [www.dyslexiatraininginstitute.org](http://www.dyslexiatraininginstitute.org) to download the Dyslexia Certificate Program application.
- Complete the application and submit. You can scan the application and email it to [dyslexiaspec@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexiaspec@gmail.com), fax it to 619-342-2643, or mail it to:

Dyslexia Training Institute  
7424 Jackson Drive, Ste 1B  
San Diego, CA 92119

- Your application will be review and you will receive notification of your registration status within one week of the date you submit your application.
- If accepted into the program, you must submit the non-refundable registration fee within seven days of acceptance or within two weeks of the first day of class, whichever comes first. A link to pay the fee via our secured online payment system will be sent to you after being accepted into the program. Or, you may submit payment by check or purchase order.



*Non-Refundable Registration Fee - \$100 (Registration Fee will be applied to the certification program fee)*

*Certification Program Fee - \$1950.00 – Program fee must be paid in full or first payment on payment plan on or before January 2, 2019.*

**\*\* A payment plan is available with the following payment structure:**

- Non-refundable Registration Fee of 100.00 due within seven days of acceptance into the program.
- First payment of 616.00 due on or before January 2, 2019
- Second payment of 616.00 due on or before February 1, 2019
- Third and final payment of 618.00 due on or before March 1, 2019

*Should any of the payments be more than seven days late, the student will be dropped from the program with no refunds of prior payments.*

**Refund Policy**

If a participant is not able to complete the Dyslexia Certificate Program, the following is the refund policy:

<b>Drop Date</b>	<b>Amount of Refund</b> (based on full \$1950 program fee*)
On or prior to 01/14/19	\$1850
01/15/19 – 03/01/19	\$1200
03/02/19 – 03/30/19	\$600
On or after 04/01/19	No refund available

*\*Note - Initial \$100 Non-Refundable Registration Fee is not refundable at any time.*



## **Graduate Level Extension Credits**

Graduate Level Extension Credits are available through the University of San Diego (USD). Registering for Graduate Level Extension Credits is optional and not a requirement for participating in the Dyslexia Certificate Program.

USD's fee is \$75 per Graduate Level Extension Credit. All courses are two credits each and the practicum is four credits. The fee is paid directly to USD and is not included in the fee paid to the Dyslexia Training Institute to enroll in the Dyslexia Certificate Program. Information for enrolling for Graduate Level Extension Credits for each course will be available during the certificate program.

Participants enrolling in Graduate Level Extension Credits through the USD will be required to write a paper at the end of each course. Paper guidelines will be given at the beginning of each course.

The Graduate Level Extension Credits are generally used for educator's certification requirements, salary enhancement purposes and/or transferred to a degree program. However, it is the responsibility of the participant to consult with their organization requiring the credits for certifications, salary enhancement or degrees to ensure the Graduate Level Extension Credits issued from USD will fulfill the specified requirements.

## **Instructors**

### **Dr. Kelli Sandman-Hurley**



Kelli Sandman-Hurley, Ed.D. is an author and co-founder of the Dyslexia Training Institute. She received her doctorate in literacy with a specialization in reading and dyslexia from San Diego State University and the University of San Diego. She is also completing her TESOL certification. Dr. Kelli is a certified special education advocate assisting parents and children through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and 504 Plan process. She has training in mediation and also serves as an expert witness in the area of dyslexia. Dr. Kelli is trained in Structured Word Inquiry, the Orton-Gillingham approach, Lindamood-Bell, RAVE-O and Read Naturally. Dr. Kelli is a Past-President of the San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. She is a dyslexia consultant working with schools to improve services offered to students with dyslexia and training teachers. She co-created and produced "Dyslexia for a Day: A Simulation of Dyslexia," and she is a frequent speaker at conferences. She is the author of the well-received book, *Dyslexia Advocate! How to Advocate for a Child with Dyslexia within the Public Education System*.



**Tracy Block-Zaretsky**

Tracy Block-Zaretsky is the co-founder of the Dyslexia Training Institute. She has provided remediation for children and adults with dyslexia for the past 20 years and has developed and taught workplace and family literacy program. She is a certified Special Education advocate assisting parents and children through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and 504Plan process. She is a past President of the San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Tracy has training in Structured Word Inquiry, the Orton-Gillingham approach, Lindamood-Bell programs, Read Naturally and a variety of reading and writing assessments. She co-created and produced, "Dyslexia for a Day: A Simulation of Dyslexia," and has provided professional development for educators and training for parents at numerous conferences, private on-site trainings and online courses and webinars. Tracy is also a parent of a child with dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADD and Executive Function Disorder.



**Brittany Martinez**

Brittany Martinez has worked with children in the general education classroom, including English Language Learners, and one-on-one with students with dyslexia. She worked at the San Diego State Children's Center for four years while getting her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies. Brittany continued her education and earned a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential to teach Elementary School. She has worked for the Dyslexia Training Institute for the past six years and has been trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach, Structured Word Inquiry, and is a Special Education advocate assisting parents through the IEP and 504Plan process. At the Dyslexia Training Institute, Brittany wears many hats, including providing one-on-one remediation, assisting with teaching online courses, presenting at conferences and on-site trainings for educators, private practitioners, and parents, and advocacy services.