

Certified Level

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Certified Level Courses



Certified Level courses are intended for practitioners who have completed the Associate level training and practicum. The Certified Level expands and deepens the Associate Level concepts and equips the practitioner with the skills to address the needs of struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia and more complex learning profiles, in any setting. To attain OGA certification at the Certified Level, there is a **minimum of 100 hours of coursework**. These virtual courses can be taken in any order. There are 10 parts which total 80 hours. Each course is 7 synchronous + 1 asynchronous hours = 8 hours on Saturdays & Sundays from 8:00 am-3:00 pm EST.

1. Certification Journey: Bridging the Gap from Associate to Certified Level (January 2026)
2. Certified Level Lesson Planning 101: From Scope and Sequence to Daily Instruction (January 2026)
3. Unlocking Language Layers I: Latin, Schwa, and the Power of /shun/ (May 2026)
4. Unlocking Language Layers II: Greek Influence and Accenting Rules (May 2026)
5. Spelling Mastery: Generalizations, Exceptions, and Rule-Based Instruction (January 2027)
6. Embedding Grammar and Written Expression into Daily OG Lessons (January 2027)
7. From Words to Understanding: Teaching Vocabulary and Comprehension in OG (May 2027)
8. Correct with Confidence: Error Handling in Diagnostic and Prescriptive Teaching (May 2027)
9. Making It Meaningful: Using Formal Assessments to Shape Instruction (January 2028)
10. The Annotated Lesson and Student Profile: Navigating the OGA Application Process (January 2028)

20+ additional hours are required, but they can be from conference attendance and webinars. Additional course may be added. Courses are taught by an OGA Fellow and/or a FIT. This coursework follows the curriculum and guidelines of the Orton Gillingham Academy (OGA) coursework and can also be applicable towards certification with the IDA.

Who are these courses for?

These courses are for those who already have their Associate level certification and want to dive deeper into the OG approach, to work with more complex students.

Cost:

\$225 for each course. Additional hours maybe required from approved conferences/webinars which may have an additional cost. There are also books that will need to be purchased for required readings. The practicum is additional.

Certified Practicum Details



Practicum Hours & Observations

Trainees will receive a certificate of completion for the coursework hours completed. They can only achieve OGA certification by completing all Academy requirements, including a practicum experience. For teachers who hold a NY teaching certificate, CTLE hours can be provided for the coursework.

The 200-lesson minimum supervised practicum, which must occur over a minimum of two academic years, allows the trainee to integrate and apply the concepts learned during the coursework. Kim Nau requires that the practicum be completed no later than 3 years from the end of the coursework.

The practicum is 1:1 with two different students: one at the lower level of language instruction and one at a higher level of language instruction. Lessons should be 40-60 minutes at least twice weekly. The practicum can begin once the coursework has commenced.

Students must either have a diagnosis of dyslexia or be highly suspected of having dyslexia as confirmed by the Supervising Fellow. At least one practicum student should have formal cognitive and academic testing. Cognitive tests may be standard/full versions of the following: Weschler Scales (WISC), Stanford-Binet, Kaufman, or WJ-IV test of Cognitive Abilities (partial screenings will not be accepted).

There are readings that are required by the Orton-Gillingham Academy. Some books will need to be purchased at an additional cost. Below is the link to the Academy's website to view the books needed to build your OG library: <https://www.ortonacademy.org/training-certification/certified-level/>

*There is an additional cost of **\$225 per observation** (10 x \$225) for the practicum. This fee is paid when each observation is submitted. The fee includes: reviewing the recording of the video lesson, written constructive feedback, and a Zoom meeting to provide an in-depth mentorship experience.

Application

Trainees are eligible to apply at the Certified level upon the *successful* completion of the coursework and practicum requirements (30-page student profile and lesson trio), assigned readings, a recommendation from the Fellow, and a second recommendation from someone familiar with your work. Individuals who want to apply to the OGA must have a B.A. degree and should be Associate members of the Orton-Gillingham Academy.

There is a separate application fee of \$300 required by the Orton-Gillingham Academy. This is paid directly to the OGA once the practicum and all requirements are complete. There is a nonrefundable fee if the application is deferred. 10 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required yearly to maintain membership in the OGA.

Qualifications After Certification

Once the practicum is complete and the application is approved by the OGA, trainees are *Certified at the Certified Level by the OGA*. The course, practicum, and Academy acceptance, qualify the practitioner to teach a range of students at any stage in the language continuum.

Learn More

Visit the Orton-Gillingham Academy website for more information:

<https://www.ortonacademy.org/training-certification/certified-level/>

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