

About Training

Few colleges and universities provide instruction in the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Training is most readily found elsewhere. However, the quality and adequacy of training represented as “Orton-Gillingham” may vary significantly. Indeed, one of the reasons the Orton-Gillingham Academy came into being was to provide an objective, professional assessment, by an independent third party, of the quality and adequacy of programs that profess to provide Orton-Gillingham training. The Academy is not in a position to judge the qualifications of non-Academy members, but it can speak with authority regarding its membership.

Orton-Gillingham Training Includes:

- The nature of the dyslexic learner
- Knowledge of basic assessment measures
- Understanding of reading development from decoding to reading for knowledge
- The OG Approach: principles and knowledge of lesson plan design
- Knowledge of the history and structure of the language
- Intensive supervised practicum
- Understanding the neurobiology of reading



OGA has deep roots.



Did you know?

An extraordinary fact about OGA is that every member of the Academy can trace their roots back to Orton or Gillingham depending on the lineage of their Academy Training Fellow.

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Training & Certification

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OGA Certification

The Academy certifies individuals at one of four levels:

- **Classroom Educator** (CE) practitioner is certified to provide and adapt literacy instruction for the whole class or for small groups needing supplemental support in a general setting.
- **Associate Level** is certified to work with struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia, in individual or group settings.
- **Certified Level** 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.

A bachelor's degree in any area of study is a prerequisite for CE, Associate, and Certified levels.

- **Fellow Level** The Fellow Level prepares practitioners to design and deliver OG training courses at all levels of OGA certification.

A master's degree in any area of study is a prerequisite for the Fellow level.

In addition, there is a **Subscriber** membership for people who have taken a basic introduction to the Orton-Gillingham Approach but who have yet to undertake the training and practice required to become a certified member of the Academy.

The introductory Subscriber member 10-hour course is the only online training available through the Academy's website:

www.ortonacademy.org

The Training & Certification Process

OPTIONS FOR TRAINING

There are two options that lead to Academy certification and membership:

1. Working with individual Fellow(s)

Fellows of the Academy have been certified as having the training and experience necessary to independently train others in the OG Approach.

Fellows follow the Academy's curriculum and are expected to provide instruction consistent with the highest standards.

2. Enrolling in an Academy Accredited Training Program or an Accredited Training Fellow

The Academy accredits training programs to train individuals aspiring to become Orton-Gillingham practitioners. The instructional leadership of the program must be a Fellow of the Academy.

Academy criteria for accreditation of an Orton-Gillingham practitioner training program emphasizes the adequacy of curricula used by a program and the preparation and experience of the staff providing the training.

COURSEWORK AND PRACTICUM

Each level requires a certain amount of coursework hours and supervised practicum.

APPLICATION

After completing the requirements, the Academy requires the submission of an application. If training is completed through an Academy Accredited Training Program, or by an Accredited Training Fellow, the application process is considered as an Accredited Training Track and accepted on a rolling basis.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **March 10**
- **July 10**
- **November 10**

NOTIFICATION

Decision letters are mailed approximately three months after submission.

VISIT THE ACADEMY'S WEBSITE

for more information:

www.ortonacademy.org

- Membership Levels and Criteria
- Coursework and Practicum Requirements
- List of Accredited Training Programs
- Fellows' training schedules by State
- List of Required Readings
- Online Application Link:
<https://orton-gillingham-apply.smapply.io>

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- For a list of Training Fellows in your area
- Questions about the training process
- Questions about the application process