

# Certified Level

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## Certified Level Coursework



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. One of the components of attaining OGA certification at the Certified Level is a **minimum of 100 hours of coursework**. These virtual courses can be taken in any order. There are 5 parts which total 80 hours. Each course is 14 synchronous + 2 asynchronous hours = 16 hours (Saturdays & Sundays from 8:00 am-3:00 pm EST)

- **Part 1 (January 2026):** Topics may include: OGA, reading research, developing a scope & sequence, lesson planning, and choosing a practicum student
- **Part 2 (May 2026):** Topics may include: morphology (Latin--> Greek), accenting rules, and advanced spelling generalizations
- **Part 3 (January 2027):** Topics may include: vocabulary development, semantics, grammar, pragmatics, reading comprehension, and written expression
- **Part 4 (May 2027):** Topics may include: diagnostic and prescriptive teaching, error handling, the annotated lesson, and writing the student profile
- **Part 5 (January 2028):** Topics may include: writing reports, case studies, and applying to the Academy

**20+ additional hours are required**, but they can be from conference attendance and webinars. 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.

## Certification

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 because Kim Nau is an approved New York State CTLE sponsor.

## Who is this course for?

This coursework is 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:

**\$450 for each part.** Additional hours maybe required from approved conferences or webinars which may have an additional cost. Practicum is an additional cost.

## Certified Practicum Details



### Practicum Hours & Observations

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 or WAIS), 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:

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