

Structured Literacy and the Orton-Gillingham Approach

2025 -2026

Certification as a Dyslexia Practitioner 1

Cost: \$6,000 value, but is free except nominal fee of \$300 for books and materials.

Butler University affiliation for graduate college credit which is optional and at your expense.

Tutor training program is approved by the Indiana Department of Education.

Bachelor's Degree required, in any field.

- **Course Hours**
 - 90 Course Hours (60 of those are seat time seminars)
 - 5 Observation Hours (observing an experienced tutor)
- **100 Hours of Supervised Practicum**, approximately 10 months to complete
 - Trainees tutor 2 children individually for 50-minute tutoring sessions twice a week (a total of 4 sessions per week). Sessions are Tuesday/Thursday at 3:30, 4:40, 5:50 pm.
 - Lesson preparation time is approximately 1 hour for each lesson, which is done at home.
 - All lessons must be submitted PRIOR to tutoring the student.
- **6 formal, graded observations** conducted by the training supervisor
- Completion of all **coursework with 85% or higher**
 - Mandatory book reports
 - Quizzes and exams
 - Graded assignments
 - Exit portfolio: 2 lesson plans with written work from 2 different children, brief description of each child, lesson plan recording forms, curriculum order list, narrative progress report.

Steps to get the process started, include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Visit the learning Center, meet with the director, observe a lesson.
- 2) Fill out a training application.
- 3) Return the application, as well as proof of Bachelor level education, current resume, and 2 letters of recommendations (dated within the past 2 years) to Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis.
- 4) Please feel free to contact Julie Bohannon, Director with any questions, or for further information or to schedule a visit at 317-201-5949 (cell).

Come join us in changing a child's future!

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