

# Associate Level

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## Associate Level Course (Parts 1 & 2)



The 70-hour (8-day) Associate Level course will address the history and structure of the English language. This course is divided into two sections, Part 1 (35 hours) and Part 2 (35 hours). Trainees will develop a deeper understanding of phonology, orthography, and advanced morphology. Written expression, vocabulary development, comprehension, and grammar will also be addressed. A variety of formal and informal assessments will be presented and analyzed. Trainees will learn how to develop a flexible Orton-Gillingham sequence and lesson planning strategies.

There will be synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) work. This course follows the curriculum and guidelines of the Orton Gillingham Academy (OGA) coursework and can also be applicable towards certification for the International Dyslexia Association (IDA).

Upon completion of the course, trainees may continue on to an optional 100-hour practicum working 1:1 with a student(s) (at an additional cost).

## 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.

The course, practicum, and Academy acceptance, qualify the trainee to apply OG in a tutorial setting.

## Who should take this course?

Tier 3 teachers, special educators, individuals looking to work 1:1 with students with dyslexia or other language-based learning disabilities, or individuals who want to learn more in depth about the OG approach.

## Cost:

\$1,050 for part 1 and \$1,050 for part 2 for a total of \$2,100. Payments can be made in installments. Practicum is an additional cost.

There will also be materials to purchase: [The Gillingham Manual](#), Gallistel-Ellis Test of Coding Skills, and a reading comprehension assessment.



## Associate A Practicum Details

### Practicum Hours & Observations

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1. 100 hours minimum supervised practicum
2. Occur over a minimum of eight consecutive months (starting 2-3 months after coursework completion). Kim Nau requires that the practicum be completed between 8-15 months.
3. Work with a student, 1:1 for 40-60 minute lessons, at a minimum of twice a week, on nonconsecutive days, or 30-minute lessons four to five times a week. *Optional:* work with 2-3 students for up to 30 lessons).
4. A minimum of 10 observations teaching complete lessons to one student (If you do 30-minute lessons, an observation consists of two consecutive lessons). If you also work with a small group, 3 observations may be with the small group. Some trainees may require more observations. Written and oral feedback will be provided after each observation.
5. The practicum student does not *need* to have been formally tested, but relevant information from parents, teachers, and the educational history should demonstrate characteristics consistent with a primary diagnosis of language-based reading disorder/dyslexia.

Reading difficulties should be the student's primary issue; at the Associate level, an appropriate student should not have multiple comorbidities such as receptive or expressive language problems, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), behavioral difficulties, and/or low cognitive scores. An Associate level trainee should be working at a foundational level, e.g. sound/symbol, phonemic awareness, syllable division, and spelling rules/generalizations.

6. Required readings: <https://www.ortonacademy.org/training-certification/associate-level/>

\*There is an additional cost of \$185 per observation (10 x \$185) for the practicum. This fee is paid when each observation is submitted. The fee includes: reviewing the recording of the

video lesson, written feedback, and a Zoom meeting to discuss progress.

## Application

Trainees are eligible to apply at the Associate A level upon completion of the coursework and practicum requirements (20-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.

There is a separate application fee of \$200 required by the Orton-Gillingham Academy. This is paid once the practicum and all of the requirements are complete. There are also yearly dues of \$110. There is a \$60 nonrefundable fee if the application is deferred. The first year dues are included in the application fee. 10 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required yearly to maintain membership in the OGA.

## Qualifications After Certification

Upon completion of Associate Level coursework and all of the OGA requirements, the trainee is qualified to apply the principles of the Orton-Gillingham approach with the skills to work in a 1:1 setting under the mentorship of an OGA Fellow. Once the practicum is complete and the application is approved by the OGA, trainees are *Certified at the Associate Level by the OGA*.

## Learn More

Click to visit the Orton-Gillingham Academy website:

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

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