



Children's Dyslexia Center ~ Southern Illinois

A Scottish Rite Charity

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Orton-Gillingham Tutor Training

Overview:

- Minimum: Bachelor's Degree required, in any field.
- Course Hours
 - 70 Course Hours (seminar)
 - 5 Observation Hours (observing experienced tutors)
- Minimum: 100 Hours of Supervised Practicum, approximately 9-10 months to complete
 - During the practicum, each scholar must conduct a 55-minute tutoring session for 2 children, individually, 2 times per week (a total of 4 sessions per week). These sessions are held during our usual business hours of 3:00pm - 6:30pm, Monday through Thursday.
 - Lesson preparation time is approximately 1 hour for each lesson, which is done at home.
- Minimum: 6-10 formal, graded observations conducted by the director or center 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, Scope and Sequence skills, narrative progress report.

Our next training cycle starts in June of each year and will meet 1 time per week for 5 weeks during June and July, exact dates to be determined (last year, we met on Wednesdays). Then we will meet 1 time a month, on Saturdays during the school year, to complete our 70 seminar hours. Applications are being accepted at this time and interviews are being scheduled. Seats are limited.

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

- 1) Go to our website at www.readwithdyslexia.com to download the tutor application.
- 2) Mail the application as well as proof of Bachelor level education, current resume, and 2 recent letters of recommendations (dated within the past 2 years) to the Dyslexia Center, Attn: Michele Johnson, Dir.
- 3) The director will contact you to schedule a time to do a required observation of a seasoned tutor and to schedule an initial interview.
- 4) Please feel free to contact the center with any questions.
- 5) **The interview/observations and criminal background check process can take up to 30 days and must be completed by May 14th to be considered for this training cycle. All observations must be completed before April 30th.**

“Tell me, and I forget. Teach me, and I remember. Involve me, and I learn!” ~ Benjamin Franklin