

Orton-Gillingham Training 2018 Application



Overview

As part of The Blosser Center's mission, we provide training for individuals interested and dedicated to becoming certified in the Orton-Gillingham tutoring method.

The Blosser Center is on the Oregon Department of Education's **List of Approved Dyslexia-Related Training Opportunities**. We are certified as a training center by the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators (AGOPE) and the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and our trainers hold certifications from both.

Who should take the Orton-Gillingham Approach Training?

- Reading specialists
- Special Education teachers
- Classroom teachers
- Instructional assistants
- Professional tutors
- Volunteer tutors

The Academy requires trainees and all potential members to have a Bachelor's degree. Therefore, we can only accept those applicants that have such a degree, unless you are currently working for a school district as an aide.

How long is the training?

The complete training for Associate certification with the AGOPE has two parts and collectively takes 1-2 academic years to complete. Summer Coursework is followed by a supervised internship over one or two years, which are scheduled outside of the summer training and carry additional costs and fees. The training must be completed in the following order:

- 1) Summer Coursework: instructive ten-day intensive class (60 hours of instruction), which will be held **Monday - Friday (8:30am - 3:30pm)** between **June 18 - June 29th, 2018**.
 - a) The first week of instruction covers the *Classroom Educator Level*
 - b) The second week of instruction advances participants to the *Associate Level*, making them eligible to continue onto the internship component of certification
- 2) Internship: the internship consists of a two-part practicum (Practicum Part I and Practicum Part II). During each practicum, the trainee tutors 2 children, with a minimum of 10 assessment observations, to be completed within two school years. (Please note: a trainee's child does not qualify as an official practicum student.)

Summer Coursework Costs

The summer course carries a collective cost of **\$2,500** and includes course materials

- Week One: *Classroom Educator Level* (\$1,250)
- Week Two: *Associate Level* (\$1,250)

As part of the summer instruction, we provide a user-friendly manual that translates the concepts and procedures of Orton-Gillingham into plain English, a variety of supporting texts, and card decks for lessons.

Submission

Please submit your completed application via e-mail to info@theblossercenter.org and lynnlamping@theblossercenter.org by **March 30th, 2018**. Please note: space is limited to the **first 30 successful applicants**.

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In pursuing a tutoring certification from The Blosser Center, we require trainees enroll in both the Summer Coursework and Practicum Part I in the same school year. After successful completion of the Coursework and Practicum Part I, the trainee will be invited to enroll in the Practicum Part II. In each Practicum, the trainee tutors two children.

Coursework Schedule

10 days, M-F: June 18-22 & June 25-29 (8:30 am – 3:30 pm/daily)

_____ Summer Coursework (includes materials and background check)	\$2500
<input type="checkbox"/> Week One: \$1,250	Both Weeks
<input type="checkbox"/> Week Two: \$1,250	

Practicum – Part I

_____ 5 observations with practicum students, including practicum consultations \$1250*

Practicum – Part II

_____ 5 observations with practicum students, including practicum consultations \$1250*

Both practicums (10 observations) can be done in a minimum of one school year.

**Fees subject to change*

College Credit may be applied for upon completion of training & practicum

The Blosser Center, like other organizations that work with children, requires that all trainees pass a Federal and Oregon State Background Check before working with students in the internship.

To apply, please make your course selection and enclose a \$500 deposit.

Deadline for withdrawal is April 30, 2018, after that date the deposit is nonrefundable.

Make checks payable and mail to:

The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources
PO Box 18082
Portland, OR 97218

The balance is due two weeks before the start of the course. A payment plan can be arranged.

**The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources admits students regardless of race, religion, or ethnic origin.
The Blosser Center is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.**

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

We appreciate you taking the time to fill this out. Please return to:

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PO Box 18082
Portland, OR 97218

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Title: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Relationship to Applicant:

- Employer
- Colleague
- Friend
- Other _____

My professional relationship to this applicant: _____

The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources appreciates your professional judgment
regarding the qualifications of this candidate

Capacity	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Rate
Teaching Skill					
Academic Ability					
Time Management					
Judgment					
Communication:					
Oral					
Written					
Ability to Work With:					
Students					
Colleagues					

Please add any information you feel would be helpful in considering this applicant:

Please check one:

- I strongly recommend this applicant
- I recommend this applicant
- I cannot recommend this applicant

Signature _____ Date _____