

## Orton-Gillingham Training 2020 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 approach.

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.

### Which class level should I take?

- *Orton-Gillingham Classroom Educator Level (OGCE)* training is recommended for educators wishing to bring Orton-Gillingham techniques to their classroom or school. Trainees are qualified to apply the principles of the OG Approach to modify and provide literacy instruction for the classroom or small groups.
- *Associate Level* training is recommended for persons wishing to become professional tutors qualified in Orton-Gillingham tutoring under the mentorship of an Academy Fellow. Associates are qualified to provide one-on-one and small group OG instruction under the mentorship of an Academy Fellow.

### How long is the training?

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

- 1) Coursework: ten or eleven day intensive class training (about 70 hours of instruction). We are offering two different training courses in the summer of 2020:

Course 1 is scheduled for two consecutive weeks; classes will be held **Monday - Friday (8:30am - 4:30pm), June 15 - June 26, 2020**.

Course 2 is scheduled for one week of training, followed by six Saturday sessions; the first week of classes will be held **Monday - Friday (8:30am - 4:30pm), August 10 - August 14, 2020**. The second set of classes will be held on six Saturdays during the school year, **(9:00am - 4:00pm)**, first Saturday will be September 26, 2020; remaining dates to be determined.

Trainees also have the option of taking the first week of training in June, and attending the Saturday classes throughout the school year.

- 2) Internship: the internship consists of a 50-hour practicum for Classroom Educator candidates or a 100-hour practicum for Associate Level candidates. During the

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practicum, the trainee tutors a child for a minimum of 50 (CE) or 100 (Associate) sessions, with a minimum of 5 (CE) or 10 (Associate) assessment observations. The practicum can run concurrently with the trainee's participation in the Saturday Advanced Topics classes.

(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 **\$2,800\*** and includes course materials:

- Week One: *Classroom Educator Level* (\$1,500\*)
- Week Two: *Associate Level* (\$1,300\*)

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.

### Practicum Costs

The CE Practicum requires 5 observed tutoring sessions, and the Associate Practicum requires 10 observed tutoring sessions. Each observation is **\$100\***. The first Observation for Associate trainees is included in the classroom fee. Some of these observations will need to be video recorded. Depending on the location of your practicum, all may need to be video recorded.

### Submission

Please submit your completed application via mail to the address listed below, or by e-mail (preferred) to [info@theblossercenter.org](mailto:info@theblossercenter.org) and [laurie.cuddy@theblossercenter.org](mailto:laurie.cuddy@theblossercenter.org), by **May 29 for the June class**, and **July 24 for the August class**. Applications after these dates will be considered if space is available. Please note: space is limited to the **first 25 successful applicants** for each class. The minimum enrollment for each part is 12 trainees. If a class section does not enroll enough trainees, The Blosser Center reserves the right to cancel or reschedule that section. In this case, deposits will be refunded.

A deposit of \$500 must be submitted with your application, and received by The Blosser Center's administrative office in order to reserve your place in class. You can mail or drop off a check, or phone or drop by our office to pay by debit/credit card. Do not email credit card details to us – it is not secure. We can also accept wire transfers, including international wire transfers.

*\*Fees subject to change*

Mailing Address:

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

Office Address:

1907 NE 45<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland OR 97213

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**Summer Coursework Application**

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**Last Name**

**First**

**Phone**

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**Address**

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**City/State/Zip**

**E-mail**

➤ **Why are you interested in this course?** Please attach a 2-3-paragraph statement explaining your reasons for pursuing this training.

➤ **Educational background**

**Bachelor's Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major/minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Master's Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major/minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other degree(s) or training:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Experience:**

➤ **Intern / volunteer / personal experience that would relate to this course:**

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➤ **How did you hear about this course?**

➤ **Please provide two personal recommendations. The Letter of Support forms are attached to the end of this document. One copy should be provided to each of two colleagues/mentors/co-workers; they will return the form directly to The Blosser Center.**

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In pursuing a tutoring certification from The Blosser Center, we require trainees enroll in both the Summer Coursework and Practicum in the same school year. In the Practicum, the trainee tutors one to two children, or a small group of 2 to 3.

**Coursework Schedule**

**Option 1: 10 days, M-F: June 15-19 & June 22-26 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm daily)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Summer Coursework (includes materials and background check): \$2800\*  
 Week One (June 15-19): \$1,500 Both Weeks  
 Week Two (June 22-26): \$1,300

**Option 2: 11 days, M-F: Aug 10-14 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm daily) and 6 Saturdays (9-4)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Summer Coursework (includes materials and background check): \$2800\*  
 Week One (Aug 10-14): \$1,500 Both Weeks  
 Week Two (6 Saturdays): \$1,300

**Split Option: M-F: June 15-19 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm daily) and 6 Saturdays (9-4)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Summer Coursework (includes materials and background check): \$2800\*  
 Week One (June 15-19): \$1,500 Both Weeks  
 Week Two (6 Saturdays): \$1,300

**Practicum**

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 CE observations with students, including practicum consultations: \$500\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10 Associate observations with students, including practicum consultations: \$900\*

This fee is not due at the beginning of the classroom work. \$100\* will be due before each of the Observations are performed.

The practicum (with 5 or 10 observations) can be done in a minimum of one school year (8 months minimum).

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*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 refund of deposit is **May 8, 2020** for June class, and **July 3, 2020** for the August class. After these dates the deposit is nonrefundable. However, if you cancel for this year, your deposit can be applied to another class within the next calendar year.

Make checks payable and mail to:

The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources  
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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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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					
<b>Communication:</b>					
Oral					
Written					
<b>Ability to Work With:</b>					
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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