About Orton-Gillingham

Orton-GIllingham (O-G) is a research-based, multi sensory approach to teaching reading, writing, spelling, penmanship, and other literacy skills to individuals with dyslexia. It is named for Dr. Samuel Orton, a Harvardtrained neuropsychiatrist and pathologist, and Anna Gillingham, a psychologist and master educator, who together developed this pioneering approach.



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Is Orton-Gillingham Training Right for Me?

Orton-Gillingham is the basis of many reading programs, including Wilson and Fundations, PAF, S.P.I.R.E., and Lindamood-Bell LiPS. However, O-G itself is not a program; it's an instructional approach, based on the principles of diagnostic and prescriptive, multi sensory teaching. It can be personalized and tailored to any skill or age level, and it is extremely effective for students with any degree of reading, spelling, or writing difficulty, whether or not they have a dyslexia diagnosis. It is invaluable training for classroom teachers, reading specialists, and special educators, since by some estimates one in five people have dyslexia. An even greater number struggle with literacy simply due to a lack of effective reading instruction because many common instructional practices, including those often taught in teacher preparation programs, fail to incorporate or even contradict the science of reading.

This training is taught in accordance with the standards of the



(Formerly Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators - AOGPE)

Orton-Gillingham Associate Level Training



July/August 2024-May 2025

Online

Training Description

Orton-Gillingham Associate Level 2024-2025 Training and Practicum

This training includes 70 coursework hours:

- 50 hours of pre-practicum coursework
- 20 hours of practicum seminar coursework

Course topics will include:

- Administration of informal assessments
- Creating O-G lesson plans
- Neurological underpinning of dyslexia
- Phonological awareness
- Sound-symbol relationships
- Syllable and morphemic structures of the English language
- Diagnostic-prescriptive teaching
- Research-based multi sensory, direct, and systematic instruction that can transfer to a classroom setting
- · Handwriting instruction
- Vocabulary instruction
- · Reading comprehension skills
- Applying the OG approach to written expression
- Preparing the application to the OGA for Associate level certification

The Associate Level Practicum will include:

- 100 hours of 1-to-1 tutoring (may include small group instruction)
- 10 lesson observations with feedback from course instructor

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be eligible to apply to the OGA for certification at the Associate level

5 graduate credits (for purchase) *80 CTLE and ASHA credit hours* *RI Right to Read Approved Provider*

Course Instructor



Katie Takayanagi, M.S., ATF/OGA (formerly AOGPE), is an Orton-Gillingham teacher-trainer and tutor based in Brooklyn, NY. She has over 20 years of experience as an educator and 15 years as an Orton-Gillingham practitioner. She holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University in French Studies and an M.S. from Antioch University New England in Environmental Studies, along with middle school science teaching certification. She tutors students of all ages in both school and home settings and trains educators who teach in a variety of settings as well. In addition to her work as a teacher-trainer and tutor. Katie leads a team of tutors at Alphabet City Tutors, an Orton-Gillingham tutoring company serving students throughout New York City.



Course Details

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Course Dates:

Pre-practicum instruction:

July 29 - August 2, 2024 (Monday-Friday) August 5 - 9, 2024 (Monday-Friday) Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Practicum Seminar Saturdays: September 28, 2024 November 23, 2024 January 25, 2025 March 1, 2025 May 3, 2025 Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tuition (\$5,000):

- 70 coursework hours
- 10 practicum observations

Course materials (\$300):

- The Gillingham Manual
- Phonics drill cards
- Training binder
- Additional resource books and materials
- Shipping

Total: \$5,300

Tuition may be paid in installments as detailed on the registration form

Registration Deadline:

June 1, 2024 (course may fill prior to this date)

This class is capped at 12 participants

Questions and Registration:

Contact Katie Takayanagi Katie@alphabetcitytutors * 617-372-3117