DYSLEXIA THERAPIST TRAINING COURSE

The WTAMU Center for Learning Disabilities and The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is offering Therapist Training for teachers. The research-based curriculum, *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia*, is an Orton-Gillingham based, structured, multisensory system for teaching basic language skills. The graduate level training program is for individuals who desire to become a therapist in working with children and adults with dyslexia.

Content of the course includes information and instruction in the following areas:

- Alphabet/Dictionary
- Graphophonemic Knowledge/Phonics*
- Morphology
- Word Recognition
- Reading Fluency*
- Vocabulary*
- Reading Comprehension*
- Phonemic Awareness*
- Spelling
- Current research and legislation relating to dyslexia
- Characteristics of dyslexia including identification and placement
- Multisensory and discovery teaching techniques

* Indicates National Reading Panel Guidelines

2016 TRAINING DATES

The Introductory Course of the Therapist Training program will be offered on **July 11 – July 22, 2016,**
Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Classes will be held at the WTAMU Center for Learning Disabilities, Canyon campus.

Please refer to the attached materials for a description of course work, enrollment information and an application form.

For additional information please contact The WTAMU Center for Learning Disabilities at (806)651-8240, email tjackson@wtamu.edu or visit the Center for Learning Disabilities’ Website at: wtamu.edu/learningdisabilities and click the calendar option.
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE WORK

First Year Course Work

- Introductory Course (90 hours), 2 weeks in July, M – F, 8:15-4:00
- Four Introductory Seminars and the Lecture Series during the year
- Teaching the curriculum in therapy situations to either an individual and/or small groups during the year
- Minimum of five demonstration lessons during the year

Second Year Course Work

- Advanced Course (60 hours), 2 weeks in the 2017 summer; M-F, 8:15-4:00
- Three Advanced Seminars and the Lecture Series during the year
- Continuation of teaching the curriculum in therapy situations to either an individual and/or small groups during the year
- Minimum of five demonstration lessons during the year

Therapy Experience for Therapist Certification to include:

- A minimum of 700 hours of clinical teaching under the supervision of the Scottish Rite Learning Center staff
- A minimum of three therapy situations
- Beginning the curriculum at least three times
- Experience teaching in the advanced portion of the curriculum

Upon completion of the course work and therapy experience, the trainee will be eligible to submit an application to sit for The Alliance for Accreditation and Certification of Structured Language Education, Inc. certification exam at the therapy level administered by the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA). Passing this exam gives the applicant an opportunity to become a member of ALTA as a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT). Also, if the applicant passes the exam, and in addition, holds a Master Degree, the applicant may apply for a state license as a Dyslexia Therapist. Twelve hours of graduate-level credit are offered through Texas Tech University, Education Department.
ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

APPLICANTS must have a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited institution to be eligible for the training. Teachers who plan on using the program should have the approval and support of their school officials.

To apply for Therapist Training, please download the application and additional information from following link: wtmu.edu/learningdisabilities and click the calendar option. Please complete and return the application form with a $50.00 deposit, applicable to the first year’s tuition, and a copy of your college transcript to:

WTAMU Center for Learning Disabilities
Amarillo Campus
Attention: Tammye Jackson
600 S. Tyler
Box 12128
Amarillo, TX 79101

Checks are to be made out to:
Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas

The deposit is refundable upon written request received no later than two weeks prior to the first day of class. After receiving your application, the center will call you to schedule an appointment. Applications are due: May 2, 2016.

Tuition and Materials – Tuition is payable to the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas and is to be received on or before the first day of classes. The Qualified Instructor of the class will bring all of your materials to the first day of class.

As a result of the extensive research that has been done in the area of reading and dyslexia, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas has developed the Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia curriculum. This research-based curriculum has been implemented into both the student and the therapist training at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas.

Partial scholarships are available.
Please download the Scholarship Application and submit this letter to:
SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTER OF WEST TEXAS
Attention: Mr. Doug Maxey
1101 70th St.
Lubbock, TX 79412
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY offers graduate-level credit for the course, for an additional fee.

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