Frequently Asked Questions

OG Training at Camperdown Academy

What is the Orton-Gillingham Approach?

https://www.ortonacademy.org/resources/what-is-the-orton-gillingham-approach/

What does Orton-Gillingham training involve?

Orton-Gillingham training includes coursework, readings, practicum, and a portfolio at each level of certification.

Our courses are graduate-level experiences that bring together presentations, discussion, and hands-on practice. Trainees can expect to complete professional readings and responses outside of course hours. Quizzes help participants check their understanding and assure instructors of mastery of course standards.

What are the different levels of Orton-Gillingham (OG) certification?

https://www.ortonacademy.org/training-certification/individual-certification/

> **Classroom Educator Level**, CE/OGA is intended for educators **teaching in a general education setting**. The CE practitioner is certified to provide and adapt literacy instruction for the **whole class or for small groups** needing supplemental support.
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> **Associate Level**, A/OGA is intended for practitioners working with struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia, in **individual or group settings**. Until completing the Certified Level certification, members are recommended to work under the mentorship of an OGA Fellow. **If you plan to work with struggling readers in a one-to-one setting, the appropriate starting point is the Associate Level certification.**
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> **Clinical Level** (formerly Certified), C/OGA is intended for practitioners who have completed the Associate Level training and practicum. The Clinical Level **expands and deepens the Associate Level concepts** and equips the practitioner with the skills to address the needs of struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia and more complex learning profiles, in any setting.

Fellow Level, F/OGA is intended for practitioners who have completed the Associate and Certified Level training and practicum. The Fellow Level prepares practitioners to **design and deliver Orton-Gillingham training courses** at all levels of OGA certification. The Fellow practitioner maintains OGA certification to address the needs of struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia and more complex learning profiles, in any setting.

Is practicum required?

Practicum is necessary and therefore very strongly encouraged. Coursework provides the foundation, and practicum guides the trainee to implement OG principles with a particular student or group. Trainees should consider coursework and practicum as a combination that promotes effective teaching. **Much like learning to drive or becoming a doctor**, mentorship is vital for developing the knowledge and skill needed to teach successfully.

Can practicums be completed remotely?

Yes. Recorded, unedited videos may be submitted. Debriefing in-person is encouraged, but arrangements may be made with your practicum supervisor to meet virtually if you live out of town.

Do you offer virtual coursework or online classes?

Not at this time. Our courses are offered on our campus in Greenville, South Carolina. In-person attendance at each class session is required.

How can I afford training?

There are two major ways we often see trainees recoup the cost of their investment in this professional training. Many trainees choose to work with a private student during practicum. As 100 lessons are completed, the trainee is able to earn more than the cost of the course and practicum combined. Other trainees who are working within schools may seek to use professional development funds. Check with your principal or head of school to see what funding may be available.

To begin my training, which course should I take?

Classroom Educator training is a stand-alone credential that seeks to equip general educators to provide effective Tier 1 instruction. For trainees seeking to provide intervention to struggling readers, Associate training is appropriate. The Associate course is the starting point for all other credentials including Certified and Fellow.