



Structured Multisensory Language Foundations Objectives and Requirements

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the foundational concepts involved in oral and written learning.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of language including phonology, orthography, morphology, semantics, syntax, and discourse organization.
3. Demonstrate the ability to teach phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition, fluent reading of text, vocabulary, text comprehension, handwriting, spelling, and written expression.
4. Interpret and administer assessments for planning of instruction.
5. Identify characteristics of dyslexia in relation to other reading problems and learning difficulties.
6. Demonstrate ethical standards for therapists, through practice.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Structured Multisensory Language Foundations is a two-year certification course. **Each year**, trainees are required to complete the following:

1. Summer Training Course
 - Typically Monday - Friday for two consecutive weeks in July, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Training includes lecture, practica, and competency assignments.
2. Four Saturday Seminars
 - Two fall semester and two spring semester, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
3. Clinical Teaching – Five Demonstration Lessons of Competency
 - Performed onsite and submitted online
 - Observed and evaluated by a member of the Therapist Training Staff
 - One-on-one review with an instructor
 - Must submit lesson plan, teaching hours report, and comments/questions with each demonstration lesson
4. Supervised Teaching – Complete 350 Practicum Hours of Teaching Experience
 - Time spent in direct instruction with students who present characteristics of dyslexia and/or related language-based learning disorders
 - Three student groups required (groups consist of 1-5 students)
 - Each lesson consists of a minimum of 40 minutes
 - Lessons occur a minimum of twice per week

Attendance: Attendance in all 28 days of training is required. This requirement is based on the standards established by the accrediting organization. If you must miss a seminar or training day, you will be responsible for making up the time. You must make arrangements with the teaching staff for absence approval. The seminar must be made up the following year.

Student groups: For course graduation and certification, it is imperative for trainees to have enough students to complete the minimum number of practicum hours. This is a very important component of this training. Trainees should research their options and have a plan ready. If the trainee has any questions, they should consult with Payne Education Center.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT AND DEADLINES

1. **Deadlines:** All application materials are due no later than May 10, 2021. Notice of participation/acceptance will be given by May 30, 2021.
2. **Waitlist:** Capacity for this training course is 25 trainees. In the likely event we receive more applications than we can accommodate, applicants may be placed on a waitlist.
3. **Registration:** Upon notice of participation/acceptance, applicants must register for the training on Payne Education Center's website. This gives applicants access to the Users of Structured Multisensory Language Foundations resource page.
4. **Cancellation:** Trainees can cancel this agreement at any time. Upon registration, Payne Education Center requires immediate notice of cancellation. If the registration agreement is cancelled within one month of training, the registrant will be required to pay a 10% nonrefundable cancellation fee. If the trainee is a "no-call, no-show," the registrant will be billed 100% of the training fee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

1. Trainees must behave in a professional manner and are expected to participate, cooperate, show respect, be present, and attend the entire training.
2. All cell phones are to be turned off or silenced during class. Payne Education Center has a zero tolerance policy on cell phone use during training time. Additionally, there will be no texting, photo taking, or recording during class instruction unless prompted by the instructor.

RIGHT TO DISMISS FROM TRAINING

If a participant is asked to leave a training by the Payne Instructor, the Payne training materials must be left with the Instructor. The participant will not be refunded any registration fees paid once the program session begins, regardless of when a participant leaves the program.