

Professional Development



BECOME A CERTIFIED ACADEMIC LANGUAGE PRACTITIONER (CALP)

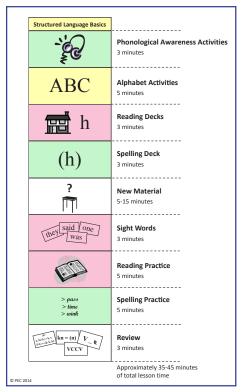
Comprehensive Reading Intervention for Struggling Readers With and Without Dyslexia

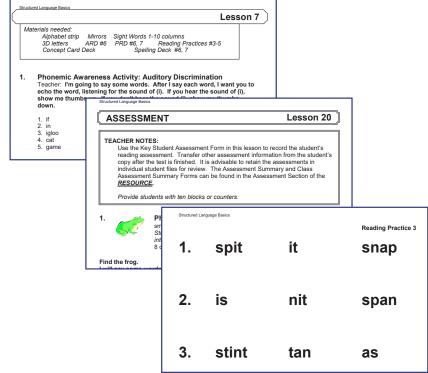
Certified Academic Language Practitioners (CALPs) complete a two-year training and certification course for individuals looking for a comprehensive Tier III intervention for students with dyslexia and other reading difficulties. The certification uses the *Structured Language Basics* (*SLB*) program developed by Payne Education Center's staff of Qualified Instructors in Oklahoma. This program addresses the five components of effective reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension) and meets the International Dyslexia Association's (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers.



This program meets the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) training requirements for membership as a Certified Academic Language Practitioner (CALP). ALTA verifies trainees have achieved expertise providing explicit, systematic Multisensory Structured Language intervention which builds a high degree of accuracy, knowledge, and independence for students with written-language disorders, including dyslexia.







The Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) Competency Exam Requirements for Multisensory Structured Language Education[©] Practitioner and Therapist Levels

Prerequisites, Course, and Training Requirements	Certified Academic Language Practitioner (CALP)	Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
Type of Course	"Comprehensive Teacher Level Training" shall be defined as a course under the supervision of an Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner (ICALP) or Qualified Instructor of Certified Academic Therapists or Practitioners (QI)	"Comprehensive Therapy Level Training" shall be defined as a course under the supervision of a Qualified Instructor of Certified Academic Language Therapists of Practitioners (QI)
Training Curriculum	Structured Language Basics (SLB)	Structured Multisensory Language Foundations (SMLF) Featuring Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia
Degree	Bachelor's degree or above	Master's degree or above*
Instruction Hours	Minimum of 45 instruction hours	Minimum of 200 instruction hours
Clinical Teaching Hours Clinical/teaching documentation must be signed by the supervising instructor with the instructor's proof of credentials.	Minimum of 60 clinical/teaching hours	Minimum of 700 clinical/teaching hours
Demonstrations	Minimum of 5 demonstrations	Minimum of 10 demonstrations
Competency Exam Timing	A minimum of 9 months from the beginning of training, and a maximum of 2 years from the completion of CALP training	A minimum of 2 years from the beginning of training, and a maximum of 5 years from the completion of CALT training
Cost	\$3,050 + ALTA exam cost (\$180)	\$7,900 + ALTA exam cost (\$180)

^{*}Candidates who successfully complete comprehensive therapy-level training and the ALTA CALT exam without a Master's degree may join ALTA as a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)-Candidate and will have an additional five years to complete the Master's degree. A CALT-Candidate will enjoy all the benefits of a full voting member of ALTA for up to 5 years while they pursue a Master's degree. If a CALT-Candidate does not complete a Master's degree within this time period, the CALT-Candidate status will automatically convert to a CALP level.