



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 June and July, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Training includes lectures, practica, and competency assignments.
2. Five Saturday Seminars in Year One and Four Saturday Seminars in Year Two
 - Year One: Two in the fall semester and three in the spring semester, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
 - Year Two: Two in the fall semester and two in the spring semester, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
3. Clinical Teaching – Five Demonstration Lessons of Competency per Year
 - 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 per Year
 - 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 communicating with your instructors the reason for your absence and seek their approval. In addition, you will be required to make up the seat time and learning concepts.

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 particularly 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 PayneEducation Center.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT AND DEADLINES

1. **Deadlines:** All application materials are due no later than April 29, 2026. Notice of participation/acceptance will be given to applicants the week of May 4th, 2026, or before.
2. **Waitlist:** Capacity for this course is 25 trainees per session. In the likely event we receive more applications than we can accommodate, applicants may be placed on a wait list. Priority is “first come, first served” to those who have completed the application process (application and required documentation).
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 canceled within one month of training, the registrant will be required to pay a 25% non-refundable 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.