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Orton Gillingham Scholar

Scholarship Announcement
Fairleigh Dickinson University has joined forces with the Children’s Dyslexia Centers to provide a teacher training program in the Orton Gillingham approach for instructing struggling readers including students with dyslexia. Common features of the Orton Gillingham approach include: • direct, explicit instruction • systematic, cumulative, multisensory and rule-based strategies • extensive review • success-oriented sessions.

The teacher training scholarship covers the cost of 12 graduate credits for four courses in the Orton Gillingham (OG) approach. These courses form the core of the University’s nationally accredited Orton Gillingham Dyslexia Specialist Training Course. FDU’s Dyslexia Specialist Training Program is one of 9 University programs in United States that has met the standards outlines in the International Dyslexia Association’s Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. The IDA standards provide the most thorough, research supported documentation of what every teacher ought to know and be able to demonstrate, whether they are teaching dyslexic students, other struggling readers or the general student population.

The Program
Each semester, teachers in the program attend lecture sessions and then are given supervised practicum experience at one of the Children’s Dyslexia Centers, which are located in Burlington, Hasbrouck Heights, Northfield, Scotch Plains and Tenafly. Practicum sessions meet twice each week, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, for approximately 12 weeks each semester. It takes four semesters (two academic years) to complete the program. During each practicum session, teachers instruct children with dyslexia, using the Orton Gillingham approach. Teachers generally instruct one child at 4:30 p.m. and another child at 5:30 p.m.

Orton Gillingham Dyslexia Specialist Training Course
Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Orton Gillingham Program is nationally accredited through the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC). The program offers the following four certificates: • Orton Gillingham Teacher • Orton Gillingham Teacher Trainer • Orton Gillingham Therapist • Orton Gillingham Therapist Trainer.

For Further Scholarship Information
For further information on scholarships, attend an information session. Dates for the sessions will be posted on the Website: http://ucoll.fdu.edu/orton

To Apply
To request a scholarship application, call 201-692-2816, e-mail graceh@fdu.edu or download an application from the Website http://ucoll.fdu.edu/orton. The application process requires submission of • Scholarship Application • Two Letters of Recommendation • Resume and copy of Teaching Certificate • Copy of College Transcript (An undergraduate or graduate grade point ratio of 3.00 is required for admission.)

At present, applications are being accepted for consideration for training scheduled for next school year-fall 2013. Applications and all required components must be submitted by April 15. Scholarship awards will be announced in May 2013. Scholarship preference will be given to teachers who have preliminary training or experience in teaching multisensory reading and/or who have experience in special education. However, classroom teachers from primary, middle and secondary schools interested in Orton Gillingham training as a means of improving their classroom environments are encouraged to apply.

Visit the Orton Gillingham Teacher Training Web site at http://ucoll.fdu.edu/orton

Learn the Orton Gillingham approach from widely recognized clinicians at New Jersey training sites:

• Burlington • Hasbrouck Heights • Northfield • Scotch Plains • Tenafly.