

You can make a difference as an 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 25 University programs in United States that has met the standards outlined in the *International Dyslexia Association's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading*. The IDA standards provide the most comprehensive, 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. Fairleigh Dickinson University's Orton Gillingham Program is nationally accredited through the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC).

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, for approximately 15 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.

For Further Scholarship Information

For further information on scholarships, attend an information session. Dates for the sessions will be posted on the Website: fdu.edu/dyslexia

To Apply

To request a scholarship application, call 201-692-2816, e-mail graceh@fdu.edu or download an application from the Website fdu.edu/dyslexia. The application process requires submission of • Scholarship Application • Two Letters of Recommendation • Resume • copy of Teaching Certificate • Copy of College/Graduate Transcript.

At present, applications are being accepted for consideration for training scheduled for next school year-fall 2020. Applications and all required components must be submitted by April 1, 2020-deadline may be extended depending on Center. Scholarship awards will be announced in May 2020. Scholarship preference will be given to teachers 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 www.fdu.edu/dyslexia

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

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

