

The Hasbro Center for Teaching Excellence at the Dunn Institute  
**Orton-Gillingham Associate Level Training**  
 Application Form 2009

Name:	Date:
Phone:	Email:

**Course Information:** The Orton-Gillingham course at the Associate Level is a one year program based on the standards of the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators. Upon completion of the course and practicum, participants may apply to the Academy for membership at the Associate Level. The complete course includes 60 seminar hours and a 100-hour supervised practicum over a period of at least eight months. Three graduate credits from URI and 60 PDCs are offered for coursework; three graduate credits from URI and 100 PDCs are offered for the practicum. Graduate Credits require an additional fee of \$100 / credit. The coursework will be offered in two phases. Phase I involves 30 hours of coursework over 5 days (9am – 3pm daily). Phase II involves an additional 30 hours scheduled during the school year on mutually determined dates in the following format: 1 three-hour afternoon workshops; 5 Saturday workshops.

**Phase I Coursework Selection:**

- June 22 - 26, 2009 ..... \$1,250
- September 14 - 18, 2009 ..... \$1,250

**Phase II Coursework will be scheduled at the end of the Phase I week (included in the \$1,250 coursework fee).**

**Practicum** ..... \$1,250

Participants in the June course may begin their practicum during the summer by participating in the Highlander Summer Program that runs Monday – Friday from July 6th – 24th. Participants may tutor between 1 – 3 hours daily (between 9 – noon) accumulating between 15 and 45 of the required 100 hours.

School year practicum tutoring begins at the end of September. Participants must see a student at least twice a week between 45 – 60 minutes each session. O-G tutors select practicum students in partnership with O-G instructors and the Dunn Institute. Tutors may charge families \$20 / hour for practicum tutoring.

- I am interested in the summer practicum opportunity at Highlander (circle # of hours / day: 1 2 3 )
- I plan to begin my practicum in the fall

**The Application Process:**

- Interested participants submit this application form along with a current resume to Linda Atamian, Director of Multisensory Instruction at The Dunn Institute.
- Linda will contact each applicant for a phone interview. In some instances a face-to-face interview may be requested.
- Course acceptance

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- All course participants must submit a BCI form (Criminal Background Check) and college transcripts to Linda Atamian prior to beginning the course. More information about this process will be available at the Dunn Institute.
- Upon successful course completion, practicum acceptance

**Billing information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 PO # (if app.) \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in Orton-Gillingham training, and what do you hope to gain from participating in the Associate Level Course (please feel free to use additional space if necessary)?

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**Please mail the application & a current resume to:**  
 Linda Atamian, Director of Multisensory Instruction  
 c/o the Highlander Charter School  
 42 Lexington Ave.  
 Providence, RI 02905

Please contact Cathy Sanford (831-7323 x17) or Linda Atamian (277-2600 x118)

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# Frequently Asked Questions about the Dunn Institute Associate Level Orton-Gillingham Course

## *1. What is the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators?*

The Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1995 by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, on behalf of the State Education Department. A group of dedicated and experienced Orton-Gillingham educators from around the country engaged in the planning and implementation of the Academy with a joint focus on how to better serve persons with dyslexia, fellow professionals, and the public interest.

## *2. What does it mean to be affiliated with the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators (AOGPE)?*

The Orton-Gillingham approach has enjoyed more widespread recognition over the past decade; consequently there are increasing numbers of organizations who offer O-G training and growing numbers of products that are based on the O-G approach.

The Dunn Institute has chosen to be affiliated with the Academy because of our respect for their rigorous standards of practice. The Academy standards and requirements around O-G are amongst the most rigorous and demanding. Teaching reading – especially to struggling readers – IS rocket science and the Dunn Institute believes that the course content, requirements, sequence of topics and approach to learning espoused by the Academy represents the best route to learning, practicing, and mastering the O-G approach.

Participants who complete course requirements may apply to the Academy for recognition at the Associate Level. This entails a comprehensive application and a membership fee.

## *3. What are the different levels of Academy membership?*

One of the primary ways the Academy pursues its mission is through a Certification Program for individuals who apply for Academy membership. An applicant submits a comprehensive application that is reviewed against Academy standards. There are four levels of members:

- **Subscriber member.** Must complete an Academy approved course of at least 10 hours that provides an overview of the Orton-Gillingham approach, the phonology and structure of English, characteristics of dyslexia, multisensory teaching, and a lesson demonstration. (Available online at: [Training.epsbooks.com](http://Training.epsbooks.com)).
- **Associate member.** Will have a bachelor's degree and complete 60 hours of seminar work and 100 hours of a supervised practicum over the course of at least 9 months.
- **Certified member.** Prerequisite: Associate level course and practicum. Will have completed an additional 100 hours of coursework and 200 hours of supervised practicum over the course of at least 2 years.

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- **Fellow.** Prerequisite: Certified level course and practicum. Will have completed an additional 150 hours of coursework and 300 hours of supervised practicum over the course of at least 3 years. Academy Fellows may lead Associate / Certified level courses that are developed in conjunction with Academy standards

*4. Do I have to apply to for Academy membership at the Associate Level in order to be accepted into the Certified Level course?*

No. After applying to the Certified Level Course, the instructing Fellow will determine whether the Associate Level requirements have been met on an individual basis. Some Certified applicants may receive conditional acceptance based on the completion of certain pre-requisites. The process for applying to the Academy at the Certified Level is the same whether or not you have applied at the Associate Level.

*5. Can I receive professional development/ graduate credits for my O-G training?*

Yes. Both Rhode Island and Massachusetts offer professional development credits for O-G training. The Dunn Institute also offers URI for graduate credit for the O-G course and practicum (a total of six credits at an additional charge of \$100 / credit).

*6. What are the practicum requirements?*

Practicum participants tutor a student (1:1) who has documented evidence of a language-based learning difference (as a primary diagnosis). Tutoring must occur at least twice a week for 45 – 60 minutes each session. Practicum observations occur periodically throughout the practicum, averaging one observation for every ten tutoring sessions. Lesson plans, assessment tools and evaluations should be collected in a binder over the course of the practicum in preparation for application to the Academy or application into a Certified Level Course (or for future reference). Practicum tutors may charge families \$20 / hour to recoup course and practicum costs.

*7. Can I take the course one year, and then complete the practicum at a later date?*

The value of the practicum is greatest when participants learn and then practice O-G concepts simultaneously. It is very difficult for a Fellow to supervise the practicum of participants who have taken the course with a different Fellow. In this scenario, the best option is to retake the course with the supervising Fellow (the Dunn Institute offers course discounts for individuals who fall in this category).

*8. What are the Associate Level Course costs?*

The coursework fee is \$1,250 and includes all books and materials. The practicum fee is also \$1,250.

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9. *Where can I get more information about the AOGPE?*

Further information about the Academy can be found at [www.ortonacademy.org](http://www.ortonacademy.org)

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For further information about the Associate Level Orton-Gillingham course, please contact Linda Atamian (AOGPE Fellow and Course Instructor) at [latamian13@gmail.com](mailto:latamian13@gmail.com), 277-2600 x118.

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