

Fairleigh Dickinson University has joined forces with the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers of New Jersey to provide a teacher training program in the Orton Gillingham approach for instructing children with dyslexia. 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 is the only university in New Jersey with a comprehensive certificate program for training teachers in multisensory structured language teaching based on the work of Samuel T. Orton. Common features of the Orton Gillingham approach include:

- direct, explicit instruction
- systematic, cumulative, multisensory and rule-based strategies
- extensive review
- success-oriented sessions.

The Program

Each semester, teachers in the program attend lecture sessions and then are given supervised practicum experience at one of the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers of New Jersey, which are located in Burlington, Hasbrouck Heights, Newark, 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 generally 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

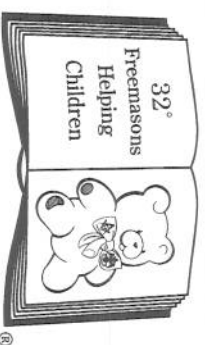
Fairleigh Dickinson University's Orton Gillingham Program is nationally accredited through the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC). The program offers the following four certificates:

- Orton Gillingham Teacher
- Orton Gillingham Teacher Trainer
- Orton Gillingham Therapist
- Orton Gillingham Therapist Trainer

Students who complete the two-year Orton Gillingham Scholars Program earn both initial certification by the 32° Masonic Learning Centers and FDU's IMSLEC-accredited Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate. These two years of training also provide a substantial portion of requirements toward the other IMSLEC-accredited levels.

32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers of New Jersey

The 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers of New Jersey provide Orton Gillingham instruction at no cost to pupils with dyslexia, grades 1 through 12. To determine eligibility for this program, parents must provide reports of comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations by a properly licensed professional indicating that the pupil has a learning disability. Parents interested in the program may request an application by calling 201-288-1183.



For Further Scholarship Information

For further information on scholarships, attend an information session. Dates for the sessions will be posted on the Web site: <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 Web site <http://ucoll.fdu.edu/orton>

The application process requires submission of:

- Scholarship Application
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Résumé 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. Applications and all required components must be submitted by March 1. Scholarship awards will be announced by May.

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>

This is what some of our teachers in training have to say about our program:

“Teachers receive extensive hands-on learning experiences in the OG approach. This program emphasizes the rules of language and facilitates the reading process.”

“I knew that I needed this training, and the scholarship aspect of this program has made it possible...”

“My approach to teaching has been changed forever for the better.”

“The OG Program has been beneficial to me and my students. I can honestly say that my teaching has improved in all subjects.”

“This program speaks for itself — it really works!”

“I am glad to be part of such a wonderful idea and opportunity.”

“Make the time — your students are worth it!”

Experience the satisfaction of helping your students make significant gains in reading.

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

- Burlington
- Hasbrouck Heights
- Newark
- Northfield
- Scotch Plains
- Tenafly

Apply for a scholarship (12 graduate credits) for Fairleigh Dickinson University's Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate, a program nationally accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC).



Scholarship Announcement

You can make a difference as an Orton Gillingham Scholar

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