

Get to know us



*"I was attracted to this training because of the supervised practicum (also that it is **free**!). At every step of the way, I am mentored and given constructive feedback by exceptional trainers, so that I can be confident that I am delivering high quality instruction. It feels great to work as a team to make a real difference in the lives of the children we serve, helping to restore their self-esteem and enjoyment of reading, and to fulfill their academic potential."*

—Geoffrey, tutor

Come be a part of this special work!

Our mission:

- To train tutors in the art, science, and practice of tutoring children using the Orton-Gillingham approach to the multisensory teaching of reading, spelling, and writing

Our tutor training offers you:

- **Free** tuition!
- Supervised practicum
- IMSLEC accreditation

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- To provide the highest quality, state-of-the-art, multisensory tutorial reading and written language instruction at no cost in a one-on-one clinical setting to children
- Advance the body of scientific knowledge of dyslexia through support of clinical research, to improve today's standards and tomorrow's care



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Tutor Training

which culminates in certification
as a Dyslexia Practitioner 1



Cost: Free tuition, with nominal materials fee of ~\$200 (scholarships may be available)

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree in any field. No prior teaching experience required.

Training consists of (please see syllabus for greater detail):

- Supervised Practicum:
 - Trainees are assigned to tutor two children individually for 50-minute sessions twice per week, four sessions per week total, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30, 4:40, or 5:50pm.
 - We follow a school-year schedule with breaks. Total practicum hours will be at least 100.
 - You will create a unique lesson plan for each student for each tutoring session.
- Seminars:
 - Four seminars Monday through Thursday the week before tutoring starts, then
 - One seminar per month on Friday evening or Saturday morning (to be decided) for eight sessions
 - Seminars are about four hours long.
- Other coursework:
 - Five observations of an experienced tutor
 - Readings with discussion questions or brief article/book reviews
- Assessments:
 - Four quizzes and a final exam, all open notes
 - Six formal observations/evaluations of your lessons

Additional benefits:

- Paid part-time employment as a tutor, as well as more advanced training, is available after completion of Level 1 training.
- This training is IMSLEC-accredited and qualifies one to sit for the exam to earn the ALTA Certified Academic Language Practitioner (CALP) credential.
- These hours can be applied toward teacher license renewal or the early literacy endorsement.
- Graduate credit is possible through Butler University.

Next steps:

1. Meet with Julie Bohannon, center director, to learn more about the program and observe a lesson. Please feel free to email Julie at JBohannon@cdccinc.org to set up an appointment or if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!
2. Complete a training application, which includes evidence of a bachelor's degree, current resume, and two letters of recommendation (less than two years old). The review process includes a background check (cost included in materials fee).

Deadline: Please complete all steps by Friday, May 1, 2026.