

ELA Simulator and Content Assessment Protocol 2017

Please Note:

- Both a simulator and a content assessment are required to be taken and passed for an individual to either train the Early Learning Assessment (ELA) course (trainers) or to administer the ELA (teachers). The simulator is a 20 question on-line assessment where individuals rate evidence using the appropriate skills, knowledge and behavior (SKB). The content assessment is also online and has 20 questions that pertain to the ELA.
- A pin code is required to gain access to the simulator and to the content assessment. This code will be given to individuals by either the ODE or ODJFS Master Trainer (for current/new trainers) or the ELA trainer (for teachers) during the face-to-face training. These pin codes are NOT to be given out via email or over the phone.
- Individuals must achieve a passing score of 80% on both the simulator and the content assessment.

For Trainers who took the simulator and the content assessment in February 2016:

- 1. Passed the Simulator in February 2016** - Trainers are required to retake the revised simulator.
 - a. There is no requirement that the trainer must pass the revised simulator.
 - b. They will continue to be able to train the ELA course. However, the trainer should consult with a Master Trainer to provide technical assistance (TA) on the questions answered incorrectly (the trainer should contact their Master Trainer to receive the correct answers and TA, if TA was not provided at the session).
 - c. *These individuals can continue to train the Early Learning Assessment (ELA) course regardless if they pass or fail the revised simulator.*
- 2. Failed the Simulator in February 2016** - Trainers are required to retake the revised simulator and pass it with a score of 80% or higher.
 - a. They will be considered “first time” takers and will follow the same track as those who did not take the simulator in February (See below “For trainers who did not take the simulator and content assessment in February, 2016”).

- b. Please be advised that if the individual completed the practicum and seminar previously, the individual does not need to retake the practicum and seminar unless they fail the revised simulator two times.

For trainers who did not take the simulator and content assessment in February, 2016:

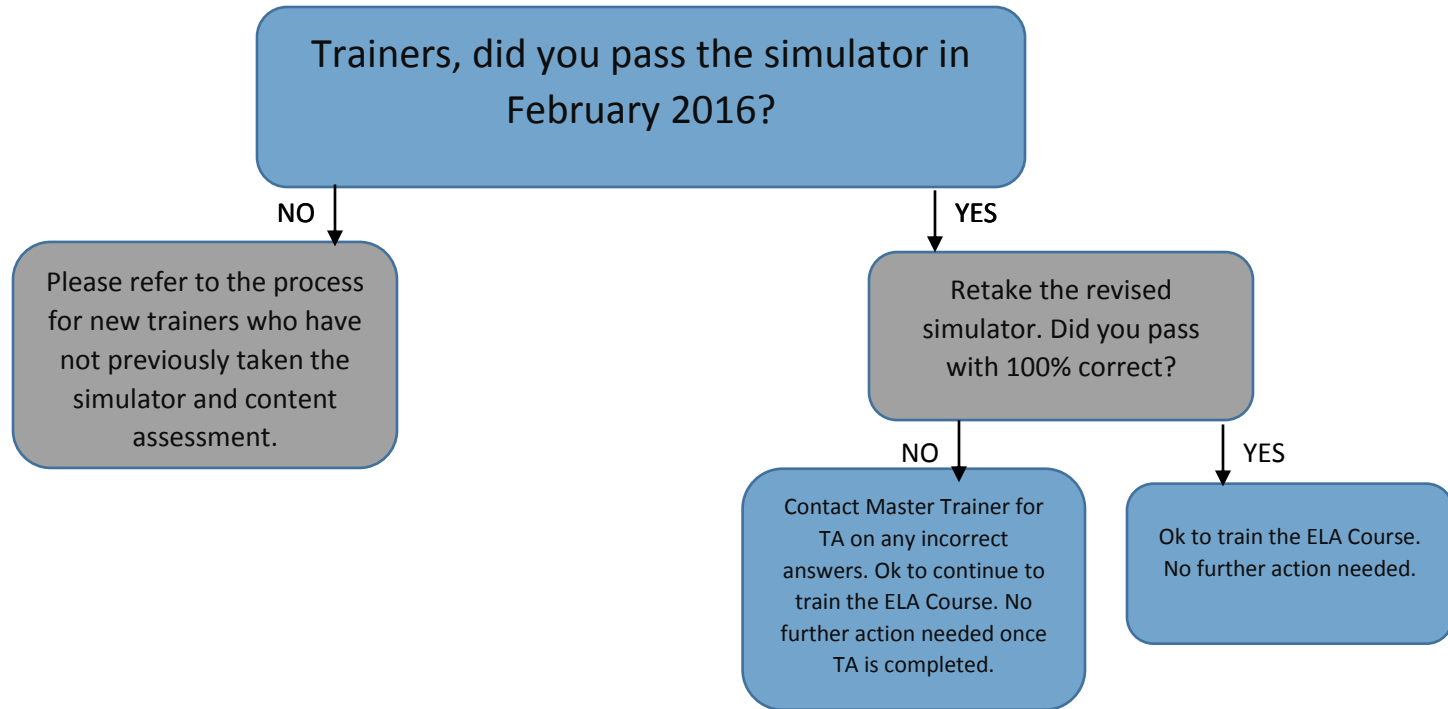
1. **First Attempt** - Trainers are required to take the simulator and content assessment and pass with a score of 80% or higher on each of the items.
 - a. **Trainer passes** – The individual will go on to complete the ELA practicum and seminar. After completion of the practicum and seminar, they will be able to train the ELA course.
 - b. **Trainer fails** – The individual will be required to participate in technical assistance (TA) with a Master Trainer.
 - i. If they are an R&R, they will contact a Master Trainer from ODJFS.
 - ii. If they are a SST, they will contact a Master Trainer from ODE.
2. **Second Attempt** - Upon completion of the TA, the individual will retake the simulator and/or content assessment (depending on which item was failed previously).
 - a. **Trainer passes** – The individual will go on to complete the ELA practicum and seminar. After completion of the practicum and seminar, they will be able to train the ELA course.
 - b. **Trainer fails** – The individual will continue on to complete the ELA practicum and seminar. The individual is not able to train the ELA course until simulator and content assessment have been passed and the ELA practicum and seminar is completed.
 - i. If the individual failed in February 2016 they will need to retake the practicum and seminar.
 - ii. During the seminar, the individual will be required to retake the simulator and/or content assessment for a third time (only for those who failed either the simulator or content assessment).
3. **Third Attempt** - Upon completion of the practicum and at the seminar, the Master Trainer will provide TA before the individual retakes the simulator and/or content assessment.
 - a. **Trainer passes** - They are able to train the ELA course.

- b. **Trainer fails** - They will be required to retake the ELA Train the Trainer course as well as completing the practicum and seminar. Once completing these, they are able to again attempt the content assessment and simulator.

For teachers taking the simulator and the content assessment:

1. **First Attempt** - Teachers will first complete the ELA training with an R&R or SST and then take the simulator and content assessment.
 - a. **Teacher passes**- They are permitted to administer the ELA.
 - b. **Teacher fails** - It is strongly recommended that they contact their ELA trainer for technical assistance (TA) on the answers that were incorrect. *Trainers are responsible for tracking whether teachers pass or fail both the simulator and the content assessment.*
2. **Second Attempt** - After TA is completed with the ELA trainer, the teacher will retake the simulator and/or content assessment.
 - a. **Teacher passes** - They are permitted to administer the ELA.
 - b. **Teacher fails** - The teacher will participate in TA with a Master Trainer from ODE or ODJFS (depending on the state agency that licenses their program).
3. **Third Attempt** - The teacher will then retake the simulator and/or content assessment upon completion of TA with a Master Trainer.
 - a. **Teacher passes** - They are permitted to administer the ELA.
 - b. **Teacher fails** - They will be required to retake the ELA training.

Trainers who may have previously taken the Content Assessment and Simulator:



New trainers who have not previously taken the Content Assessment and Simulator:

