

## **The Ohio Dyslexia Committee's Definition of Appropriate Certification**

(A) The Ohio dyslexia committee recognizes the following as "appropriate certification"

- 1) Completion of an [independent training program](#) or [higher education program](#) accredited by the International Dyslexia Association at the **Accreditation Plus level**.
- 2) Structured Literacy Dyslexia Interventionist Certification or Structured Literacy Dyslexia Interventionist Alternate Route Certification from the [Center for Effective Reading Instruction](#)
- 3) Structured Literacy Dyslexia Specialist Certification or Structured Literacy Dyslexia Specialist Alternate Route Certification from the [Center for Effective Reading Instruction](#)
- 4) Certified Academic Language Practitioner from the [Academic Language Therapy Association](#)
- 5) Certified Academic Language Therapist from the [Academic Language Therapy Association](#)

(B) The Ohio dyslexia committee acknowledges that external accrediting organizations control the approval processes for programs to qualify for the certifications listed in section (A). If an educator completed a program that was once approved by the accrediting organization but later is removed by the accrediting organization, the educator will no longer be considered certified. If a program is added by the accrediting organization, educators completing that program will then be considered certified so long as they completed the program according to what is approved by the accrediting organization.

(C) Independent training programs or higher education programs not included in section (A) offering certification are not recognized as "appropriate certification" by the Ohio dyslexia committee. Educators completing these or other programs are encouraged to consider the alternate route certifications offered by the Center for Effective Reading Instruction.

(D) This definition of "appropriate certification" may only be edited by a majority vote of the Ohio dyslexia committee.