



ONLINE: Writing and Dyslexia: Overcoming Challenges

Reading and writing are crucial aspects of student learning and critical life skills. Teaching students to read and write can be layered and challenging, especially since individual learners require teachers to adapt a range of teaching methodologies and approaches.

This course explores how writing challenges in the classroom may show up including learning conditions (like but not limited to Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and Dyspraxia) that may make it difficult for children to read and write, and a variety of teaching and evaluation strategies that can help all children— regardless of their level—to become competent readers and writers. An incredibly useful resource for teachers everywhere, the Writing and Dyslexia: Overcoming Challenges course is an invaluable tool for mastery of the art, craft, and nitty-gritty of writing.



Standards:

This course aligns all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Application of Content, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

It also aligns to all of the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content, Teachers Facilitate Learning and Teachers Analyze and Reflect.

Each online PD course includes:

- **Convenient access** anytime, anywhere, any device
- Interactive **online** textbook
- Implement **practical suggestions** immediately
- Demonstrate comprehension with **quizzes** and checks for understanding
- Print **certificates** of completion
- Easily assign courses to align with each teacher's **personalized PD needs**
- **Integrate** with school and district-wide initiatives
- **Low cost solution for all courses, all teachers, all school year**
- **Reports** for school administrators



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Course Outline

Lesson 1: Writing Challenges

- The Importance of Writing
- Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyspraxia: Symptoms and Diagnosis
- Decoding and Encoding Challenges
- Handwriting and Other Writing Challenges

Lesson 2: Transcription Challenges

- Spelling
- Morphology
- Phonics
- Keyboarding

Lesson 3: Cognitive Functions in Writing

- Writing Challenges
- Memory, Attention and Concentration
- Sequencing, Planning and Organization
- Strategies to Improve Writing

Lesson 4: Sharpening Writing Skills

- Pre-writing
- Initial Draft
- Revising
- Assessment