

About Orton-Gillingham

Orton-Gillingham (O-G) is a research-based, multisensory approach to teaching reading, writing, spelling, penmanship, and other literacy skills to individuals with dyslexia. It is named for Dr. Samuel Orton, a Harvard-trained neuropsychiatrist and pathologist, and Anna Gillingham, a psychologist and master educator, who together developed this pioneering approach.



Principles of Orton-Gillingham Instruction:

- Diagnostic and Prescriptive
- Individualized
- Language-based and Alphabetic/Phonetic
- Simultaneous Multisensory
- Direct and Explicit
- Structured, Sequential, and Cumulative, But Flexible
- Synthetic and Analytic
- Cognitive
- Emotionally Sound

Is Orton-Gillingham Training Right for Me?

Orton-Gillingham is the basis of many reading programs, including Wilson and Fundations, PAF, S.P.I.R.E., and Lindamood-Bell LiPS. However, O-G itself is not a program; it's an instructional approach, based on the principles of diagnostic and prescriptive, multisensory teaching. It can be personalized and tailored to any skill or age level, and it is extremely effective for students with any degree of reading, spelling, or writing difficulty, whether or not they have a dyslexia diagnosis. It is invaluable training for classroom teachers, reading specialists, and special educators, since by some estimates one in five people have dyslexia. An even greater number struggle with literacy simply due to a lack of effective reading instruction because many common instructional practices, including those often taught in teacher preparation programs, fail to incorporate or even contradict the science of reading.

This training is taught in accordance with the standards of the



For more information about Orton-Gillingham and O-G training, find Alphabet City Tutors on YouTube

Orton-Gillingham Associate Level Training



July/August 2026-
May 2027

Online



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Training Description

Orton-Gillingham Associate Level 2026-2027

Training and Practicum

This training includes 70 coursework hours:

50 hours of pre-practicum coursework

20 hours of practicum seminar coursework

Course topics will include:

- Administration of informal assessments
- Creating O-G lesson plans
- Neurological underpinning of dyslexia
- Phonological awareness
- Sound-symbol relationships
- Spelling rules and generalizations
- Syllable and morphemic structures of the English language
- Diagnostic-prescriptive teaching
- Research-based multi sensory, direct, and systematic instruction that can transfer to a small group setting
- Handwriting instruction
- Vocabulary instruction
- Reading comprehension skills
- Instruction in writing skills
- Preparing the application to the OGA for Associate Level certification

The Associate Level Practicum will include:

100 hours of 1-to-1 tutoring (may include small group instruction)

10 lesson observations with feedback from course instructor

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be eligible to apply to the OGA for certification at the Associate Level

5 graduate credits (for purchase)

80 CTLE and ASHA credit hours

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Course Instructor



Katie Takayanagi, M.S., ATF/OGA, is an Orton-Gillingham teacher-trainer and tutor based in Brooklyn, NY. She has over 20 years of experience as an educator and 17 years as an Orton-Gillingham practitioner. She holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University in French Studies and an M.S. from Antioch University New England in Environmental Studies, along with middle school science teaching certification. She tutors students of all ages in both school and home settings and trains educators who teach in a variety of settings as well. In addition to her work as a teacher-trainer and tutor, Katie leads a team of tutors at Alphabet City Tutors, an Orton-Gillingham tutoring company serving students throughout New York City, across the country, and internationally.

Course Details

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Course Dates:

Pre-practicum instruction:

July 27 - 31, 2026 (Monday-Friday)

August 3 - 7, 2026 (Monday-Friday)

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Practicum Seminar Saturdays:

October 3, 2026

November 21, 2026

January 23, 2027

February 27, 2027

May 1, 2027

Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tuition (\$5,000):

70 coursework hours

10 practicum observations

Course materials (\$300):

Training binder

The Gillingham Manual

Phonics drill cards

Additional resource books and materials

Shipping

Total: \$5,300

Tuition may be paid in installments as detailed on the registration form

Registration Deadline:

June 1, 2026 (course may fill prior to this date)

This class is capped at 12 participants

Questions and Registration:

Contact Katie Takayanagi

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