

Fellow Application and Curriculum Updates

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Dear Fellow members,

Our Fellows have the primary role in training teachers/tutors in the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Academy committees have been working over the last year to revise and clarify the guidelines for Fellow training to help future Fellows as they work toward an application. Resulting from this work several changes were proposed and presented to the Board for approval at their March 2012 meeting in Indianapolis.

The Board has approved the following changes:

- 1. The "window of opportunity" for candidates at any level of membership will close with July 2013 applications.** The "window" allowed training and experience gained before the inception of the Academy to be accepted without formal documentation. Committee members felt that the Academy had given adequate time for anyone trained before 1996 to submit an application, but have applications in the process of applying one year before this will take.
- 2. All Fellow applicants must be Certified members of the Academy.** This will take effect after the July 2013 applications.
- 3. Fellow applicants will be required to submit a DVD of themselves teaching a critical element from the middle of an Associate and/or a Certified course with their applications.** A sample of a teaching session would ensure a thorough and fair review of the application. The DVD must be accompanied by a detailed lesson plan for the lesson submitted. This DVD requirement will be required of all Fellow applicants after July 2013.
- 4. Twenty hours of attendance at Orton-Gillingham based conferences may be applied to the requirement of coursework during the three-year Fellow training period.** If the 20 hours are applied to the coursework requirements, the Trainee is required to submit documentation, signed by the Training Fellow, of the conferences and to list specific sessions attended.

The **Curriculum Handbook** has been revised to clarify the requirements for Fellow training and to reflect the changes stated above. Application forms, Checklist and Letters of Recommendation will reflect the changes when the guidelines go into effect in July 2013.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators