

Wilson Reading System (WRS) Certification

Wilson Level I Certification:

The WRS Level I Certification course prepares teachers to effectively implement WRS Steps 1-6 (there are 12 Steps in all) with students reading and spelling below grade level and those diagnosed with a language-based learning disability. Participants will demonstrate mastery of the Wilson lesson plan, including multisensory techniques and effective strategies in a 1:1 setting.

Pre-requisite for Level I Certification Training: Participants are required to attend one Introductory/Applied Methods Workshop that provides an overview of the Wilson Reading System curriculum.

Certification requirements:

Participants must complete the following to obtain WRS Level I Certification:

- Completion of Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course
- Practicum: 1:1 Student Instruction with a minimum of 60 lessons of instruction with a lesson plan written for each lesson (student must be approved by Wilson Trainer at AIM)
- Five Teacher / Student Observations at the Academy In Manayunk, as scheduled by the AIM Wilson Trainer (each observation is approximately one hour in length)—when registering please indicate preference for during school hours, after school hours or Saturdays for observations.
- Pretesting and posttesting reports, including educational history and current test results of practicum student
- Development of teacher's and student's notebook and student's written work in accordance with Wilson Language Training (WLT) program standards
- Demonstration of mastered lesson plan procedures (documented and approved by AIM Wilson Trainer)
- Demonstration of understanding of language concepts through accurate teaching with multisensory procedures
- Demonstration of student success and mastery of decoding/encoding skills up to the 4.2 step in the WRS.

Selection of Practicum Students:

Practicum students must be approved by your Wilson trainer *before* instruction begins. Please note that trainees are responsible for securing their own practicum student. In some cases, the Academy In

Manayunk will be able to provide students, but that should be a last resort. Students must meet the following criteria:

- Student entering grades 4-12 (grade 3 approved if student has been retained)
- Overall cognitive ability in average range (minimum IQ = 80)
- Overall reading must be ranked in the 30th percentile or below
- Student's listening comprehension ability is higher compared to independent reading comprehension
- Student has poor decoding and spelling
- Student must be available to be scheduled at *minimum* three to four 45-minute lessons, two to three 60-minute lessons, or two to three 90-minute lessons (1:1) per week
- The practicum student must not have any previous Wilson instruction
- The practicum situation works best when the selected student has a consistent attendance record and does not have overriding emotional or behavioral issues

Materials: WRS Starter Kit is required. Starter kit can be purchased directly from WRS for \$149 by going to the following link: <http://www.wilsonlanguage.com/store/item.aspx?id=47601e9d-d25b-dc11-be3c-0003ff30d5ff>

Fees: paid to the Academy In Manayunk: \$1,850 for Level I Certification, fees will include the Start Up Date on Monday, August 30th, the WRS online course, five teacher/student observations, 5 Implementation meetings throughout the school calendar year. If a 6th observation is required, an additional charge will be incurred.

Up to 9 graduate credits are offered through Endicott College in Beverly, MA for a tuition charge. Please see Wilson website for further information.

Space is limited and will only be reserved when the \$1,850.00 fee is paid in full. Participants may write check or P.O to the Academy In Manayunk.

Pre-registration with the Academy In Manayunk is required for all training.

Cancellations less than 48 hours before session will not be refunded. Cancellations 3 weeks prior to session will be refunded at 50% of tuition rate.

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For information to host Wilson trainings at your school or school district, please contact Nancy Blair at nblair@aimpa.org