

# **Literacy/Dyslexia Endorsement Provider Information Sheet**

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Root Literacy Design LLC (RLD)

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# Brief explanation of format (e.g., virtual, synchronous, asynchronous):

RLD's Roots of Structured Literacy training (ROSL) includes a 72 hour in-person synchronous course, asynchronous work, and an optional guided practicum.

## Brief explanation of professional learning experience:

Root Literacy Design is a Rhode Island based company. Cohorts run each summer in Kingston & Providence. *Any educator from any school in RI can join;* the cohorts are perfect for individuals or small groups seeking training. Schools/districts may pay an additional \$1,500 for a private cohort at a location of their choosing.

#### **ROSL COURSE**

The ROSL course empowers educators with the knowledge and skills needed to provide evidence-based literacy instruction to all students (including those with SLD/dyslexia and MLLs) within all tiers in grades k-12. Graduates from this course will be prepared to take the KPEERI exam. The instructional approaches and strategies educators learn may be utilized to enhance an existing program or as part of a Structured Literacy approach. Each unit follows a gradual release model; the instructor models concepts and strategies, followed by opportunities for guided and independent practice. Participants in the course learn how to analyze assessments and form instructional goals in order to design and teach lessons for a whole class, small group, or individual students. Course participants will be asked to apply what they've learned by completing a Case Study for one student, in which they independently administer and analyze assessments and then document their findings and instructional goals. Ongoing feedback is provided throughout the course through synchronous and

asynchronous assignments. Based on the science of reading and Structured Literacy, the course has 6 units (listed below) that cover the following topics:

- I. The Reading Process, Science of Reading Research & Methods
- II. Assessment & Instruction
- III. Word Recognition & Spelling (phonological & phonemic awareness, letter formation, high frequency words, basic & advanced phonics, decoding and encoding)
- IV. Fluency
- V. Vocabulary & Morphology
- VI. Language Comprehension & Writing (pre-,during-, post-, comprehension strategies and syntax)

# ROSL PRACTICUM (optional): Get the support you need to transform your instructional practice in one year.

Coaching is the bridge from knowledge to instructional practice. **Research shows coaching is needed** to implement anything learned in professional learning settings; taking the course alone will not lead to implementation in instructional practice.

The practicum consists of:

- 24 hours of direct coaching with a literacy coach, within a cohort of other educators, to:
  - Administer and analyze assessments
  - o Form instructional goals
  - Design lessons
  - Deliver & receive feedback on instruction
- An additional 12 "drop in office hours" for continued individual support.
- Educators deliver a minimum of 55 structured literacy lessons over the course of the year (at least two, 45 60 minute lessons per week).
- \*Get paid to learn if you choose to complete your practicum with a RITES student (see cost details below).

#### **Recommendation:**

While this training meets the Right to Read Act requirements for all educators needing to meet *proficiency* requirements, the following recommendations are offered for consideration.

Classroom Educators	Recommend Course and Practicum
	Educators learn how to design and deliver
	differentiated Tier 1 instruction to meet the
	needs of students.
Specialists, Tier II and Tier III Instructors	Recommend Course and Practicum
	Educators learn how to design and deliver
	individualized instruction tailored to students'
	unique intervention needs within Tiers 2 and 3.
Administrators (Awareness)	The depth of this training exceeds the
	administrator requirement; however, we
	recommend this training for administrators so
	they can support teachers. Additionally,

administrators may work with RLD separately to gain support implementing evidence-based literacy practices school- or district-wide through tailored consulting and coaching services.

#### **Length of Training and Associated Costs:**

**Course**: 72 hours of in person learning delivered as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> Word Recognition & Spelling 6 days, 6 hours each day (36 hours)

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<u>Section 2:</u> Fluency, Vocabulary & Morphology, and Language Comprehension 6 days, 6 hours each day (36 hours)

**Optional Guided Practicum** (after completion of Section 1):

Delivery of a minimum of 55 lessons; 24 hours of direct coaching support over a span of 8 months, within a cohort of other educators, to:

- Administer and analyze assessments
- Form student instructional goals
- Design lessons
- Deliver & receive feedback on instruction

Each educator has access to an additional 12 "drop in office hours" over the 8 months for continued individualized support.

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**Course Cost:** \$2,500 (\$2,200 + \$300 for materials) per person for the entire course (includes sections 1 & 2). Schools/districts can receive 5% off when enrolling 5 or more educators.

#### **Course Cohort Information:**

- Cohorts run each summer in Kingston & Providence. Any educator from any school in RI can join. Perfect for individuals seeking training.
- Schools/districts may pay an additional \$1,500 for a private cohort at a location of their choosing.

Practicum Cost: \$2,000

Total cost of course + practicum: \$4,500

At Root Literacy Design, we believe in supporting and giving back to our community.

\*Get paid to learn if you choose to complete your practicum with a RITES student:

- 15% off the entire course (total cost \$2,125 instead of \$2,500 - materials included)
- RITES will pay you up to \$1,100 for the practicum after it has been completed
- Total course & practicum savings: \$1,475 per educator