



## **DYSLEXIA TEACHING LEVEL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

SMU's Learning Therapy Program offers a Dyslexia Teaching Level Graduate Certificate that is designed to meet the needs of dyslexia teachers who work with small remedial classes. The DTL (Dyslexia Teaching Level) Program is offered every semester at SMU's campus in Plano, Texas, although arrangements can be made to deliver the program on-site in schools or educational service centers.

Participants receive thorough instruction in guided discovery, multisensory teaching techniques, lesson planning, and documentation of student progress. The EDMAR/MTA Curriculum is a multisensory, sequential, integrated language arts program that includes alphabet and dictionary skills training, reading decoding and comprehension, spelling, cursive handwriting, and written composition. Nine years of research and field testing corroborate the success and effectiveness of MTA, and current research supports the curriculum content and methodologies that are incorporated into MTA. MTA meets all of the TEA descriptors for dyslexia programs.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Program participants must complete the core curriculum of one 3-hour and two 1-hour graduate courses (five graduate credit hours total) in three consecutive semesters as outlined below. A minimum of 90 clinical teaching hours is required to complete the certificate.

### **ADMISSION**

**To be eligible for admission, a candidate must possess and/or be able to demonstrate the following:**

1. A bachelor's degree or higher in an education-related field,
2. State Education Agency teaching credential or accredited private school credential,
3. Proof that s/he is an "employee in good standing" in a public or accredited private school,
4. The approval of his/her school district to participate in this program,
5. An indication from the employing school district that it will support the teacher's efforts to complete course requirements (e.g., attend courses and provide practicum opportunities) and videotape demonstration lessons.

### **PROGRAM OUTLINE**

The first course includes lectures, practicum, demonstration lessons, and practical experiences that prepare participants to begin teaching the first level of the MTA curriculum to their students. Beginning the second semester, each participant is assigned a personal advisor who provides personal support, including feedback for two demonstration lessons in the second semester and two demonstration lessons during the third semester.

**Semester 1:** Introduction to EDMAR MTA curriculum; 8 days, 45 contact hours, 3 graduate credits. Demonstration Lesson 1 completed during this period.

**Semester 2:** EDMAR MTA Kits 2 and 3; 15 contact hours, 1 graduate credit. Demonstration Lessons 2 and 3 completed during this semester.

**Semester 3:** EDMAR MTA Kits 4 and 5; 15 contact hours, 1 graduate credit. Demonstration Lessons 4 and 5 completed during this semester.

The DTL Certificate courses will be offered each summer, fall, and spring semester. If interested, please contact:

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