



## OGA Levels of Membership

The following membership levels in the Orton-Gillingham Academy (OGA) reflect a graduated range of coursework that increases in depth and breadth of literacy knowledge. Each course follows the OGA Curriculum Standards and the OGA Principles.

Membership at each level requires participants to successfully complete designated coursework; a supervised practicum at the Classroom Educator, Associate, Certified, and FIT levels; and an application and acceptance by the OGA.

**Subscriber Member** has completed an *introductory* level course that provides a basic understanding of the history of the OGA, and the science, rationale, and structure of the OGA Approach.

- Subscriber Members are *not certified* by the OGA to teach or tutor students in the OGA Approach.
- Some Fellows require this course as a prerequisite to further training.

## Levels of Certification

**Classroom Educator Level** is intended for educators teaching in a general education setting. The Classroom Educator practitioner is certified by OGA to provide and adapt literacy instruction for the whole class or for small groups needing supplemental support.

- The coursework provides educators with the basic content knowledge of research-based explicit language instruction as well as the delivery of instruction aligned with Orton-Gillingham Principles.
- Students with greater deficits in reading will need more intensive instruction delivered by a practitioner trained at the Associate level or above.

*Note: At the discretion of the Associate level training Fellow, the Classroom Educator coursework of 30 hours and supervised practicum of 50 hours **may** be applied toward Option B Associate training. Applicants will need to check with the individual Training Fellow for their specific course requirements.*

**Associate Level** is intended for practitioners working with struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia, in individual or group settings. Until completing the Certified Level of certification, it is recommended that members work under the mentorship of an OGA Fellow.

- The Associate practitioner is certified by OGA to provide Orton-Gillingham instruction in accordance with the Associate Level standards described in the *Curriculum Handbook*.
- The Associate practitioner *is not certified* to provide OGA training or supervision.

**Certified Level** is intended for practitioners who have completed the Associate level training and practicum. The Certified Level expands and deepens the Associate Level concepts and equips the practitioner with the skills to address the needs of struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia and more complex learning profiles, in any setting.

- The Certified practitioner is certified by OGA to provide Orton-Gillingham instruction in accordance with the Certified Level standards described in the *Curriculum Handbook*.
- The Certified Level practitioner is *not* qualified to provide independent OGA training or practicum supervision.

**Fellow Level** is intended for practitioners who have completed the Associate and Certified level training and practicum. The Fellow Level prepares practitioners to design and deliver Orton-Gillingham training courses at all levels of OGA certification.

- The Fellow practitioner follows the standards described in the *Curriculum Handbook* and the *Fellow Handbook* to train, supervise, and mentor trainees through the OGA application process at all levels of certification.
- The Fellow practitioner maintains certification by OGA to address the needs of struggling readers of all ages, including those with dyslexia and more complex learning profiles, in any setting.