

## ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential Coursework Guidance

### What does the ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential Offer?

The coursework for this credential provides in-depth training on understanding, assessing, and providing instruction for students with language-based reading disorders, including characteristics of dyslexia. This credential advances the knowledge and skills of a school practitioner who works with students learning to read, such as a classroom or special education teacher or a reading interventionist. This credential does not qualify the individual to diagnose dyslexia. It provides instruction in assessing identifying reading challenges and applying proven instructional approaches to support students with a variety of reading challenges, which may include characteristics of dyslexia.

This guidance assists with the interpretation of the following North Dakota Administrative Codes:

- **[NDAC 67-11-25-04](#). Requirements for obtaining a specialist trained in dyslexia credential.**
  1. To obtain a credential for a specialist trained in dyslexia to teach students in a school setting, an educator must hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the ND Education Standards and Practices Board.
  2. The individual must have completed the required coursework from a state-approved institution of higher education. This coursework must include the following:
    - a. Introduction to dyslexia.
    - b. Assessment for students with dyslexia.
    - c. Interventions for students with dyslexia.
    - d. A minimum of three semester hours of practicum experience related to dyslexia assessment and interventions.
  3. An individual is exempted from subsection two if the individual has completed certification approved by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) or the Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI). The certification must include a practicum experience of a minimum of three credits or forty-five clock hours and be equivalent to that required in subsection 2.

Below are suggested coursework approaches for obtaining the ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential.

North Dakota Course Content Requirements	University of North Dakota (UND) - <a href="#">Dyslexia Certificate</a>	International Dyslexia Association (IDA) <a href="#">Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI) Certification</a>
A. Introduction to Dyslexia	Course # CSD 310 Understanding Language-based Reading Difficulties (Or: LETRS Vol. 1 & Vol. 2)	Individuals holding IDA CERI certification with practicum experience may apply for the North Dakota Credential.
B. Assessment for students with dyslexia	Course # CSD 311 Evaluating language-based reading difficulties	Individuals wishing to explore CERI certification may consult the <a href="#">IDA website</a> to review the application procedures and identify accredited institutions offering training opportunities.
C. Interventions for students with dyslexia	Course # CSD 312 Intervention for Language-based Reading Difficulties	
D. Minimum of three semester hours of practicum experience related to <i>dyslexia</i> assessment and intervention	Practicum Supervisors available. Contact Sarah Robinson at UND for registration information. <a href="mailto:Sarah.robinson@ndus.edu">Sarah.robinson@ndus.edu</a> .	AIM Institute for Learning is an IDA-accredited institution and a trusted ND Partner. <a href="#">Contact them</a> for more information about the opportunities to achieve CERI dyslexia certification through their Pathways Series.
Required Documentation Upload	Transcript evidence of successful completion	<a href="#">Structured Literacy/Dyslexia Interventionist</a> <a href="#">Structured Literacy/Dyslexia Specialist</a>

- **NDAC 67-11-25-05. Application process.**
  1. The application process to obtain a credential under this chapter must consist of:
    - a. The completion of an online application; and
    - b. The submission of official transcripts, certificates, and other documentation as needed.
  2. The law allows two avenues to obtain a credential.
    - a. An educator may take courses from an approved state institution.
    - b. An educator may present dyslexia certification through the [International Dyslexia Association Center for Reading Instruction](#) (IDA-CERI).
- **NDAC 67-11-25-06. Credential renewal.**
  1. A renewal applicant must
    - a. Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license.
    - b. Renew the credential before the applicant's license expires or every five years if the applicant has a lifetime license or certification.
    - c. Complete **two semester hours of credit** in a course that addresses language-based reading disorders or dyslexia before the expiration date of the applicant's credential.
    - d. An applicant who holds a two-year educator's professional license shall complete one semester hour of credit before the expiration date of the applicant's credential.
    - e. If the applicant's teaching license expires within twenty-four months of issuing a first-time credential under this chapter, then no additional credit hours are required.