

ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential Coursework Guidance

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

NDAC 67-11-25-04. Requirements for 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 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 all of 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.

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 and other documentation as needed.
2. The law allows for two avenues to obtain a credential.
 - a. An educator may take courses from an approved state institution.
 - b. An educator may present certification through the [International Dyslexia Association Center for Reading Instruction](#) (IDA-CERI).

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

North Dakota Course Content Requirements	University of North Dakota (UND) - Dyslexia Certificate	International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI) Certification	AIM Institute for Learning & Research (Accredited Coursework Partner for CERI Application Process)
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.	Reaching All Learners (Or: LETRS Vol. 1 & Vol. 2)
B. Assessment for students with dyslexia	Course # CSD 311 Evaluating language-based reading difficulties	Individuals wishing to explore CERI certification may consult the IDA website to review the application procedures and identify accredited institutions offering training opportunities.	Pathways to Structured Literacy
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 dyslexia assessment and intervention	Practicum Supervisors available. Contact Sarah Robinson at UND for registration information. Sarah.robinson@ndus.edu .	Accepted certifications include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured Literacy/Dyslexia Interventionist • Structured Literacy/Dyslexia Specialist 	Structured Literacy Practicum. Contact AIM Institute for more information.