



Dyslexia Association of Ireland
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DYSLEXIA COURSE

Dear Teacher

Please find enclosed information about an upcoming **Dyslexia Association Course for Teachers in Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny City**. If you wish to attend this course please complete the enclosed application form and send in your fee of €250 immediately. *Places are allocated on a first-come first served basis to qualified applicants on receipt of a completed application form and the course fee.* The course content is outlined overleaf.

DAI IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TEACHERS

Presenters: The course will be presented by a team of specialist teachers and educational psychologists.

Fee: €250

Venue: The Skyline Room, Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny City.

Dates: The course runs over **4 Saturdays**:
27th February, 6th March, 13th March and 20th March 2010.

Times: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm each Saturday
Tea/coffee and sandwiches will be provided at lunch-time.

No exception will be made to the following requirement:

- ◆ Attendance at each session and on each day will be necessary in order to obtain the DAI Certificate.

Completed application forms should be returned to DAI, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2, immediately. Cheques should be made payable to DAI and returned with the application form. The fee for this course is non-refundable unless a cancellation is received more than 48 hours prior to the start date. All successful applicants will be notified in writing before the commencement of the course. **Places on these courses are limited so early application is advisable.**

Please contact DAI if you have any queries (01-6790276 or info@dyslexia.ie).

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

This course is offered only to qualified primary and secondary level teachers, including Learning Support and Resource teachers. Accepted qualifications include:

- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)
- B.A. + Higher Diploma in Education (H.Dip.)
- 3 levels of Montessori (i.e. up to age 12)
- Equivalent international professional primary or secondary teaching qualifications e.g. PGCE.

It is also sometimes open to related professionals, i.e. qualified Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists.

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The course will be presented by a team of practising teachers and psychologists.

The aims of the course are:

- a) to provide an understanding of the nature of dyslexia, the difficulties in language processing experienced by persons with dyslexia, and the practical implications of these for classroom and teaching practice.
- b) to provide course participants with knowledge and skills relevant to assessment and intervention, suitable for pupils and students who have dyslexia.

Topics covered will include:

- the history of dyslexia
- causal theories
- what does it mean to have dyslexia
- why reading is difficult
- recognising indicators in the classroom
- screening and assessment
- interpreting psycho-educational assessment reports
- implementing recommendations
- teaching phonics
- teaching reading comprehension skills
- spelling
- the writing process
- creating an inclusive classroom environment
- co-existing conditions
- assistive technology and IT
- dyslexia and maths

In addition, information with regard to suitable teaching, screening and testing materials will be available to view, as well as recommendations for further reading.

At the end of the course a participant will:

- ✓ Have an understanding of the possible causes of dyslexia.
- ✓ Be able to identify in a pupil/student learning behaviours which are consistent with dyslexia.
- ✓ Have an understanding of assessment and diagnostic reports.
- ✓ Have knowledge of appropriate methodologies and strategies for intervention.
- ✓ Support the child who has dyslexia in the general classroom.

The DAI course certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. The criterion for successful completion includes full attendance.

Serving teachers should note that financial assistance may be available through the Local Initiatives Scheme of the Special Education Support Service. Application forms can be downloaded from the SESS website (www.sess.ie). Teachers pay DAI, and then may be able to claim back some financial assistance from SESS.



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IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' COURSE APPLICATION FORM

VENUE: Hotel Kilkenny

START DATE: 27th February 2010

NAME: _____ **TEL.:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

Details of University Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, etc.

College/Institution	Subjects	Award	Years of Study

Details of Remedial/Special Education/Dyslexia Courses completed.

Course Title	Organiser	Total Hours	Year Attended

DETAILS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

(Please begin with present or most recent post)

School Name & Address	Post Held	Dates

Are you interested in working as a tutor for students with dyslexia (outside of school) after completing this course? Yes No

(Note – Only fully qualified teachers can be accepted as tutors with DAI)

I wish to pay the €250 course fee by:

Cash Cheque/Postal Order Debit Card Credit Card

Fee of €250 enclosed or card details section completed: Yes

