



# Teaching Level Initial Certification Requirements

To become a Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist, candidates must meet an education requirement, take a rigorous set of training courses, and successfully complete a 9- to 36-month Practicum. Wired for Reading, LLC does not guarantee certification status to all candidates who begin the certification process. Following are the four areas of certification requirements.

## **Educational Prerequisites**

Candidate can meet the education standard in one of two ways:

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in an accepted field of study from an accredited institution of higher learning

### ***Accepted Fields of Study***

Adult Education	Linguistics
Bilingual Education	Psychology
Curriculum and Instruction	Reading
Deaf Education	Remedial Reading
Early Childhood	Secondary Education
Elementary Education	Special Education
English	Speech and Language Pathology
Guidance and Counseling	Other*
Learning Disabilities	*Based on post-grad studies and/or work experience

- ✓ Post-graduate studies in a related field and/or work experience *if approved by course director*

## **Course Work**

- ✓ Candidate completes the 6-course program shown below.
  - Introductory Course (30 hours)
  - Intermediate Course (10 hours)
  - Advanced Course (20 hours)
  - Foundation Intensives (10 hours)
  - Phonics Intensives (10 hours)
  - Test Administration and Interpretation (10 hours)

## **End of Course Exam**

- ✓ Take and pass each course exam. Turn in to course director within *two weeks* of receipt.
  - Primary focus is course content; includes procedural and process questions as well.
- ✓ Take and pass the final exam. Turn in to course director within *three months* of receipt.
  - Primary focus is processes, procedures, and routines; includes problem-solving and client relations questions.

## Practicum

Candidate must arrange a mentorship with a Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist. The mentorship must be pre-approved by the Certification Administrator to count as your practicum. The Candidate participates in and teaches intervention lessons with the mentor's student/s. Practicum may begin at any time during the certification process. Candidate must successfully complete the Practicum to be considered for Certification.

- ✓ Candidate must work with students who present characteristics of dyslexia and/or language-based learning disorders. A formal diagnostic report is not required.
- ✓ Following a gradual release of responsibility model, candidate actively participates in 60 lesson hours.
  - Hour-long sessions may cover more than one lesson.
  - Adhere to Wired for Reading® content and techniques.
  - Lesson hours are allocated among three teaching areas as follows:
    1. Mentor-guided teaching (28 hours)
      - Candidate observes and participates in regularly scheduled intervention lessons along with mentor and mentor's student and parent.
      - Mentor prepares lesson plans for home practice and gives a copy to the parent and the candidate.
    2. Coaching mentor's student/s between intervention sessions (27 hours)
      - Follow mentor-prepared lesson plan to practice the material.
      - Practice sessions take place with the student at an agreed upon location which may include the student's home, student's school, or a public library.
    3. Candidate-lead teaching (5 hours)
      - Candidate prepares lesson plans; copy to mentor ahead of time.
      - Candidate teaches the lessons during weekly intervention sessions, replacing that week's student lesson with the Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist.
      - Mentor observes the lessons and prepares formal evaluation of each.
      - Five hours of teaching are allocated as follows:
        - 3.5 hours covering the following 5 lessons (2 within the first 3 months):
          - Foundation
          - Core Anglo-Saxon & Complex Anglo-Saxon
          - Combined Anglo-Saxon
          - Latin & Greek
          - TBD flexible lesson
        - 1.5 hours covering an area of strength and an area of growth for candidate.

## Continuing Education

Graduates of the teaching level must complete 30 hours of Continuing Education every three years. This may be divided into 10 hours per year or all in one year. However, you cannot carry over hours from one three-year period to another. Read the Wired for Reading® Continuing Education Policies and Procedures for the complete policy and the listing of qualified CEUs.

## Certification Requirements Progress Tracking & Certification Decision

Candidate submits the following documents to the Wired for Reading® Certification Administrator:

- Bachelor’s Degree diploma or documentation of post-graduate studies in a related field and/or work experience
- Wired for Reading® training courses Certificates of Completion
- Final Wired for Reading® training course examination results
- Practicum Hours Tracking Forms

Mentor submits the following documents to the Wired for Reading course director:

- Practicum Mastery Checklist
- CWRS Candidate Lesson Observation and Feedback Form
- Practicum Narrative and Recommendation Form

*Course Director reviews the documentation, makes Certification decision, and notifies the Candidate of the decision. The outcomes are as follows:*

1. Certification approved
2. Recommendation to extend Practicum
3. Certification denied

## Sample Tuition and Fee Schedule

<b>Wired for Reading Courses</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Materials*</b>	<b>By Deadline</b>	<b>After Deadline</b>
<i>Introductory</i>	\$695	\$125	\$695	\$820
<i>Intermediate</i>	\$150	\$30	\$130	\$160
<i>Advanced</i>	\$295	\$85	\$295	\$380
<i>Intervention Intensive</i>	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$375
<i>Test Administration and Interpretation</i>	\$150	\$30	\$150	\$180
<b>Certification Fees</b>				
<i>Mentor Administration Fee**</i>	N/A	N/A	\$250	\$250
<i>Initial Certification Administration Fee</i>	N/A	N/A	\$275	\$275
<i>Total</i>			\$2,045	\$2,440

\*Materials fee included in tuition if payment received by deadline

\*\*Paid directly to mentor at signing of Practicum Agreement

For current course descriptions, location, fees, and registration, go to the Wired for Reading® website at <http://wiredforreading.com/the-courses>. Courses are offered in-person throughout the year in the greater Seattle area. Fees subject to change at any time.

## Benefits of Certification

1. Representation on Wired for Reading® website with personal statement, photo, and contact information for purposes of attracting clients
2. May use “Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist” and logo on promotional materials
3. Access private Message Board reserved for Certified Wired for Reading Specialists
4. Collaborate with other Certified Wired for Reading® Specialists
5. Receive a 5%-15% discount on intervention books
6. Retain professional autonomy by working as an independent contractor
7. Receive a Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist Member Card

## Responsibilities of Certification

1. Purchase Wired for Reading® Teacher’s Manual and companion student workbook for all students
2. Participate in Wired for Reading® trainings
3. Communicate to clients when using Wired for Reading® and follow scope and sequence of Wired for Reading® with fidelity
4. Attend continuing education classes
5. May not make scans, copies, or otherwise distribute unlicensed copies of Wired for Reading® materials
6. Provide the lesser of 5 anonymous client reviews or one for each client annually
7. Meet the annual recertification requirements and pay the recertification fee