



## Wired for Reading Certification Requirements

To become a Certified Wired for Reading® Specialist, candidates must meet an education requirement, take a rigorous set of training courses, demonstrate alignment with the mission and philosophy of the Wired for Reading program, and successfully complete a 9- to 36-month long Practicum. Wired for Reading, LLC does not guarantee certification status to all candidates who begin the certification process.

### Education Requirement

Candidate can meet the education standard in one of two ways: (*Email resume to certification@wiredforreading.com*)

- ✓ 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 5-course program shown below.  
(*Candidates must have taken these courses within 3 years of starting the Practicum; otherwise, candidates must retake the course at the Alumni rate.*)
  - Introductory Course (30 hours)
  - Intermediate Course (10 hours)
  - Advanced Course (20 hours)
  - Intervention Intensive Workshop (6 hours)
  - Assessment Workshop (3 hours)

### **Course Exams** (Keep track of the dates and exam results.)

- ✓ Take and pass (@ 75%) the five course exams. Refer to each exam for due dates and times.
  - Primary focus is course content; includes procedural and process questions.
- ✓ Take and pass the **Certification Assessment**. Question responses due within *two weeks* of test sent date. Test administered after courses have been taken, exams passed, and Practicum has been completed.

- Primary focus is processes, procedures, and routines; includes problem-solving and client relations questions. *(All candidates regardless of Practicum start date must take and pass this exam.)*

## **Practicum**

The mentorship(s) must be pre-approved by the course director to count toward the Practicum. Candidate may work with more than one mentor throughout the Practicum. Candidate participates in and teaches intervention lessons with the mentor's student/s. Candidate may begin the Practicum after taking the Introductory Course and achieving comfort with the material. 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 Sessions (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-led Sessions (minimum 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.
        - At least five hours of teaching the following content (1 within the first 3 months):
          - Foundation (may include Foundation skill warm-up activity)
          - Core Anglo-Saxon & Complex Anglo-Saxon
          - Combined Anglo-Saxon
          - Advanced (Latin & Greek)
          - Mentor chosen flexible lesson
- Additional observations may be added as needed to strengthen candidate's delivery of the content. Please use form 4b to document.

### **Required Documentation**

### **Certification Decision**

Candidate submits the following documents to the Certification Administrator ([certification@wiredforreading.com](mailto:certification@wiredforreading.com)):

- Bachelor’s Degree diploma or documentation of post-graduate studies in a related field and/or work experience
- Documentation of passing grades for each of the five required courses
- Completed Coaching Hours Documentation-Forms 2 and 3

Mentor submits the following documents to the Certification Administrator (certification@wiredforreading.com):

- Candidate Lesson Observation and Feedback forms-Form 4a (one for each of the 5 lessons) and Form 4b as applicable.
- Practicum Mastery Checklist-Form 1
- Practicum Narrative and Recommendation-Form 5

Certification Supervisor sends Certification Assessment to Candidate-*grading fee invoice must be paid in advance*

Course Director reviews the documentation, grades the Certification Assessment, and notifies the Candidate of the decision. The possible outcomes are as follows:

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

\*Subject to candidate successfully completing the Certification Assessment.

### Sample Tuition and Fee Schedule

<b>Wired for Reading Courses</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Late Fee*</b>	<b>By Deadline</b>	<b>After Deadline</b>
<i>Introductory</i>	\$1250	\$125	\$1250	\$1375
<i>Intermediate</i>	\$350	\$30	\$350	\$380
<i>Advanced</i>	\$550	\$50	\$550	\$600
<i>Intervention Intensive</i>	\$300	\$25	\$300	\$325
<i>Assessment</i>	\$195	\$20	\$195	\$215
<b>Fees</b>				
<i>Per/Mentor Administration Fee**</i>	N/A	N/A	\$250	\$250
<i>Certification Assessment Grading Fee</i>	N/A	N/A	\$125	\$125
<i>Certification Fee</i>	N/A	N/A	\$335	\$335
		<i>Total</i>	\$3355	\$3605

\*Late fee assessed if tuition payment received after the registration 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.

\*Wired for Reading courses are offered online only until further notice due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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.

## Requirements to Maintain Certification

1. Purchase Wired for Reading® Teacher’s Manual and companion student workbook for all students.
2. Communicate to clients when using Wired for Reading® and follow scope and sequence of Wired for Reading® with fidelity.
3. Refrain from making scans, copies, or otherwise distribute unlicensed copies of Wired for Reading® materials.
4. Retake the Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Courses once every five years.
5. Complete 30 clock hours of continuing education every three years.
6. Provide the lesser of 5 anonymous client reviews or one for each client annually.
7. Agree to and sign the annual Wired for Reading Certified Wired for Reading Specialist contract.
8. Pay the annual recertification fee.