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The Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy (DACRT61)

The Dyslexia Action Level 5 Diploma is a comprehensive programme which trains teachers, teaching assistants and tutors supporting children/adults with dyslexia/SpLD to become qualified specialist teachers/practitioners.

Participants are not able to enrol directly for the Diploma; instead they enrol for two awards that combine to make up the certificate as follows and then the Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support course, DACRT60.

The Level 5 Diploma is made up of two component parts:

PART ONE: A CPD Pathway

Each of the following Certificate pathways is made up of two Awards, each comprising three Units. Participants can choose from one of three possible pathways depending on their work setting as follows:

Either: Literacy CPD Programme Pathway:

DACRT51 Level 4 CPD Certificate in Supporting Literacy in Learners with Dyslexia.

This certificate comprises two awards:

- DAAWD51: Level 4 CPD Award in Perspectives on Dyslexia
and
- DAAWD52: Level 4 CPD Award in Developing Literacy Skills in Learners with Dyslexia

Or: Supporting Adults CPD Programme Pathway:

DACRT56 Level 5 CPD Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties.

This certificate comprises two awards:

- DAAWD59: Level 5 CPD Award in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties
and
- DAAWD60: Level 5 CPD Award in Strategic Support for Adults with Dyslexia

Or: International CPD Programme Pathway:

DACRT57 Level 5 CPD Certificate in Supporting International Learners with Dyslexia.

This certificate comprises two awards:

- DAAWD51: Level 4 CPD Award in Perspectives on Dyslexia
and
- DAAWD57: Level 5 CPD Award in Supporting International Learners with Dyslexia

PART TWO: The Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy (DACRT60)

On completion of one of the above Pathways, participants can progress to the Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support, a specialist teacher training course. This level 5 Certificate course is the second part of the Diploma qualification and provides an introduction to a structured specialist teaching programme that can be used in school or college settings or with individuals of any reading age in private practice. It comprises the following three units:

- DACPD81: Principles of literacy intervention for learners with dyslexia and other literacy related difficulties
- DACPD82: Structured sequential literacy support and the placement process
- DACPD83: Developing a literacy Intervention for learners with dyslexia or literacy-related difficulties

This course is designed to:

- Provide participants with the technical knowledge and skills needed to put into practice the theoretical understanding gained from prior study
- Provide the technical knowledge necessary to foster language awareness in learners with dyslexia
- Give an in-depth understanding of the rationale for some tried and tested resources; DALP
- Explain the placement process to provide participants with the necessary background knowledge and skills to place learners at the correct stage of an intervention programme
- Provide advice and practice in structured lesson planning to ensure that participants learn to apply the principles of structured, sequential, cumulative multisensory tuition during the practical teaching intervention programme
- Give successful participants the knowledge and skills to place learners on, and deliver, an appropriately individualised, structured, cumulative multisensory literacy programme

Who can apply for the teaching course, DACRT60?

The DACRT60 course can be studied by candidates who have **completed and received results** for any of the following Pathway Certificates:

- **Literacy CPD Programme Pathway**
- **Supporting Adults CPD Programme Pathway**
- **International CPD Programme Pathway**

Accreditation of Prior Learning will normally be considered where the content varies from that given above.

Qualified specialist teachers with a Level 5 or Level 7 specialist SpLD teaching qualification who wish to gain an introduction and practical experience of the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme are also eligible to apply for the Certificate course (DACRT60).

Candidates should normally start the Level 5 CPD Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support within two years of passing the pre-requisite Certificate.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel before a place can be offered.

Practical Teaching

Practical teaching is an essential part of the DACRT60 course. Candidates are required to submit evidence of teaching practice throughout the units. Unit tutors supervise the practical elements and give support and feedback on the teaching materials, assignments, lesson plans and evaluations and reports.

Film recordings of teaching practice are made with the appropriate permissions from the school, learners and parents and within the terms of the Data Protection Act (1998). Recordings are usually submitted using a file upload facility - specific directions will be given in the units or by the designated tutor.

Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme

Participants on the teaching course use the **Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP)**. This specialist literacy training programme has been developed by the Postgraduate tutor team at Dyslexia Action in response to the need for a programme that, through individual placement identification, provides a flexible pathway to accommodate each learner's literacy profile.

DALP builds upon previous works by Orton, Gillingham and Stillman, Hickey, the Dyslexia Institute Literacy Programme (DILP) and Hornsby, which all promoted the concept of structured, cumulative learning. Using this as a central tenet, DALP brings metacognitive learning and the development of metalinguistic awareness to the forefront of practice.

Please note: To complete the Specialist Teaching Diploma (CPD Pathway + Level 5 Certificate DACRT60) takes approximately 18 months to two years of study. Applicants may accelerate the pathway only by studying more than one Unit at a time within the pathway only (upon successful completion of the first Unit) within the first two Awards. No more than 3 Units can be studied at the same time.

Participants will be expected to select a learner whose age range is equivalent to the age range of learners they are working with at the time of making their application to the course with Dyslexia Action.

The criteria for selection of a learner for the Teaching Intervention Programme are:

- Minimum age of 7
- Underachieving in literacy (it is not a criteria that the learner has a diagnosis of dyslexia)
- English must be the language the learners predominantly use in school to access the curriculum. Learners who are struggling with English as an additional language are not suitable for the practical elements of the courses. All lessons within the Teaching Intervention Programme must be delivered in English.
- Avoid a learner with a complicated learning profile or with social or behavioural problems
- Avoid a learner taking important exams during this period
- **Participants can only teach a child within a managed educational school setting.**
- **Teaching a child in the participant's own home or in the child's family home is not permitted.**

The learner selected for the Teaching Intervention Programme must be available for the duration of the teaching practice (around 14 weeks). If the learner is going to be away for more than 2-3 weeks during the teaching practice she/he may not be suitable for this intervention. The Teaching Intervention Programme takes place in Unit 3 of the course.

It is the responsibility of participants to select suitable learners to work with. Tutors will advise on the suitability of chosen learners, based on the information provided, but it is the responsibility of participants to select suitable learners.

Where will I study?

The core curriculum is delivered by means of a range of e-learning resources. These include presentations, articles, exercises, videos and follow-up activities and tasks for participants to carry out at intervals. This course includes a Teaching Intervention Programme which the participant will undertake with one learner within their school/work environment.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is continuous and will include written assignments, practical activities and contribution to Moodle forums. As part of the assessment of practical tutoring, participants will be required to record a minimum of one lesson with their learner for tutor observation.

Assignments will be submitted to the tutor via Moodle on a regular basis.

There are no examinations.

Will I need to have a DBS check?

As a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure is a requirement for working with children and young people, the person you choose to use for any practical teaching should normally be someone within your school or workplace, where you will already have a DBS Enhanced Disclosure. If you do not currently have a DBS check then you should allow AT LEAST 6 WEEKS to process any DBS application and this must be in place before any face-to-face work with a learner. Please visit: www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check for further information.

We reserve the right to request this information from you or to terminate a programme where we feel it is not in the interests of the learner to continue. Dyslexia Action Training and Professional Development will not assume responsibility nor will accept liability incurred as a result of any participant or learner being engaged in this programme.

Demands of the teaching course

The Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support is a demanding and intensive course which generally takes around 8-10 months to complete, part time. The Certificate requires an average of **10 hours of study per week**. This includes the time needed for planning and delivering the Teaching Intervention Programme. The first Unit of each course is offered in September, January and May each year. Units must be followed sequentially, following the course schedule.

Candidates must be able to undertake a Teaching Intervention Programme within the third unit of the Diploma programme. This intervention will be over a period of around 14 weeks and will comprise a combination of supervised and mentored teaching. Participants are required to find a learner to work with, during the teaching practical, whose main difficulties are with literacy and who are not currently receiving any other form of specialist teaching support.

Qualified **specialist teachers** with a Level 5 or Level 7 specialist SpLD teaching qualification who wish to gain an introduction and practical experience of the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme are also eligible to apply for the Certificate course. However, the Level 5 Diploma will not be awarded unless one of the pathways is also completed as well or is evidenced by approved Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) at the time of application to the course. The Level 5 Diploma is accredited with the British Dyslexia Association.

Candidates who have completed earlier Dyslexia Action syllabus Units on the **CPD, International or Supporting Adults Programmes** should have successfully completed a minimum of two Awards to be eligible for the Strategic Teaching Certificate (DACRT60) course. Accreditation of Prior Learning will normally be applied where the content varies from that given above.

Course Units

The Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy consists of **three Mandatory Units** all at Level 5. Please note that these Units are not available as separate Units; participants study the full Certificate course. Each Unit must be passed in order to continue with the course.

Mandatory Units Level 5	All Units within the Certificate course must be passed	Total Qualification Time	Credits
DACPD81	Principles of literacy intervention for learners with dyslexia and other Literacy-related difficulties	60	6
DACPD82	Structured, sequential literacy support and the placement process	40	4
DACPD83	Developing a literacy Intervention for learners with dyslexia or literacy related difficulties	140	14
	Total	240	24

Level Descriptors

DACRT60 is a level 5 course and is mapped against the Ofqual Level 5 Descriptors¹ which are as follows:

Knowledge Descriptor (the holder...)

- Has practical, theoretical or technological knowledge and understanding of a subject or field of work to find ways forward in broadly defined, complex contexts.
- Can analyse, interpret and evaluate relevant information, concepts and ideas.
- Is aware of the nature and scope of the area of study or work.
- Understands different perspectives, approaches or schools of thought and the reasoning behind them.

Skills Descriptor (the holder can...)

- Determine, adapt and use appropriate methods, cognitive and practical skills to address broadly defined, complex problems.
- Use relevant research or development to inform actions.
- Evaluate actions, methods and results.

Typical Level 5 qualifications include Higher National Diplomas, Diplomas of Higher Education and Foundation Degrees. For further details on qualification levels see *Qualifications can cross boundaries* (March 2017): www.qaa.ac.uk/en/publications/documents/qualifications-can-cross-boundaries.pdf

¹ Ofqual 15/5774 (2015) Qualification and Component Levels: Requirements and Guidance for All Awarding Organisations and All Qualifications

Total Qualification Time and Credits

Total Qualification Time (TQT) is an estimate of the number of hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in 1) guided learning under the supervision of an online tutor and 2) individual preparation, study and assessment.

Dyslexia Action Credits are awarded as follows: One credit equals 10 hours of TQT.

Accreditation

Dyslexia Action courses have been in existence for over 40 years and have a national respected profile in specialist teacher training and support. Our courses meet a number of accreditation criteria reflecting the importance we place on the quality of our courses and high standards of teaching and learning which are intrinsic to our programmes:

Dyslexia Guild: The Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support confers eligibility for **Associate Membership of The Dyslexia Guild –ADG**, recognised as the first grade of professional membership for a specialist teacher.

British Dyslexia Association: The Level 5 Diploma is accredited by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) and confers eligibility for Approved Teacher Status (ATS or ATS FE/HE) or Approved Practitioner Status (APS), equivalent to **ADG with the Guild**.

The CPD Standards Office: All of our CPD courses are individually accredited by The CPD Standards Office.

The British Accreditation Council: Dyslexia Action is an accredited online training provider through Real Group Ltd.

DACPD81 Principles of Literacy Intervention for Learners with Dyslexia and other Literacy-related Difficulties

Level: 5

Total Qualification Time: 60

Credits: 6

This unit raises awareness of the key elements and rationale of effective literacy intervention practice using the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP) as an example. Participants will explore the complex relationships between sounds and development. The analysis of the different strands of DALP will enable participants to appreciate the range of factors to consider when planning strategic, structured support for learners with dyslexia and literacy-related difficulties.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

1. Examine how particular features of a literacy programme can promote learner independence in literacy development.
2. Demonstrate understanding of the components of a structured literacy intervention programme.
3. Demonstrate understanding of the range of factors to consider when designating an entry point for a learner with a simple literacy profile in a structured literacy intervention programme.
4. Discuss how the essential components of a structured, sequential, cumulative multisensory lesson support literacy development.

DACPD82 Structured Sequential Literacy Support and the Placement Process

Level: 5

Total Qualification Time: 40

Credits: 4

N.B. Participants cannot study DACPD82 if they have not passed DACPD81.

This unit is designed to enable participants to collect placement data and to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to ascertain a learner's ideal entry point on the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP). Further in-depth analysis of the different strands of DALP will enable participants to reflectively and effectively plan strategic, structured support for learners with dyslexia and literacy-related difficulties.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the morphological components of a structured literacy intervention programme.
2. Demonstrate understanding of the range of factors to consider when designating an entry point for a learner with a complex literacy profile in a structured literacy intervention programme.
3. Discuss how the essential components of a structured, sequential, cumulative, multisensory lesson support multi-dimensional literacy development.

DACPD83 Developing a Literacy Intervention for Learners with Dyslexia or Literacy-related Difficulties

Level: 5

Total Qualification Time: 140

Credits: 14

N.B. Participants cannot study DACPD83 if they have not passed DACPD81 and DACPD82.

This unit is designed to enable the practitioner to plan and deliver a series of structured literacy lessons to a learner. Participants will put their knowledge of the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP), gained from earlier units, into practice. A range of additional activities is undertaken to enable the participant to develop a varied portfolio of strategic teaching support skills.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

1. Prepare a structured, cumulative multisensory teaching intervention for a learner with literacy difficulties based upon the findings of a placement process.
2. Conduct a teaching intervention with a learner with literacy difficulties based on a structured literacy intervention programme.
3. Reflect upon a teaching intervention programme with a particular learner.

Course Dates and Fees

2017-2018 Course Dates

DACRT60	Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy		
Certificate Start Dates	Dates for DACPD81 Unit 1	Dates for DACPD82 Unit 2	Dates for DACPD83 Unit 3 (Teaching Intervention Programme)
September 2017	20 th September – 1 st November 2017	15 th November – 13 th December 2017	10 th January – April/May 2018
January 2018	24 th January – 7 th March 2018	21 st March – 25 th April 2018	9 th May – October 2018 (no teaching required during the summer holidays)
May 2018	30 th May – 11 th July 2018	8 th August – 19 th September 2018	10 th October 2018 – January/ February 2019

Dyslexia Action Training and Professional Development reserves the right to change course start dates and/or schedules and the right to cancel any programme where candidate numbers are insufficient to warrant the course taking place. In this case candidates will be offered places on alternative programmes or a full refund of fees will be available.

The fees for the Certificate course are £1, 870 plus VAT. Flexible payment options are available and the costs are broken down as follows:

Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy		
2017-2018 Fees	Fee Excluding VAT	Fee Including VAT
Unit 1	£535	£642
Unit 2	£400	£480
Unit 3	£935	£1,122

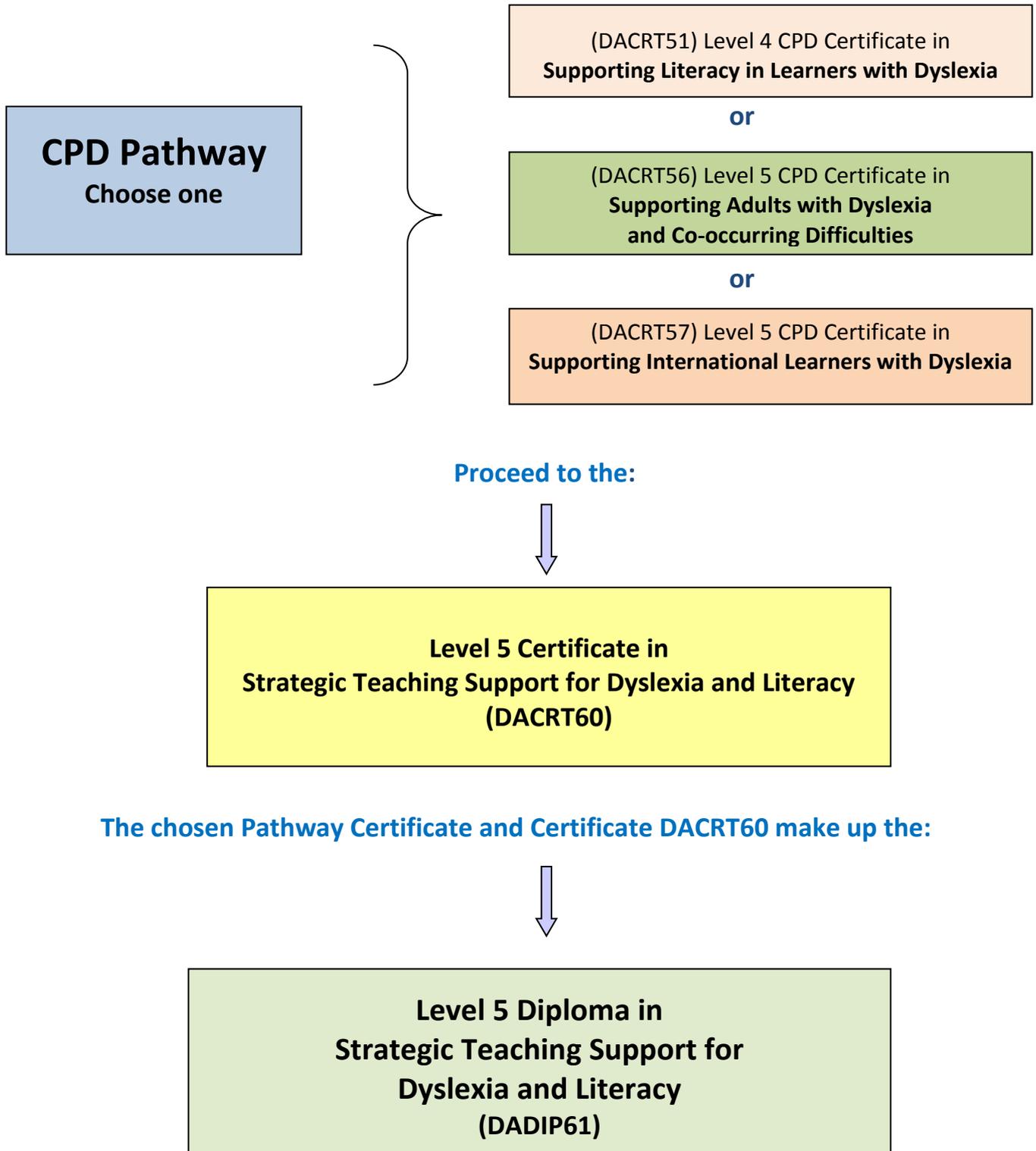
Financial Terms and Conditions

All payments must be made in Pounds Sterling (GBP) before the start of the course. Please refer to Terms and Conditions for payment terms.

Diagram to show the Level 5 Diploma Progression Pathway

Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support (DADIP61)

Participants who successfully complete a CPD Pathway Certificate and the Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support (DACRT60) will qualify for the Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support (DADIP61) as in the diagram below.



Progression after the Diploma

Once you have completed and passed the Level 5 CPD Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy (DADIP61) you will be a qualified specialist teacher. You may then be interested in training to become a specialist teacher assessor through the **Level 7 Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy**. Full details can be found at: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/assessment-practising-certificate/

Application Details

Applying for the Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy Course

Once you have completed and received results for the prerequisite pathway Certificate required to join this course please contact us at cpdmail@dyslexiaaction.org.uk for the registration link for the Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support (DACRT60).

Completed applications will be reviewed by a CPD panel prior to the offer of a place. Payment should be made online following the details sent to you following a formal offer.

Certification

Dyslexia Action Certificate and Transcript

Candidates who successfully completed all three units of the Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support will be issued with a qualification certificate and a transcript. Candidates who only complete the first or second unit will be issued with a Unit certificate.

Participants who have successfully completed two Dyslexia Action Certificates – one from a CPD pathway and the DACRT60 will qualify for the Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy. A certificate and transcript will be issued.

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