

DSA-QAG NMH Study Skills Membership Criteria

Candidates for **Associate Membership** should normally have a Level 5 or Level 7 Dyslexia/SpLD specialist teaching certificate. However, for DSA-QAG Non-Medical Helper registration as a **specialist one-to-one study skills support (SpLD) tutor** we may accept applications on an APEL basis.

Our route to APEL membership is as follows:

We look for the following:

1. Normally 5+ years of student support experience with a relevant DSA_QAG registered employer (university, college or specialist support service).
2. **PLUS** relevant qualifications as a minimum:
Degree plus teaching qualification (normally QTLS or equivalent) but we expect additional higher qualifications will have been taken or engaged in.
3. **PLUS** relevant qualifications in the field of student support:
e.g. other accredited dyslexia/SpLD qualifications, Open University E801, coaching, mentoring, mental health support, etc.
4. **PLUS** relevant and ongoing evidence of continuing professional development in the field of dyslexia/SpLD: eg Dyslexia Action, ADSHE, Patoss or in-house development and training programmes.

Where candidates are accepted on this route they are required to evidence on an annual basis a regular and ongoing commitment to CPD in the field of dyslexia/SpLD following membership. We suggest a minimum of 30 hours of CPD per annum and promote our own CPD units however alternative and appropriate evidence (eg in-house training programmes) will be considered.

Some candidates who are lacking in areas 3 and 4 above will be asked to undertake further appropriate training prior to registering with us or as part of their ongoing CPD. They will be referred to the following qualifications:

Level 5 Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties (DACRT56)

which is made up of two Awards comprising three units, each unit being 30 hours of learning time:

- **Level 5 Award in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties (DAAWD59)**
 - DACPD91 Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties
 - DACPD92 Supporting Study Skills in Adults with Dyslexia
 - DACPD96 Developing Literacy Skills with Assistive Technology
- **Level 5 Award in Learning Support for Adults with Dyslexia (DAAWD60)**
 - DACPD52 Supporting Individuals with Memory Weaknesses
 - DACPD93 Developing Writing Skills in Adults with Dyslexia
 - DACPD94 Dyslexia in Multilingual Settings

The Certificate (DACRT56) forms the first part of a [Level 5 Diploma](#) leading to a specialist teaching qualification.

How to apply

1. Email a copy of your degree and any SpLD relevant qualification certificates and a CV outlining your experience and qualifications to guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk please allow up to 5 working days for a response
2. We will then determine whether or not you can receive the letters ADG or ADG FE/HE after your name to qualify for this of level of membership
3. When you have received confirmation of your eligibility from The Dyslexia Guild you should register for UK Guild Membership at £72 plus VAT (£62 direct debit) online
See: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/da-guild join today

If you have any further queries please contact the guild administrator guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk or call 01784-222342.