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SpLD Specialist Courses for teachers and assessors

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## Introduction

The courses detailed in this brochure are provided primarily for professionals who are qualified in teaching and/or assessment of dyslexia and specific learning difficulties. They are designed to refresh and update professional knowledge and practice. All materials are provided online with the exception of Assessment Tests which can be purchased from the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#).

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is essential for specialist teachers, assessors and practitioners; it helps you to stay at the forefront of information in the field by updating your knowledge and professional practice.

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## Demands of the courses

The courses are delivered through online learning, enabling a flexible form of study. Candidates will need to develop good personal time management and to prepare the study skills relevant to e-learning. Candidates will require a quiet and clear space in which to work. Candidates will need to be able to balance the demands of their studies with existing work and home commitments in order to successfully complete the units.

The courses are managed by tutors who will be expecting participants to fully engage with the courses from the outset. There is no requirement to be online at any specific time during your course.

## Registration

**Registrations close one week before course start date unless indicated otherwise.** Registration for all courses is online only.

Your registration will be checked to see if entry criteria are met and course joining details will then be sent to you.

## Participants with a Disability

A person is said to be 'disabled' under the Equality Act 2010 if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on his or her ability to do normal daily activities.

A disability can arise from a wide range of impairments which can be:

- Sensory impairments, such as those affecting sight or hearing;
- Impairments with fluctuating or recurring effects such as rheumatoid arthritis, myalgic encephalitis (ME), chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), fibromyalgia, depression and epilepsy;
- Progressive, such as motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy, and forms of dementia;
- Auto-immune conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE);
- Organ specific, including respiratory conditions, such as asthma, and cardiovascular diseases, including thrombosis, stroke and heart disease;
- Developmental, such as autistic spectrum disorders (ASD), dyslexia and dyspraxia;
- Learning disabilities;
- Mental health conditions with symptoms such as anxiety, low mood, panic attacks, phobias, or unshared perceptions; eating disorders; bipolar affective disorders; obsessive compulsive disorders; personality disorders; post-traumatic stress disorder, and some self-harming behaviour;
- Mental illnesses, such as depression and schizophrenia;
- Produced by injury to the body, including to the brain.

In cases where someone is the sole carer for a person with a long-term illness or a disability then that person is, under The Equality Act, afforded the same rights and access to reasonable adjustments that the long-term unwell/disabled person would be.

The online training provided by Dyslexia Action has an inbuilt flexibility and this enables many participants with disabilities to work without any reasonable adjustments. However, we can be responsive to individual requirements. If you have a disability, we would encourage you to disclose this at the time of application so that we can put in place any support required at an early stage.

Disclosure forms are sent to any candidate who indicates that they have a disability on our registration form.

You can also contact the Disabilities Administrator on [dada@dyslexiaaction.org.uk](mailto:dada@dyslexiaaction.org.uk) to request a copy and there is a copy on the CPD induction course. On the disclosure form you are asked to detail the nature of your disability and to indicate whether you would like one-week extensions on all units/courses you study with Dyslexia Action. If you give your permission for us to disclose, this information will be shared with the Disabilities team, any tutor you work directly with and the tutor in charge of marking. Any agreed reasonable adjustments will be noted on a form and this form will be sent to you for your records. Participants with a disability can discuss their individual requirements with the Disabilities Advisor. The Disabilities Administrator should be contacted in the first instance: [dada@dyslexiaaction.org.uk](mailto:dada@dyslexiaaction.org.uk)

## Dyslexia Guild Membership

All course participants are strongly encouraged to become members of The Dyslexia Guild, a membership body which welcomes all individuals with a professional interest in dyslexia and specific learning difficulties (SpLD).

Who can join? Dyslexia/SpLD specialist teachers and assessors, teaching assistants, SENCOs, learning support staff and tutors from further and higher education, speech and language therapists, psychologists and librarians. The Guild maintains the National Training and Resource Centre for Dyslexia and SpLD and provides a wide range of benefits to members. These include online resources, a vibrant and topical journal, Dyslexia Review, as well as an e-newsletter. Guild members are able to renew their Assessment Practising Certificate through the association and meet annually to network at the Summer Conference.

See: [dyslexiaguild.org.uk/](http://dyslexiaguild.org.uk/)

**Special offer-** all the courses listed in this document offer a discount if you are a member of The Dyslexia Guild.

## Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP) for SpLD qualified teachers

Course Code	Course Description	Suitable for
DAAWD85	Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP) for Practitioners	Specialist Teacher
<b>Entry Requirements</b>		
<p><b>Must be a Qualified SpLD specialist teacher/practitioner with a <a href="#">Level 5 specialist SpLD</a> or <a href="#">Postgraduate Level 7 specialist SpLD</a> teaching qualification (ADG Dyslexia Guild or ATS/APS British Dyslexia Association).</b></p> <p>Suitable qualifying courses include, but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dyslexia Action Professional/Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma qualifications in Dyslexia and Literacy (University of York)</li> <li>Dyslexia Action Alpha to Omega Level 4/5 course</li> <li>Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma qualifications</li> <li>Hornsby Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching</li> <li>Other BDA Accredited Level 7 Specialist Teaching qualifications</li> </ul>		
<b>How are the courses delivered?</b>		
<p>The Award consists of two set units, each of one term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DACPD81: Principles of Literacy Intervention for Learners with Dyslexia and other Literacy-related Difficulties</b></li> <li><b>DACPD82: Structured, Sequential Literacy Support and the Placement Process</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Fees</b>		
<p><b>DAAWD85 - £935+VAT payable in two instalments (discounts are available for Guild members)</b></p> <p>All fees are subject to an annual increase.</p>		
<b>Course Dates (courses run over a period of 4 weeks)</b>		
	<b>Bridging Course</b>	<b>DAAWD85</b>
April 2021	8 March 2021	12 April 2021
September 2021	10 August 2021	7 September 2021
January 2022	2 December 2021 (TBC)	11 January 2022 (TBC)

**Please note:** Dyslexia Action Training and Professional Development reserves the right to change course start dates and/or schedules subject to numbers.

The Level 5 Award provides a structured guide to the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP) which can be used in school or college settings or with individuals of any reading age in private practice. This course is only suitable for qualified and experienced specialist SpLD teachers/practitioners. The course consists of practical activities based on case studies and provides the core DALP handbooks (a learner is not required for any part of this course).

**Please note:** This Award does not include a Teaching Intervention delivery, those experienced specialist SpLD teachers/practitioners seeking guided practical experience using DALP should look at our Level 5 Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy (DACRT60).

For full details please see: [L5-Diploma-Syllabus](#)

## Specialist SpLD Courses for qualified teachers

Course Code	Course Description	Suitable for
DAEXT716	Developing Placement Processes to Effectively Target Specialist Support	Specialist Teacher
DAEXT720	Using Morphology to enhance reading comprehension	Specialist Teacher

### Entry Requirements

These CPD courses are part of a Level 7 Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) practitioner extension programme and therefore participants must have already qualified as specialist SpLD teachers (ADG Dyslexia Guild or ATS/APS British Dyslexia Association or equivalent). Suitable qualifying courses include, but are not restricted to:

- Dyslexia Action Level 7 Professional/Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma qualifications in Dyslexia and Literacy
- Dyslexia Action Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support
- Dyslexia Action Alpha to Omega Level 4/5 course
- Dyslexia Institute Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma qualifications
- Hornsby Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching
- Other BDA Accredited Level 7 Specialist Teaching qualifications

Individuals who do not meet the criteria but are interested in specialist teaching may apply to the Dyslexia Action [Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support](#).

### Course Content

These short courses provide SpLD Specialist Teachers experienced practitioners with access to elements of the [Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme \(DALP\)](#) through a series of masterclasses, to enable them to refresh and extend their professional practice. The first course in the core series is the [Placement Process](#) however practitioners may choose to select either of the programmes in any order. The [Morphological Analysis](#) course is a masterclass that provides an additional extension to the core series and as such may be selected by any practitioner who has relevant experience in literacy teaching.

No prior knowledge of the programme is needed, though participants are expected to have a working knowledge of a structured, multi-sensory literacy programme or hold a qualification in specialist teaching or speech therapy. Materials are provided online for participants to download and print as required.

### How are the courses delivered?

The courses run over a period of four weeks with the reflective task due at the end of the course. To get the most out of the learning experience we would recommend a minimum of 7.5 hours per week **study** time per course. Each course includes a set of resources to help participants become familiar with our online learning platform, Moodle.

Each of the courses is managed by a specialist online tutor who will promote debate and offer advice on the unit forums. The tutor also reviews the Professional Development Log: the reflective log which participants produce during their studies to demonstrate critical engagement with the course materials.

**A Certificate of Verified CPD is produced for those participants who upload a Professional Development Log that demonstrates high-quality interaction with and understanding of the course materials (10 verified CPD hours in total).**

### Fees

**£295+VAT** non-Guild Members per unit

**£285+VAT** Guild Members per unit

All fees are subject to an annual increase.

### Course Dates (courses run over a period of 4 weeks ONLINE)

	Placement Processes (DAEXT716)	Morphology (DAEXT720)
May 2021		12 May 2021
September 2021	15 September 2021 - TBC	
November 2021		17 November 2021 - TBC
January 2022	19 January 2022 - TBC	
March 2022		16 March 2022 - TBC

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## Developing Placement Processes to Effectively Target Specialist Support DAEXT716

The course will be of interest to practitioners wishing to develop tailored, multisensory literacy interventions for learners. Study of specific placement processes will enable practitioners to develop their own systems to appraise learners' individual learning requirements.

<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES* The participant will be able to:</b>
1. Critically evaluate a range of placement systems
2. Interpret placement findings in terms of a particular placement system
3. Justify the compilation of a set of placement materials for a particular purpose.
<b>Notes:</b> *Content and learning outcomes may be subject to change.

## Using Morphology to enhance reading comprehension DAEXT720

This course gives practitioners the opportunity to study and reflect upon a range of affixes and word-roots, which build cumulatively to give a structured understanding of how to strategically support reading comprehension using morphological units.

The materials provided in the morphology course are designed to give specialist practitioners the knowledge, strategies and materials they need to conduct interactive word-building and word-exploration sessions. The materials for each masterclass can be adapted by the user to suit learners of all ages including adults in a range of settings. The masterclasses can be used in both one-to-one tuition and group settings to promote the structured understanding of units of meaning within words.

<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES* The participant will be able to:</b>
1. Discuss the key features of a structured, multisensory morphological teaching programme
2. Critically examine a range of ways that morphemes can be used to enhance reading comprehension
3. Design a morphological teaching resource
<b>Notes:</b> *Content and learning outcomes may be subject to change.

## Specialist SpLD Courses for qualified assessors

Course Code	Course Description	Suitable for
DAAPCONL	Applying for and Renewing an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) ONLINE 12 hours of online learning (five of which are SASC Approved)	Specialist Assessor
<b>Entry Requirements</b>		
<p>Participants must have already qualified as specialist SpLD assessors (MDG Dyslexia Guild, AMBDA British Dyslexia Association or equivalent). Suitable qualifying courses include, but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dyslexia Action Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy</li> <li>• Dyslexia Action Professional/Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy</li> <li>• Dyslexia Institute Diploma qualifications</li> <li>• Hornsby Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching</li> <li>• Other BDA Accredited Level 7 Specialist Assessor qualifications</li> </ul> <p>Please note this course is a preparatory course before applying for an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC). For further details on making an application for an APC please click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		
<b>Course Content</b>		
<p>This course has been specifically designed to update specialist teacher assessors on current SASC requirements for dyslexia/SpLD report writing and to meet APC renewal criteria.</p> <p>Dyslexia Action Training is a SASC Authorised CPD Training Provider and <a href="#">The Dyslexia Guild</a> is a SASC APC approved and quality assured awarding body.</p> <p>The course is based around carefully designed datasets and case study materials, which are worked through and reflected upon. Participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update their knowledge and understanding by revisiting and reviewing, aspects of statistical constructs</li> <li>• review the structure of SASC diagnostic assessment report for specific learning difficulties, taking into account changes that became accepted practice in July 2020</li> <li>• undertake the continuing professional development activities required in order to maintain professional practice standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b> the course <i>does not provide advice on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the selection or administration of assessment tests (as it is about report writing)</li> <li>• individual assessment test items (which would breach copyright)</li> <li>• participants' wider queries about report writing (i.e. tutors cannot look at samples of participants' professional work/findings or offer advice on specific examples of interpretation outside the context of the course materials).</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <a href="#">Guild Forums</a> for further professional advice. The <a href="#">SASC website</a> also has many useful downloads available to support the renewal process.</p>		
<b>How are the courses delivered?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The course is conducted over a 4-week period, you should access the course on the afternoon of the release date as there will be some deadlines you need to meet</li> <li>• Tutor support throughout the duration of the course</li> </ul>		
<b>Fees</b>		
<p><b>£205+VAT non-Guild Members per unit</b>  <b>£195+VAT Guild Members per unit</b>            All fees are subject to an annual increase.</p>		
<b>Course Dates (courses run over a period of 4 weeks ONLINE)</b>		
12 May 2021	14 July 2021	15 September 2021
17 November 2021	20 January 2022	17 March 2022

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This specialist assessment CPD training course covers current best practice for those seeking to **gain or renew an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)**.

Course Code	Course Description	Suitable for
DACPD802	Examining the Test of Memory and Learning 2 (TOMAL2) SASC Approved – 5 hours	Specialist Assessor

### Entry Requirements

**Participants must have already qualified as specialist SpLD assessors** (MDG Dyslexia Guild, AMBDA British Dyslexia Association or equivalent). Suitable qualifying courses include, but are not restricted to:

- Dyslexia Action Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy
- Dyslexia Action Professional/Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy
- Dyslexia Institute Diploma qualifications
- Hornsby Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching
- Other BDA Accredited Level 7 Specialist Assessor qualifications

**Please note** this course is a preparatory course before applying for an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC).

**For further details on making an application for an APC please click [here](#).**

### How are the courses delivered?

- 30 hours of online learning, conducted over a 4-week period
- This course is registered as Approved CPD with SASC and meets the requirements for 5 hours of approved CPD for the purposes of APC renewal (subject to the assignment being reviewed as being of a satisfactory standard)
- A Certificate of Verified CPD is produced for those participants who upload a Professional Practice Portfolio that demonstrates interaction with and understanding of the course materials (10 hours CPD total)
- Tutor support throughout the duration of the course
- This Unit equates to Level 7 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) See: <http://ofqual.gov.uk/help-and-advice/comparing-qualifications/>
- Participants must complete the assignments and cannot be given access as 'read only' courses

### Fees

**£295+VAT** non-Guild Members per unit

**£285+VAT** Guild Members per unit

All fees are subject to an annual increase.

### Course Dates (courses run over a period of 4 weeks ONLINE)

May 2021	12 May 2021
September 2021	
November 2021	17 November 2021
January 2022	
March 2022	16 March 2022

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This course gives an opportunity to look in-depth at an assessment battery that is designed to measure several areas of memory and learning potential (for example, aptitude with visual and configural information, aptitude holding and manipulating sound information, associative learning etc.).

There are data analysis exercises to help improve your interpretation of subtest findings and statistical quizzes to check your understanding of key terminology and rubrics. The course also provides the opportunity to discuss and examine some current assessment practices/conventions including some more advanced statistical methods.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES\* The participant will be able to:

1. Critically examine the subtests of a learning and memory assessment battery
2. Examine a variety of ways in which performance can be reported and represented within assessment reports.

**Notes:** \*Content and learning outcomes may be subject to change.

## Contact Details

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