

Our course graduates must complete 30 continuing education (CE) hours every three years to maintain CDC certification.

General information about continuing education:

- The CDC's CE cycle runs from August 1st through July 31st. Certifications expire on August 31st.
- CE due dates are based on the date Practitioner-1 (Initial) certification was issued.
- CE hours are submitted electronically. Links to enter CEs will be emailed a few months before the due date.
- 10% of graduates randomly selected to be audited. The email you receive will inform you if you are on the audit list and need to upload the required documentation for your CE activities.
- Medical/family care waivers may be requested using the link to submit CEs. A waiver can only be issued one time.

A. CE activity content and learning outcomes must:

1. **Be on a topic related to the following**: the science of reading, dyslexia, oral language, written language, learning disabilities, speech and language disorders, attention difficulties, and/or executive functioning
2. **Add new skills and knowledge** beyond the content of the CDC's Practitioner-1 (Initial) course
3. **Note**: Training for other O-G-based programs or curricula **is not accepted** for CE hours.

B. Approved CE offerings are graduate-level courses; conferences/"live" presentations; development and presentation of an approved topic; electronic media, approved journal articles, and approved books.

1. **Presentations, conferences, distance learning and webinars** must be sponsored by an approved organization. Documentation is the Conference Form, signed/dated certificate of attendance, and speaker credentials. The CDC Clinical Director may approve presentations offered by other organizations if you provide evidence that the presenter has presented for one of the approved organizations listed in Section G below.
2. **College/University Graduate Level Courses**, in-person and online, on a relevant topic are accepted. Documentation is the course description and a transcript. Unofficial transcripts are accepted. One graduate credit equals 15 CE hours. A maximum of 20 CE hours can come from graduate coursework.
3. **Development of a New Presentation on the Topic of Dyslexia or Related Issues**. The presentation must be on relevant content and sponsored by the CDC or an IMSLEC-approved sponsoring organization (listed in Section G). CE hours are earned the first time you present. For each hour of the presentation, 2 CE hours are earned. For example, a 1-hour presentation would earn 2 CE hours. Training course lectures are not eligible for CE hours. Documentation includes a copy of the presentation, conference program/flyer listing the presentation title and presenter name, and attendance certificate issued to attendees.
4. **Electronic Media (All formats): Website, Videotape, DVD, Webinar, Podcast or CD**. Electronic media must meet the content criteria and be sponsored by an approved sponsor listed in Section G below or an approved presenter. Documentation is the Electronic Media Form and reaction paper, as detailed on the submission form.
5. **Journal Articles**. The article must be from a journal on the IMSLEC Journal list posted on the CDC website. One journal article counts for one CE hour. Documentation is the Journal Form and reaction paper described on the Journal Form. A maximum of 10 CE hours can be from journal articles.
 - a. **Note**: IDA's *Perspectives* magazine is not a journal and is not accepted.
6. **Books**. The book must be listed on the IMSLEC Book List. The whole book or selected chapters may be read. Books or chapters required for a CDC training course may not be used for CE hours. One CE hour is earned for every 25 pages read. Documentation is the Book Form and reaction paper described on the Book Form. A maximum of 10 CE hours can be from books.
7. **P-2 or Therapy Certification from CDC**. Each course counts for 35 CEs. Documentation is CDC certificate.

C. CE hours must be completed during the three-year cycle. CE hours cannot carry over from one cycle to the next.

D. CE hours (CEs) and continuing education units (CEUs) are not the same

1. 1 CE education hour is the equivalent of 1 clock hour or 1 hour of "seat time."
2. 0.1 CEUs = 1 clock hour and 1 CEU = 10 clock hours.

E. After your CE hours are approved, you will receive an affirmation certificate. Keep this with your original certificate(s).

F. If you do not submit CE hours or your hours are not approved, the CDC no longer certifies you. You will not be eligible for future training or employment with the CDC.

CHILDREN’S DYSLEXIA CENTERS (CDC) CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) POLICY

G. Approved sponsoring organizations:

- Children’s Dyslexia Center locations (CDC)
- IMSLEC-accredited training courses
- Accredited colleges and universities
- The Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA)
- AIM Institute for Learning and Research
- Alliance for Accreditation and Certification of Dyslexia Specialists (Alliance)
- American Montessori Society (AMS)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Association of Educational Therapists (AET)
- Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
- Center for Literacy and Learning (Plain Talk About Literacy and Learning)
- Council for Exceptional Children — Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD-CEC)
- Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)
- Dyslexia Society of CT
- Everyone Reading
- International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
- Keys to Literacy
- Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading & Spelling (LETRS)
- Learning Ally
- Learning Disabilities of America (LDA)
- Literacy Nest
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)
- National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD)
- Orton Gillingham Academy (OGA) formerly AOGPE
- Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
- Read Washington (ReadWA)
- The Reading League
- Reading Science Academy
- Wrightslaw

Notes:

- A list of verified presenters is posted on the CDC website at: <https://www.childrendyslexiacenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024.02-Verified-Continuing-Ed-Presenters.xlsx>
- All CE forms and lists of approved journals and books are posted on the CDC website at: <https://www.childrendyslexiacenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Continuing-Education-Forms-and-Approved-Reading-Lists-Revised-05-2023.pdf>
- **Change of phone/email/address:** Update your record when you submit your CE hours or contact HQadmin@cdcinc.org
- **Questions about activities:**
 1. Refer to the CDC website at <https://www.childrendyslexiacenters.org/continuing-education/>
 2. Ask your CDC training center
 3. Email the CDC Clinical Director (Carin Illig) at cillig@cdcinc.org