

Aspire Academy 2026 Summer Reading Training for Students with Characteristics of Dyslexia

Sponsored by The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Training Format

- **Training will be provided in person in Dubuque, Iowa.**
- **Students may also participate remotely online in the live classes.**
- **Online students are required to attend two in-person sessions in Dubuque during the three-month course. Students may choose which sessions they attend in person.**
- **Depending on enrollment numbers and student locations, a live instructor may also be present at some remote sites to further support the online learning experience.**

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Summer 2026 Training Dates

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Dates: <i>All classes held 8:30 - 4:00</i>	Subject Covered
Monday, June 8	1) Characteristics of Dyslexia 2) Dyslexia and Intensive Structured Literacy 3) Basic Structure of an Orton-Gillingham Reading and Spelling Lesson
Monday, June 15, 2026	1) Lecture over pp. 1- 62 of Wilson Instructor's Manual 2) Identify and learn the uses of all Wilson Materials 3) Watch pre-recorded lessons and learn how each part of an Orton-Gillingham lesson works together to remediate dyslexia, and teach the foundations of reading and spelling to children with phonological processing problems
Monday June 22, 2026	1) Lecture pp. 63 - 104 of Wilson Instructor's Manual 2) Learn how to create a Wilson Lesson 3) Live Demonstration of a Wilson Lesson
Monday June 29, 2026	1) Lecture pp. 108 - 137

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Create Lesson Plans in partnership with other students 3) Lesson Demonstration with Student-Created Lesson Plans
<i>Monday July 6, 2026</i>	<i>NO CLASS</i>
Monday July 13, 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Practice giving Wilson Lessons to classmates 2) Learn to use Teachworks to schedule students and complete lessons after they are taught 3) Fill out employment paperwork
Monday July 20, 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Learn to screen children showing the warning signs of dyslexia and interpret the results 2) Learn to conduct, grade and interpret the CTOPP2 and WIST
Monday July 27, 2026	1) No class - Instructor on vacation
Monday August 3, 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) How to place students in Wilson after they have been screened 3) Continued practice giving lessons with feedback from instructors
Thursday August 6, 2026	Tutors screen students using the WIST and CTOPP2 at Boys & Girls Club
Friday August 7, 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review screening results / make practicum assignments 2) Learn to use Zoom to record live lessons and send recording to your practicum instructor 3) Practice recording Zoom lessons and watching the recordings 4) Learn how to use Teachworks / Set up Accounts
August 10 - September 12, 2026	Practicums will be observed and feedback provided. Record your first three lessons with your student. After each lesson, schedule a coaching session with your Aspire Practicum Instructor to review what went well and what can be improved. Incorporate feedback, schedule next lesson, and repeat.