



Academy of
Orton-Gillingham
Practitioners
and Educators

Changes and Clarifications from the Standards Committee to AOGPE's Curriculum Handbook December 1, 2016

Current Curriculum Handbook dated: August 8, 2012

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The coursework and practicum outlined in the curriculum handbook are the minimum standards for each level. It is up to the discretion of the Fellow if more coursework and/or practicum hours are required.

Updates and Clarifications

General Information

1. All coursework must be taught by a Fellow of the Academy (or the designated FIT). A FIT may teach a course under the direction and mentorship of the Fellow
2. A Subscriber member has completed at least 6 hours of coursework (page 4)
3. Updated application information (page 10)

Orton-Gillingham Classroom Educator (OGCE) & Associate Levels

4. OGCE and Associate B info: The coursework, practicum hours, and observations at the OGCE level are applicable to Associate B level membership. An additional 40 hours of coursework, 50 hours of practicum and 5 – 1:1 observations must be completed before applying to the Associate B level (pages 4, 17, 19)
5. Expanded coursework description for OGCE (pages 19-20) and Associate (page 29-30) with the addition of phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension
6. Practicum clarification at the OGCE (pages 4, 17, 23) and Associate levels (5, 27, 34): practicum takes place over 8 consecutive months (minimum)

7. Guidelines for web based observations added to OGCE (page 24), Associate (page 34).

Orton-Gillingham Classroom Educator (OGCE)

8. For OGCE: a group consists of at least 2 students
9. OGCE observations: 1:1 observations at this level are not acceptable (page 23).
10. In situations, where the OGCE trainee must work in thirty-minute time blocks, s/he may conduct instruction in four thirty-minute sessions rather than two forty-minute sessions (page 23)

Associate Level

11. The wording on the Associate warrantee changed from “under the supervision of a Fellow...” to “under the mentorship of a Fellow...” (page 35)

Certified Level

12. Certified practicum observations: The 200 hour practicum is 1:1 (one trainee to one student) under the direction of a Fellow or the FIT or CS as designated by the Fellow. At the Certified level, trainees may also be working with small groups. In that case, at the discretion of the Fellow, 2 of the 10 observations may be with the small group, but the small group hours do not replace the 200 hour, 1:1 practicum requirement (page 43)
13. Clarification of the Certified practicum students: the practicum is with 2 different students: 1 at the lower level of language instruction and 1 at a higher level of language instruction (page 43)
14. Guidelines for web based observations added to Certified level (page 44)

Clinical Supervisor (CS)

15. CS may do 3 out of 5 observations at the OGCE Level (pages 6, 17)
16. CS may do 7 out of 10 observations at the Associate and Certified levels (pages 6, 27, 34)

Fellow-in-Training (FIT)

17. Notice to Academy office, via email, from the Principal Training Fellow of the name of the FIT and the date s/he began training as a FIT (page 47)
18. The FIT may do 3 out of 5 observations at the OGCE Level
19. The FIT may do 7 out of 10 observations at the Associate and Certified levels
20. FIT coursework: 20 hours of attendance at conferences may be applied to the 90 hour coursework requirement during the 3 year training period
21. Guidelines for web based observations added to Fellow level (page 50)
22. Clarification of the meaning of FIT Direct Supervision. Direct supervision means close monitoring of the FIT in all components of the process *until* the FIT has reached competency as determined by the Fellow (page 48)
23. Addition of Accredited Training Fellow (ATF) information (page 7)
24. Remains the same: a master's degree is still a prerequisite for applying at the Fellow level. The applicant must have a master's degree at the time of application to the Academy (page 47)

Principal Training Fellow and Supervising Training Fellow

25. In some cases, the Principal Training Fellow and the Supervising Fellow are the same individual (page 8)