

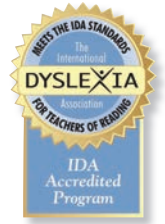
# WILSON® CERTIFICATION I AND II

## Preparing Educators to Expertly Teach Students with Dyslexia to Read and Write

### Becoming Wilson® Certified

The time, effort, and study involved with the Wilson Certification programs are considerable. Each trainee is expected to acquire a very sophisticated working knowledge of the sound-symbol system of English and its structure, as well as the use of specific diagnostic techniques in the teaching of reading and spelling to students with a significant reading disability.

The Wilson Reading System® Level I and Level II Certification Programs have both received International Dyslexia Association's (IDA) Accredited Plus designation. This means that these training programs have undergone the IDA's rigorous and comprehensive accreditation process for coursework and practicums, achieving the highest level of acknowledgment for programs that meet the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading.



### Wilson® Certification I - Wilson® Dyslexia Practitioner

**Prerequisite: WRS Introductory Course (16.5 Hours) (1 Graduate Credit) Introduction to Multisensory Structured Language Instruction**



**Certification I (9 Graduate Credits)**

WRS Intensive Instruction Online Course (Steps 1-6)

WRS Steps 1-6 Practicum

Program duration: 12 months

Graduate credit is available from several academic institutions

**Upon successful completion of the Wilson Certification I process, participants are able to:**

- Identify the characteristics of dyslexia and related language-based learning disabilities.
- Effectively deliver multisensory structured language (MSL) instruction to a student in a 1:1 setting while appropriately pacing through curriculum and developing mastery of material taught.
- Accurately teach the structure of the English language (presented in WRS Steps 1-6), integrating phonology, morphology, and orthography into an explicit reading intervention for students.
- Diagnostically plan and deliver WRS lessons incorporating the key components of reading instruction in a WRS lesson (phonemic awareness, word identification, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension) plus spelling.
- Implement the WRS Framework for Text Complexity and Instruction with students to develop foundational and initial comprehension skills using narrative and informational text.

### Wilson® Certification II - Wilson® Dyslexia Therapist

**Prerequisite: Wilson® Certification I**



**Certification II (10 Graduate Credits)**

WRS Advanced Strategies for MSL Group Instruction Course

WRS Advanced Word Study Online Course (Steps 7-12)

WRS Group Mastery Practicum

WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum

Program duration: 15 months for each course with practicum (taken simultaneously or consecutively)

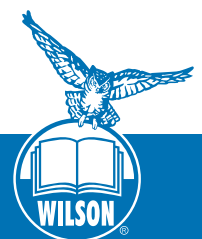
Graduate credit is available from Fitchburg State University

Wilson Certification II deepens the skills developed in Wilson Certification I and prepares teachers to successfully deliver the program to small groups of students as well as teach advanced concepts of language structure.

**Upon successful completion of the Wilson Certification II process, participants are able to:**

- Accurately teach advanced word structure of the English language (presented in WRS Steps 7-12).
- Diagnostically plan and deliver lessons that address individual student needs within a small-group setting.
- Implement the WRS Framework for Text Complexity and Instruction with students to develop secondary and proficient comprehension skills using narrative and informational text.
- Provide extensive and appropriate practice with the reading of connected text to develop fluency.

*With Wilson® Certification, teachers gain the knowledge, skill, and confidence needed for student success.*



## Wilson® Professional Credentials

Wilson certifications are highly recognized in the field throughout the nation and beyond. Wilson Language Training has developed a program to acknowledge this commitment and we are pleased to provide these professional credentials to our WRS certified instructors. We value the importance of their ongoing development in the field of reading instruction and we are excited to continue a high standard of practice within our Wilson community. Below is a description of each Wilson® Professional Credential.

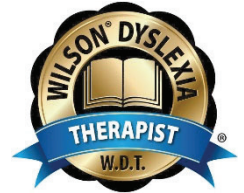
### Wilson® Credentialed Trainer (W.C.T.)

A Wilson® Credentialed Trainer (W.C.T.) certificate will be issued to all individuals who have maintained their Wilson Trainer credentials with Wilson Language Training. A Wilson® Credentialed Trainer is **highly qualified to supervise** individuals in Wilson Reading System® (WRS) professional learning programs that prepare these individuals to teach students with a language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia. This professional designation can be used, including the initials W.C.T., as long as the trainer maintains their credentials yearly as defined by Wilson Language Training.\*



### Wilson® Dyslexia Therapist (W.D.T.)

An individual with WRS Level II Certification is eligible for the Wilson Dyslexia Therapist (W.D.T.) credential. This credential recognizes individuals as **prepared to diagnostically teach** students identified with a language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia, at advanced levels of encoding and reading and in group settings. This W.D.T. credential is valid for five years and must be renewed every five years after successfully completing recertifying activities and coursework.\*



### Wilson® Dyslexia Practitioner (W.D.P.)

An individual with WRS Level I Certification is eligible for the Wilson® Dyslexia Practitioner (W.D.P.) credential. This credential recognizes individuals as **prepared to diagnostically teach** students identified with a language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia, at the beginning levels of encoding and reading. This W.D.P. credential is valid for five years and must be renewed every five years after successfully completing recertifying activities and coursework.\*



\*Maintaining a Wilson Professional Credential requires a current Wilson Academy® Wilson Reading System Learning Community Membership (which is available with no annual fee) and renewing the credential requires the accumulation of the Wilson-approved continuing education according to Wilson Language Training requirements.

### Wilson® Professional Credentials Must be Claimed

If you are eligible to receive any of these credentials, you will see a message on the Wilson Academy home page when you log in. You must claim the credentials by following the step-by-step instructions for acknowledgements. This must be completed before you can begin using the professional designations in print and digital signatures.

Please visit [www.wilsonlanguage.com/credentials](http://www.wilsonlanguage.com/credentials) for more information.

**Thank you for transforming students' lives through literacy.**