

# SPELDNSW

## Professional Development Program

### 2016 Certificate Course for Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties

This SPELD NSW course will provide up-to-date, research-based information concerning the acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills. It has been designed for teachers of students who have learning difficulties, mainstream classroom teachers who wish to update their teaching skills and anyone wishing to become a SPELD NSW tutor. The course will be run on 6 weekends between March to June, 2016.

#### Objectives

The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities for participants to learn how to:

1. Select assessment and diagnostic methods and tools which are consistent with their purpose(s);
2. Search for, and evaluate, research on spelling, early reading, comprehension, written expression and numeracy acquisition and instruction;
3. Identify instructional programs whose effectiveness has been empirically demonstrated; derive principles from these to guide the evaluation and, where necessary, the supplementation, of commonly used instructional programs and materials;
4. Construct instructional programs for learners with special needs, based on the findings of the literature search;
5. Measure the effectiveness of instructional procedures in reading and spelling used with learners with special needs.

#### Learning Experiences

Participants will experience learning in this course through the following methods: lecture, small group activities, quizzes, class discussions, individual readings.

#### Target Audience

- Literacy tutors
- Support teachers
- K-6 primary school teachers
- Secondary School literacy teachers

#### Weekend Dates and What's On

1. – Introduction
2. – Reading
3. – Spelling

#### Dates will be advised as soon as they are set

4. – Written Expression
5. – Comprehension
6. – Maths

#### Times

9.00 am – 4.00 pm Saturdays  
9.00 am – 3.00 pm Sundays

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### Cost

TBA As an indication the cost for 2015 was \$2200.00 (incl. GST)  
(Costs have been kept as low as possible in line with SPELD NSW's commitment to support teachers in their professional development)

### Participants will receive

- Handouts each weekend
- Booklet of research papers for prescribed readings
- A wide range of teaching materials/samples
- Morning tea and a light lunch each day

### Assignments

Participants will be required to read supplied research papers each fortnight in preparation for the upcoming weekend, and complete two major assignments:

1. a case study, including a teaching journal
  - Case study summary and ongoing teaching journal
  - Completed case study and journal
2. a 1000-word research paper on early literacy reading

## **TESTIMONIAL**

*It was my privilege to attend the six weekend course at Sydney last semester.*

*Over many years I've completed many hours of Professional Development and I can without hesitation say that the recent SPELD NSW course I completed was by the far the best I've ever attended. I looked forward to each weekend and always came away with new ideas, resources, contacts and an excitement to implement change. The speakers were all highly experienced and credentialed, always providing practical and essential training to further successful intervention.*

*It was great to form friendships with other teachers from various sectors all whom shared a passion to assist the struggling student.*

*The assignments tasks were relevant and enabled clarification of learning needs and additionally, in depth evaluation of teaching methodologies and process.*

*It is my pleasure to highly recommend this course.*

*Lyn Maxwell, 2014 Graduate  
Trinity Anglican College, Albury/Wodonga*

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#### Application Form - 2016

I wish to apply for admission to the Certificate Course for Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties to be conducted by SPELD NSW, commencing, 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach an outline of your professional training and teaching experience and a brief statement explaining why you are interested in attending this course.*

***Do not send any fees with this application form.***

**Return this application form either by email or post to:**

**SPELD NSW Inc.**

**Attention: Carolyn Washburn**

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