



Dyslexia  
Matters

Level 7 Diploma in Teaching  
and Assessing Learners with  
Dyslexia, Specific Learning  
Differences and Barriers to  
Literacy.

## Course Outline

The course comprises 80 credits of on-line learning, complete with online assessment.

Suitable for candidates who prefer to work alongside a small group of colleagues. There are opportunities for over learning, sharing of best practice and consolidating understanding of concepts, interacting directly with tutors.

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The course offers an online interactive experience, the content of which is delivered through:

- Reading materials/resources
- Lectures
- Power points
- Videos
- Demonstrations of assessment material protocols
- Hands-on practical sessions with a range of assessment materials



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As well as having access to the online course materials, **Blended Learning** candidates attend twelve 90 minute remote learning sessions with a small group, via Zoom (see below). The session dates and times will be agreed in advance with the group as a whole. These study sessions are scheduled after candidates have completed a section of the online course and provide the opportunity for candidates to:

- Consolidate their learning with colleagues and a tutor in an interactive setting
- Take part in practical activities, discussion, and quizzes to inform best practice.
- Embed their new knowledge through practice assessment sessions with colleagues
- Build a supportive network of colleagues taking the course to share the experience,
- Compare, share and discuss resources
- Enrich their experience of learners with dyslexia through comparison of different learner profiles, ages, and settings
- Review key skills taught on the online course
- Review portfolio work
- Review case studies
- Observe and share demonstrations



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Candidates are further supported by a personal tutor, offering guidance and advice on assignments, which include essays, diagnostic assessment reports, and a teaching portfolio, including:

- An essay on psychometric testing
- A research-based essay
- At least 3 diagnostic reports
- 3 videoed sessions, including assessing and teaching
- A teaching programme

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**- The course delivery plan is broadly outlined below -**

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### **Autumn Term:**

- 90 minute Zoom sessions on Psychometric testing (Unit 2), introduced by the course leader with practical exercises to aid understanding
- 90 minute Zoom sessions will also introduce the full range of tests so that candidates can develop an understanding of what each of the tests assesses and how they contribute to a potential diagnosis of dyslexia or specific learning differences
- By the end of term, candidates are ready to write their Unit 2 assignment.



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### Spring Term:

- Zoom sessions to cover report writing (Unit 3), statistics etc.
  - Candidates will be lent any assessments they cannot source for themselves on a rotational basis, for a defined period of time. The assessment will be sent to their home so that they can study the manual and prepare to administer the assessment on a fellow 'buddy' candidate which will be done at a mutually convenient time. The 'buddy' in turn will administer the test they have been sent. E.g. Candidates A and B are buddied up. Candidate A has an underlying ability test, so administers that to candidate B, Candidate B has a memory test which she uses to practise testing Candidate A. When it is Candidate B's turn for the underlying ability test s/he will administer that to Candidate A. They will compare notes to make sure that their 'Instructions for Self' are comprehensive before sending them off to be marked. The same will happen with the memory test. Candidates are of course encouraged to practise the delivery of assessments on friends and families as well.
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### Summer Term:

- Zoom sessions to cover Unit 1 (essay of choice), Unit 6 (additional teaching practice of 10 hours), Access Arrangements
  - Candidates will work on their Diagnostic Assessment Reports for Unit 3
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### 2nd Academic Year:

- Candidates continue to work through the course criteria.
- Deadline for course completion September i.e. 2 years after the start date



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**Start Date:** September only

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**Limited places available.**