



Wilson Reading System® Level II Certification Program

2-Day WRS Group Mastery Meeting: August 9 & 11, 2010
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Location: Rocky River Curriculum Library
21600 Center Ridge Road
Rocky River, OH 44116
Cost: \$1485 per participant

Register at "Staff" www.rrcs.org by July 15, 2010

Prerequisite:

WRS Level I Certification & Bachelor's Degree in education or a related field.

Program Details:

This advanced coursework provides in-depth strategies to implement multisensory structured language instruction successfully in group settings and advanced levels of decoding and encoding. Advanced coursework includes:

Course

Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction (WRS Group Mastery)
WRS Group Mastery Practicum
Advanced Word Study (WRS Steps 7-12)
WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum

Delivery

Workshop
Supervised Practicum
Online
Supervised Practicum

Successful completion of all four advanced courses listed above results in WRS Level II Certification.

Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction (WRS Group Mastery)

This 10-hour (two-day) workshop delves into essential techniques and strategies to improve all aspects of WRS group instruction through hands-on practice and discussion, and prepares participants for the Group Mastery Practicum. Topics include:

- Ensuring and assessing group mastery
- Maximizing group success while meeting individual needs
- Application and integration of skills
- Concept development vs. fluency
- Planning and practicing lesson plan Blocks 1, 2, and 3 for groups

WRS Group Mastery Practicum

The WRS Group Mastery Practicum is completed with an approved group of three to six students according to practicum student selection criteria. The supervised practicum shall meet these requirements:

- Pretesting report
- Delivery of 50 practicum lessons (at minimum) in accordance with the Group Mastery Practicum Study Guide

- The group must receive at least five 45-minute, four 60-minute, or three 90-minute lessons per week (five 75-90 minute lessons per week is optimal)
- Two videotaped lessons submitted for review and feedback
- Demonstrated proficiency in implementing all Wilson procedures in a group setting
- Practicum students must reach Substep 3.1 (or above) of the program
- Completion of student post-testing and submission of required paperwork

Upon completion: participants who have fulfilled the requirements of the Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction Workshop are able to enroll in the WRS Group Mastery Practicum. Upon completion of the Group Mastery Practicum, participants are specialized in implementing WRS in a group setting, but are not considered WRS Level II certified unless they have completed all advanced courses.

Advanced Word Study (WRS Steps 7-12)

This online course provides advanced word study instruction and guidance for both decoding and encoding. The online course addresses the concepts and procedures for Steps 7-12 of the Wilson Reading System including spelling option procedures and spelling rules. Participants who have completed or are currently enrolled in the Advanced Word Study course are able to enroll in the WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum.

WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum

The WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum is completed with an approved student according to practicum student selection criteria. The supervised practicum shall meet these requirements:

- Pretesting report
- Delivery of 50 practicum lessons (at minimum) starting at Substep 7.1 in accordance with the Steps 7-12 Practicum Study Guide
- The student must receive instruction in three 60-minute or two 90-minute lessons per week (at minimum)
- Two videotaped lessons submitted for review and feedback
- Demonstrated proficiency in implementing all Wilson procedures
- Practicum student must reach Substep 10.3 of the program
- Completion of student post-testing and submission of all required paperwork

Upon completion: participants who complete the requirements of the Advanced Word Study course will receive an Acknowledgement of Completion. Upon completion of the Steps 7-12 Practicum, teachers are specialized in implementing all steps of the WRS program, but are not considered WRS Level II certified unless they have previously completed all advanced courses.

WRS Level II Certification

Successful completion of all advanced courses listed below results in WRS Level II Certification.

- Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction
- WRS Group Mastery Practicum
- Advanced Word Study (WRS Steps 7-12)
- WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum

Graduate Credit:

Upon completion of all Level II components, participants may register for 3 professional development graduate credits through Endicott College in Beverly, MA for an additional fee of \$225. Participants should contact WLT Customer Service Center at 800-899-8454 x 6779 to process the registration upon completion of all components. All registrations will be processed within the current college semester.

Time Limits:

Participants must enroll in the practicum within 3 years of completing the corresponding course. The practicum must be completed within 30 months from practicum registration date for Acknowledgement of Completion to be awarded.

Course Offerings and Settings

For the Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction (Group Mastery), school districts and organizations may enroll a maximum of 20 people. Individuals may attend courses offered by Wilson at a select number of locations. The Advanced Word Study (WRS Steps 7-12) online course is open enrollment.

WRS Group Mastery Practicum Additional Information

Practicum Student Selection Criteria

Select a group of 3-6 students for the Group Mastery Practicum. Once a group is selected, each student must be pretested using the WADE and an approved, norm-referenced test. The Practicum Student Pretesting Form must be submitted to a Wilson trainer for review and approval. Once the trainer approves the group, practicum lessons may begin. Students must:

- Have significant decoding difficulty
- Be of similar age, grade, and cognitive ability
- Be able to begin instruction at the same substep, as determined by WADE mastery scores (this applies to students who have had previous WRS instruction)
- Be grouped according to word attack scores if new to the program (0-15%, 16-30%)
- Be available to receive at least five 45-minute, four 60-minute, or three 90-minute lessons per week (five 75-90-minute lessons per week is optimal)
- Be free of major behavioral problems and/or severe language-based difficulties that may affect the group's progression or achievement

Factors to Consider when Determining Group Size

- Homogeneity of the group
- Frequency and length of scheduled instruction
- Age of students
- Availability of teacher aide or support staff
- Teacher experience at the instruction level needed

Group Achievement

- The group must reach Substep 3.1 of the Wilson Reading System

Required Practicum Materials

Participants should have all of the items listed below for participation in the WRS Group Mastery Practicum. Materials needed include:

- WRS Starter Set
- WRS Student Readers Steps 1-6 (one set per student)
- WRS Magnetic Journal with Phoneme Tiles (one per student)

Recommended Materials

- WRS Word Cards (Steps 1-3, 4-6)
- Syllable and Suffix Frames
- Stories for Older Students (Steps 1-3, 4-6)
- WRS Student Workbooks Steps 1-6 (one set per student)
- Blank Index Cards
- Electronic Spell Checker

WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum Additional Information

Practicum Student Selection Criteria

Select a student for the Steps 7-12 Practicum. Pretest the selected student using the WADE and an approved, norm-referenced test. The Practicum Student Pretesting Form must be submitted to a Wilson trainer for review and approval. Once the trainer approves the student, practicum lessons may begin.

The student must:

- Have already completed Steps 1-6 of the Wilson Reading System
- Have demonstrated mastery of Steps 1-6 on the WADE
- Be available to receive three 60-minute or two 90-minute lessons per week (at minimum)

Student Knowledge in WRS Steps 1-6

Before beginning lessons starting at Step 7, students should be able to:

- Understand there is a system to the English language
- Independently divide words into syllables for reading and spelling
- Identify basewords and suffixes independently
- Identify the four learned syllable patterns and their effect on vowel sound
- Decode words and read sentences fluently through Step 6
- Manipulate word parts and sounds
- Read non-controlled decodable text with guidance
- Find words in dictionary or spell checker

Student Achievement

- The student must reach Substep 10.3 of the Wilson Reading System

Required Practicum Materials

Participants should have all of the items listed below for participation in the WRS Steps 7-12 Practicum. Materials needed include:

- WRS Instructor Manual
- WADE (Wilson Assessment of Decoding and Encoding)
- WRS Rules Notebook
- WRS Dictation Book Steps 7-12
- WRS Sound Cards
- WRS Syllable Cards (Steps 7-12)
- WRS Student Readers Steps 7-12
- WRS Magnetic Journal with Phoneme Tiles

Recommended Materials

- Syllable and Suffix Frames
- Stories for Older Students (Steps 7-9)
- WRS Student Workbooks (Steps 7-12)
- Blank Index Cards
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