

SLANT System® Certification Process

Certification begins with a 25-hour (4-day) course that presents an overview of the *SLANT System*®. The Introductory Course covers the scope and sequence of the *SLANT System*®, the content of a typical lesson, characteristics of students for whom *SLANT*® is appropriate, basic diagnostic procedures, and a systematic introduction to language structure (letter/sound relationships, syllable types, & spelling rules). Participants develop an overall understanding of the *SLANT System*®, learn how to prepare a typical lesson, and gain insight into language structure.

After completion of the Introductory course, one begins the Teaching Level Certification Course. This in-depth training provides participants with a one-on-one supervised practicum experience using the *SLANT System*® materials and teaching techniques. Participants also attend 8 monthly seminar classes, totaling 24 additional hours of class time. The practicum experience emphasizes the individualization of reading instruction for a small group of students. Each participant uses the *SLANT System*® materials, and plans and implements, at a minimum, 60 lessons for the students over the course of 9 months (one school year), to total a minimum of 60 hours. Teachers may adapt the implementation to meet their classroom time needs as long as they meet the minimum requirement of 30 minute sessions 4 times per week. Each participant is assigned a *SLANT*® Coach that visits during the participant's *SLANT*® teaching time 5 times during the school year. The Coach assists the participant in implementing the program using appropriate techniques and helps the participant to adapt the program to the specific needs of his / her group of students. The seminars provide opportunities to expand the participant's skills in *SLANT*® techniques and language structure, as well as providing a forum for discussion. The seminars cover additional topics such as fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. Participants must pass a quiz on letter sounds as well as a certifying exam.

Teaching Level Certification is valid for 3 years after successful completion of all above requirements. Renewing this Certification requires 30 CPDU's in specific areas of study.