

WRS Level I Certification

Prerequisite: Participants must have completed the WRS Introductory Workshop / Overview or Applied Methods (formerly Intervention Workshop) within the last five years.

Wilson Level I Certification involves online and Wilson Trainer instruction, and at minimum, a 60-lesson practicum with a student who falls in the 30th percentile or below in reading and spelling skills.

School Districts/Organizations

A Wilson Trainer conducts a Start-Up Seminar at the beginning of the course. This seminar provides direction in student pretesting and selection, a demonstration lesson and instruction in a computer lab introducing the Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course. Additionally, the trainer meets with the training group for five Implementation Meetings (one hour) scheduled through the school year. A Wilson Trainer visits each teacher / student pair five times during the school year, and provides demonstrations and observations with written and verbal feedback. This model of professional development requires a minimum of 10 participants.

Participants are encouraged to complete Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course and Practicum within the school year.

Individuals

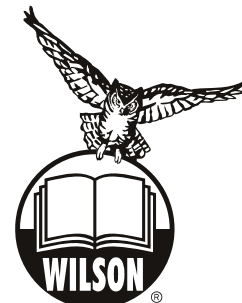
Seminar content is provided via Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course. The participant and the practicum student travel to a Wilson Certification Center for five observation appointments scheduled directly with the Wilson Trainer. See www.wilsonlanguage.com for available Wilson Certification Centers.

Level I Completion Requirements*

- Start-up Seminar
- Completion of Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course
- Practicum: 1:1 Student Instruction with a minimum of 60 lessons of instruction with a lesson plan written for each lesson (student must be approved by Wilson Trainer)
- Five Teacher / Student Observations, as scheduled by the Wilson Trainer (each observation approximately one hour in length)
- Pretesting report, including educational history and current test results of practicum student
- Development of teacher's and student's notebook and student's written work in accordance with WLT program standards
- Demonstration of mastered lesson plan procedures (documented by Wilson Trainer)
- Demonstration of understanding of language concepts through accurate teaching with multisensory procedures
- Demonstration of student success and mastery of decoding/encoding skills
- Posttesting and submission of practicum student report after a minimum of 60 lessons and achievement of Step 4.2

*Note: WRS Level I requirements must be completed within 15 months from program start for certification to be awarded. If requirements have not been completed within the first 15 months, another 15-month extension is available for an additional fee. Participants not completing program requirements within a 30-month period must re-enroll at the prevailing tuition rate.

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Level I Practicum Student Selection Criteria

- Student entering grades 4-12 (grade 3 approved if student has been retained)*
- Overall cognitive ability in average range (minimum IQ = 80)
- Overall reading must be ranked in the 30th percentile or below.
- Student's listening comprehension ability is higher compared to independent reading comprehension
- Student has poor decoding and spelling
- Student must be available to be scheduled at minimum three to four 45-minute lessons, two to three 60-minute lessons, or two to three 90-minute lessons (1:1) per week
- The practicum student must not have any previous Wilson instruction

The above criteria should be determined from school records and current testing. Testing must be completed for selection in late spring or early September. The WADE (Wilson Assessment of Decoding and Encoding) must be used along with a formal reading test. The Woodcock Reading Mastery Test, Woodcock-Johnson-R, Woodcock Johnson III, or Woodcock Diagnostic Reading Battery is recommended. A similar individualized reading assessment may be substituted if it provides information regarding decoding, comprehension and total reading. The practicum situation works best when the selected student has a consistent attendance record and does not have overriding emotional or behavioral issues.

*Note. This requirement that the practicum student be entering grades 4-12 is necessary for the purposes of certified training, so that students can meet other prerequisite requirements.

Upon Completion

Participants who have demonstrated mastery of the Wilson lesson plan, including multisensory techniques and effective strategies for working 1:1, will receive a WRS Level I certificate.

Participants completing this program may represent themselves as Wilson Level I certified tutors, but are not qualified as Wilson Trainers.

Professional Development Graduate Credit

Graduate credit is offered through Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

Word Study (WRS Steps 1-6) Online Course

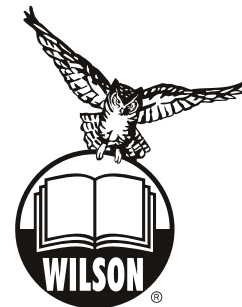
Completion of Steps 1-3
3 Graduate Credits \$225

Completion of Steps 4-6
3 Graduate Credits \$225

Completion of Wilson Practicum
3 Graduate Credits \$225

Participants enroll for graduate credit upon completion of the suitable Topics Assessment in the course syllabus for Steps 1-3, Steps 4-6, and after their last observation in the Level I Practicum Course.

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