

Qualifications to support individuals with dyslexia and other Specific Learning Differences (SpLD)

If you are thinking about training to become a specialist in dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties (SpLD), you may find it useful to do a self-assessment to find out the best training for you in your role.

I always suggest looking at the **SpLD Trust** website where you will find a professional development framework and an easy to use self-assessment tool to help you to decide which qualifications you need. It is also helpful in guiding you through literacy qualifications.

<http://framework.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/>

The next step will be to find a centre near you where you can take the qualifications you need.

The Professional Association for Teachers of Students with SpLD (PATOSS)

Lists 37 organisations around the UK, including the Open University for online learning. PATOSS also have information about courses available to update your assessor practising certificate and other CPD opportunities.

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/SupportAdvice/TrainingforSpLDQualification>

If you **already have qualified teacher status (QTLS)**, you may just need some professional development to become an assessor. Whether you want to be able to carry out full diagnostic assessments or assess for Disabled Student Allowances (DSA), you may find some online training is all you need to do.

Other useful links

<http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/professionals/>

<http://dyslexiaaction.org.uk/training-courses>

<http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/courses-and-events.html>

<http://www.arkellcentre.org.uk/>

<http://communicate-ed.org.uk/>