



**MISSION:** Promotes excellence in literacy instruction for all

## Slingerland Certification at the Teaching Level



**We make the impossible possible....** If you are looking for an accredited certification program, the Slingerland® Multisensory Structured Language Training course can meet your needs.

### Why Certification?

Certification signifies a level of training and expertise that sets you apart from others in the field. It is important because students depend on you. Certification makes a difference:

- **to students** whose educational progress depends on your precise documentation and training;
- **to parents** by ensuring they have placed their child in the hands of an expert;
- **to employers** who must hire highly qualified and trusted teachers; and
- **to you** for the satisfaction of attaining this level of expertise and knowledge.

### Slingerland Background . . . and the Road to Certification

Since 2004, the Slingerland® Institute has been accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC) to certify Teachers. The Slingerland Comprehensive Training Classes and structured, supervised Practicum Classes are designed to prepare classroom teachers, intervention specialists, and tutors of all learners, especially those with dyslexia or related language-learning disorders. Each of the comprehensive classes (Introductory and Continuum) provide an intensive month-long immersion into the Slingerland® Approach.



During this time, participants observe children in daily classroom demonstrations, listen to lectures, and design and deliver lessons under the guidance of the instructor. The supervised Practicum classes, which are available after completion of the comprehensive classes, provide continued coaching and mentoring through an online collaboration platform.

The Slingerland® Approach is not a scripted program. Instead, using techniques to implement instruction in a structured, multisensory format that is responsive to the needs of a student or group, the Slingerland® Approach provides opportunities for the teacher to become the master driver of the literacy curriculum. No special reading materials are required. The approach adapts to fit into almost any curriculum available.



The daily practicum is what makes Slingerland training singularly effective. Under the 1:1 coaching and supervision of master teachers, participants learn to design and implement explicit, systematic and structured multisensory lesson plans that are custom-tailored to the needs of individual students or small groups. All components of a scientifically-based literacy program are included as part of the instructional plan: handwriting, phonology, phonics, syllabication, morphology, syntax, fluency, and comprehension for both reading and written expression.



## How do I become a Certified Slingerland Teacher?

The following classes are required for teachers seeking Slingerland Certification at the Teaching Level:

- SIL Introductory Comprehensive Class (19 days with practicum)
- SIL Introductory Extended Practicum Class following Introductory CC (9-month supervision with online observation)
- SIL Continuum Comprehensive Class (19 days with practicum)
- SIL Continuum Extended Practicum Class following the Continuum CC (9-month supervision with online observation)

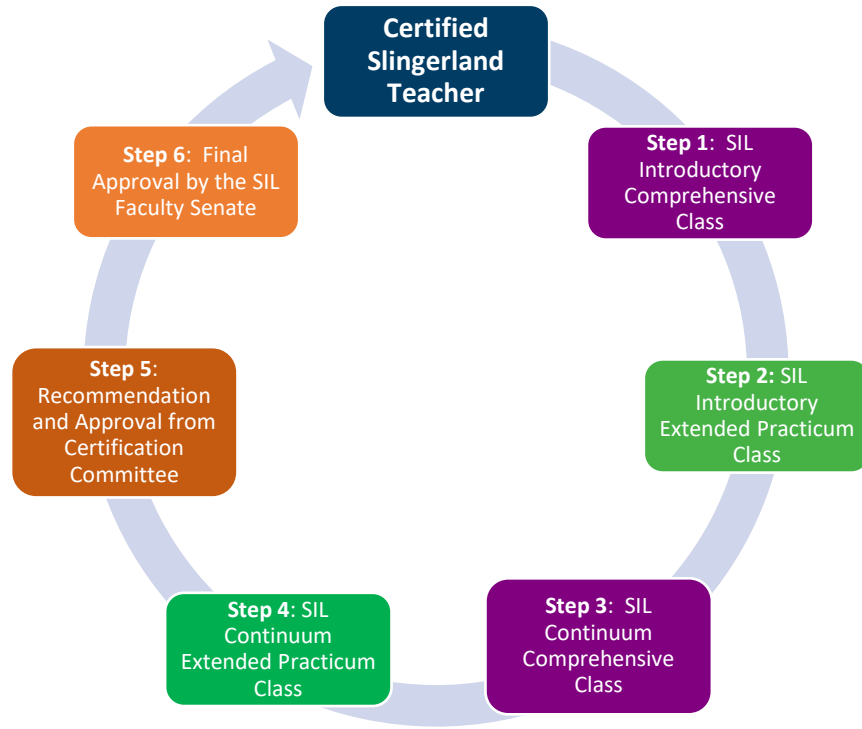
The final step is the documented recommendation and approval for certification from the Certification Committee. The recommendation is usually provided at the end of the SIL Continuum Extended Practicum Class.

**The detailed criteria for Slingerland certification at the Teaching Level is set out on the following page.**

## Criteria for Slingerland Certification at the Teaching Level

### *Certified Slingerland Teacher*

<b>Degree requirements</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree or higher</b>
<b>SIL Requirements</b>	<b>Current member of the Slingerland® Institute</b>
<b>Course Work</b>  Course components: Phonology Alphabetic Principle Syllable Instruction Morphology Syntax Reading Fluency Semantics	<b>90 hours Slingerland Certification Course</b> 45 hours Introductory Comprehensive Class 45 hours Continuum Comprehensive Class Exit Assessment  Demonstrate complete application of the Slingerland® Approach Show an understanding of the acquisition of reading and writing Satisfactory development of lessons using auditory, visual, and kinesthetic-motor modalities for instruction Demonstrate competency in teaching the structure of English language
<b>Practicum</b>  Supervised, guided practice of the SIL techniques. <u>Direct instruction</u> with students who present characteristics of dyslexia or related disorders.  Does not include time spent meeting with supervisor, developing lesson plans, scoring tests, etc.  <b>All practicum requirements must be completed within a 36-month timeframe</b>	<b>60 hours of the complete Slingerland format</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 20 hours SIL Introductory Comprehensive Class</li> <li>✓ 10 hours SIL Introductory Extended Practicum Class (9 months)</li> <li>✓ 20 hours SIL Continuum Comprehensive Class</li> <li>✓ 10 hours SIL Continuum Extended Practicum Class (9 months)</li> </ul> Document 60 hours of lessons (or equivalent) (90 45-minute, 60- one hour, etc.) Written lesson plans and students' written work saved in a digital format daily and shared with the Slingerland® Institute. Work can be shared via flash drive, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. in any of the following formats: .doc, .docx, pdf or jpeg. Supervision includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Observation of lesson procedures</li> <li>✓ Coaching as needed</li> <li>✓ Evaluation of teacher's performance</li> <li>✓ Feedback with documentation of competencies</li> </ul> Approved Certified Slingerland Instructor at the Teaching level or instructor-intern (under supervision) A minimum of 5 direct observations of complete lessons (3.3 hours). May be done via electronic means All IMSLEC-specified competencies documented by the final observation with written and performance-based exit assessment <b>Upon satisfactory completion of the Continuum Extended Practicum Class, the candidate will be recommended for Certification at the Teaching Level.</b>
<b>CEU's to Maintain Certification</b>	<b>Documentation of 30 hours of continuing education every 3 years.</b> (Approved independent study, workshops, conference participation, university courses, books, journals, videos)



Live demonstration practicum classes are scheduled during the summer as well as during the school year.

The 9-month supervised online Extended Practicum Classes usually begin every September.

## Slingerland Certification . . . Is this for you?



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