

**290-3-2-.37 Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement.**

(1) **Overview.** An individual who holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field and meets the specified training and assessment requirements as prescribed in 290-3-2-.37(3) may apply for the Dyslexia Therapist Endorsement.

(2) **Application.** The applicant is required to submit to the Educator Certification Section the current application for this approach and documentation of having met all requirements as prescribed in Rule 290-3-2-.37 and on the application.

(3) **Requirements.** All requirements must be successfully completed prior to the date the application is received in the Educator Certification Section.

(a) Successful completion of the Alabama Special Requirements in Rule 290-3-2-.02(4).

(b) A valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field as prescribed in Rules 290-3-2-.03.

(c) Successful completion of an International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council endorsed training course.

(d) Verification of having passed one of the following:

1. Academic Language Therapy Association's Certified Academic Language Therapy Assessment; OR

2. International Dyslexia Association's Knowledge and Practice Examination of Effective Reading Instruction.

(4) **Degree Level.** The Professional Educator Certificate issued through this approach shall be issued based upon the applicant's highest level valid Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field held.

(5) **Valid Period.** The valid period of the certificate shall be from the date of issuance through the remainder of the same scholastic year, and thereafter, for the next five consecutive scholastic years.

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**Statutory Authority:** Ala. Const. Amend. 284, Ala. Code §§16-3-11, 16-23-1 and 16-23-2 (1975).

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