

*Unlock the power of dyslexia support with key abbreviations and certifications.*

## Certifications

### **CAT: Certified Academic Therapist**

- The certification received after completion of rigorous training through the accredited Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center (ASDEC) in the Sounds In Syllables (SIS) program. CAT certification requires 200 hours of graduate-level classwork and a 700-hour practicum completed over two years.

### **CALT: Certified Academic Language Therapist**

- Once earning the CAT designation, therapists can undertake a rigorous examination with ALTA, an international dyslexia professional credentialing organization, to achieve the prestigious designation of Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT).

### **CALT-QI: Qualified Instructor of Certified Academic Language Therapists**

- A CALT-QI is the guiding educator for Academic Therapists during their rigorous two-year training journey, requiring both CALT experience and an additional two years of education to achieve this esteemed status.

## Organizations

### **ALTA: Academic Language Therapy Association**

- The international professional credentialing association of dyslexia professionals.

### **ASDEC: Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center**

- A 501(c)(3) non-profit training and advocacy center dedicated to preventing academic failure through evidence-based multisensory reading and math instruction and the owner of Sounds In Syllables (SIS).

### **IDA: International Dyslexia Association**

- The International Dyslexia Association, Inc. (IDA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charity, organized and operated to provide advocacy, resources, and services to teaching professionals, advocates, and individuals and families impacted by dyslexia and other related learning differences.

### **IMSLEC: The International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council**

- IMSLEC is the accrediting body of Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE) courses for those training to be dyslexia professionals. Both ASDEC and MLTI-NM are IMSLEC accredited training centers.

### **MLTI-NM: Multisensory Language Training Institute of New Mexico**

- MLTI-NM, founded by Director Emerita Sandra Dillon, trains teachers and other education professionals in SIS alongside ASDEC.

## Educational Terms

### **MSLE: Multisensory Structured Language Education**

- MSLE describes the instructional components and approaches used to guide students with dyslexia to improve literacy skills.

### **OG: Orton-Gillingham**

- OG is an approach to teaching literacy skills. Some for-profit companies have confounded the understanding of this term by calling their programs 'OG.' We prefer the less confusing term Multisensory Structured Language to describe the methods used by SIS trained therapists.

### **SIS: Sounds In Syllables**

- SIS is the most thorough program for helping students with dyslexia achieve their highest potential. SIS can only be used by therapists who have completed the most rigorous educational training of any dyslexia professional. SIS works with all levels of dyslexia severity.