

Introduction to the LDANZ Training Course

Specific Learning Disabilities is an exciting and wide field of study. Current research continues to help in understanding the possible factors as to why some students don't reach their academic potential.

Whether you use the course as a way of enhancing your qualifications or as a step to becoming a specialist specific learning disabilities teacher, enjoy the challenge and gain a real interest in this engaging field of study.

You will already have completed an introduction to specific learning disabilities through the Dyslexia Training Institute or another pathway.

As you explore this area of learning you are encouraged to do your own research alongside the course tasks. Your local LDANZ Member Organisation has a library for members, as well as your public library and the internet.

Once you activate your enrolment you have 40 days to complete the course.
[In the case of extenuating circumstances, e.g. illness/family circumstances, please contact ldanz@ymail.com to discuss a possible extension.]

The LDANZ training module is divided into 2 Modules and an assignment

Topic 1, Assessments – tools and terminology, has 4 lessons

Specific Learning Disabilities

Tests used for a psychometric assessment of specific learning disabilities

Cattell – Horne – Carroll theory

Woodcock Johnson III (WJ III) assessment report

There are 6 checkpoints in this Topic requiring submission of a written response.

Topic 2, Reports to Lesson Plans, has 5 lessons

A first look at an assessment report

Profile graphs

Tuition checklists

Tuition targets and SMART goals

Lesson Plans

There are no written checkpoints to submit. You will constantly be interacting with the lessons and are invited to use the course forum for any questions.

Assignment: The assignment is to work from a given WJ III assessment report to creating lesson plans by completing the steps as were covered in Module 2.

The course has several documents that you will need to download to your computer, you may choose to print all or some of these. Some of the forms will need to be completed electronically for the assignment. If you prefer that the documents be sent to you in hard copy, then send your request to ldanz@ymail.com.

A certificate can be downloaded by all who complete the checkpoints and assignments satisfactorily.

The course pass rate is 70% +. In the unlikely event of you not achieving this mark there will be feedback and a request to resubmit so that your work meets this standard.

LDANZ Provisional teacher / LDANZ Learning Assistant

Once you have satisfactorily completed the assignment you are eligible to begin teaching as a Provisional LDANZ teacher / Provisional LDANZ Learning Assistant .

1. You will join both LDANZ as a teacher member / learning assistant member (\$80) and, if not already done so, your local LDANZ Member Organisation (subscriptions vary).
2. You will be linked to a LDANZ-endorsed mentor and teach at least one student (note, there is not always a student waiting) for a minimum of 60 lessons and complete at least 20 hours of Professional Development in accordance to the LDANZ guidelines which aim to encourage engagement in a breadth of SLD - related PD opportunities. The Provisional teaching period is expected to last from 18 – 24 months.
3. There is a mentoring fee to be paid by the Provisional teacher during the period of Provisional Registration. This will not exceed \$500, there could be variations in local LDANZ Member Organisations, contact them for details. (Member Organisations are listed on our website; some teacher members are distance members of a Member Organisation when they do not live in the immediate region.) This fee will be paid to the LDANZ Member Organisation of the mentor.

Costs of the Course

LDANZ module	\$350	<i>paid to LDANZ</i>
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REFUND POLICY for LDANZ Module

The non-refundable deposit per trainee is \$75.

Module:

Up to 5 days from initial log in:

full refund less non-refundable deposit.

Up to day 10 days from initial log in:

50% of fee, less non-refundable deposit.

Thereafter there will be no further refund payable.