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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