

**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE** from Vanderbilt Peabody College:

# Dyslexia Studies

Intervention supports can have a substantial positive effect for students' reading and future academic outcomes. This certificate will provide graduate and professional students with the additional knowledge and skills required to support students with dyslexia in the educational system.



Upon completion of the certificate, students will be able to identify the brain networks associated with reading and writing and their disorders; describe the brain basis of lexical processing; understand processes for identifying students with dyslexia; interpret formative literacy assessments; use data to make instructional decisions for students with reading disabilities; and develop and implement instructional lessons for students with or at-risk for reading disabilities.

## QUICK FACTS

**Required Hours:** 12 credit hours are needed to earn this certificate. See the [certificate website](#) for course details.

**Prerequisites:** Completed bachelor's degree and current enrollment in a Vanderbilt graduate or professional degree program

**Certificate Director:** [Jeanne Wanzek](#), Currey-Ingram Chair in Special Education

**Home Academic Department:** Special Education

**Best Suited For:** Students in education-related degree programs who seek careers in educational systems that will serve and support students with dyslexia

**To Enroll:** Let us know of your interest in this certificate by completing the form at [vu.edu/pbdy-certs](https://vu.edu/pbdy-certs). You may also email [peabodycertificates@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:peabodycertificates@vanderbilt.edu).



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Students who participate in these certificate courses will learn about administering and interpreting literacy assessments for students with dyslexia, as well as planning and implementing interventions for students with or at risk for dyslexia and other learning disabilities.”



Jeanne Wanzek, Certificate Director  
Currey-Ingram Chair in Special Education

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This certificate will assist in preparing recipients for careers supporting students with dyslexia in school systems, through consulting practices, or in clinical settings.

### REQUIRED COURSES

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- » Language and the Brain (PSY-PC 7190)
- » Teaching Reading to Students with Severe and Persistent Academic and Behavior Difficulties (SPEDH 7410)
- » Advanced Reading for Students with Severe and Persistent Academic and Behavior Difficulties (SPEDH-7420)
- » Advanced Fieldwork in Special Education (SPEDH 7953)

**Note:** Not all Peabody professional programs include enough elective credits to make earning an additional certificate possible. Students are encouraged to confer with their program director as well as with certificate directors to ensure they can meet all requirements for both degree and certificate programs. Courses listed are subject to change.