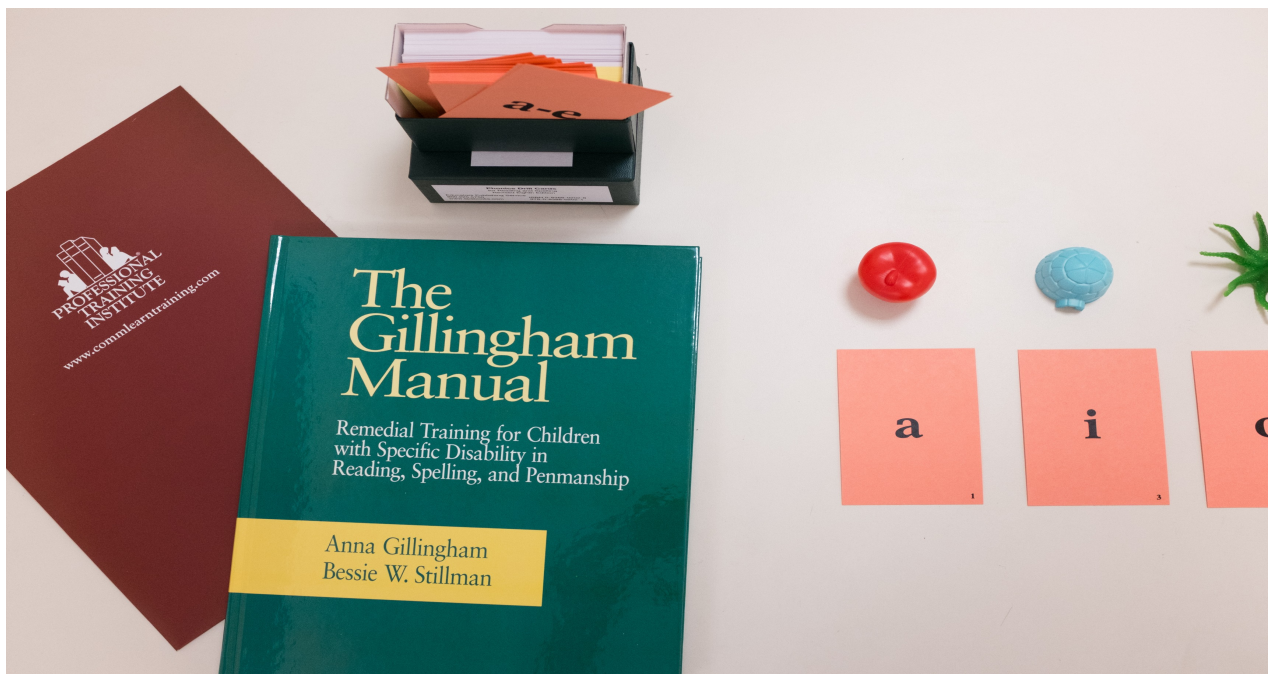




Professional Training Institute Announces Virtual Course Offerings for 2021

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Online Higher Education Offerings For Teachers Include New "Beyond Associate" Seminars

Needham, Massachusetts' Commonwealth Learning Center's Professional Training Institute (PTI) has announced a new virtual training schedule for 2021. The independent nonprofit organization is a Boston-area leader of research-based professional development programs designed to help teachers and specialists meet the needs of students who require systematic and multisensory learning approaches.

These online courses and seminars are being offered in response to COVID restrictions that have forced in-person education to temporarily cease. PTI previously offered programming at the Needham and Danvers Commonwealth Learning Center locations, as well as schools and meeting spaces throughout New England. Course titles include Orton-Gillingham Level 1: Associate Level Practicum and Fieldwork, Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing® (LiPS®) program, and Nancibell® Visualizing & Verbalizing® for Language Comprehension and Thinking. Many of the courses will begin in the summer when school is out of session.

New to the training offerings are a series of Beyond Associate seminars that are designed for teachers who have completed Associate or Classroom Educator Orton-Gillingham training and seek further enhancement of their diagnostic and prescriptive teaching skills. Although there are three seminars that make up the series, participants may attend one, two, or all of the sessions. These feature remote live instruction on three dates. The first seminar in the series, Infusing Vocabulary and Comprehension Skills into the OG Lesson Plan, was held on January 7. The remaining two will take place on February 4 and March 4.

“The Professional Training Institute is currently closed for in-person programming, but we are pleased to offer virtual trainings and seminars, as well as remote Orton-Gillingham observations and mentoring,” said the Institute’s Principal Director, Lisa Brooks. “Enrollment for many of our courses is on an on-going basis, which offers added convenience and flexibility for teachers interested in enrolling in them. We hope our online offerings reach more educators who previously didn’t have the time for the in-person training sessions.”

PTI offers research-based programs designed to help teachers and specialists meet the needs of students who require systematic and multisensory learning approaches.

PTI is accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) for all teacher training courses as well as by the Orton-Gillingham Academy for Orton-Gillingham teacher training at the Subscriber, Associate, and Certified levels. Massachusetts PDPs and graduate credits are available.

Clients have included staff from many New England school districts and nonprofit programs, including Lexington Public Schools, Quincy Public Schools, Bridge Over Troubled Waters Education and Career Program, Assabet Valley Collaborative, Northshore Education Consortium, and more.

To view the training schedule, visit <https://www.commlearntesting.com/training-schedule/>.

To learn more about the Professional Training Institute, visit <https://www.commlearntesting.com/>.

About The Professional Training Institute

The Professional Training Institute (PTI) seeks to improve teaching effectiveness by providing unique training opportunities for education professionals. The institute offers research-based programs designed to help teachers and specialists meet the needs of students who require systematic and multisensory learning approaches.

PTI’s presenters represent over 50 years of combined experience in working with teachers and special education students in public schools. The presenters are adjunct faculty members of Fitchburg State

University.

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