



## **The Irlen® Institute Announces 2026 International Conference and Complimentary Screener Training Opportunity**

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The Irlen® Institute, a global leader in addressing light-based visual processing difficulties, announced today that professionals registering for the 2026 Irlen® International Conference will receive complimentary access to online Screener training scheduled for May 28-29, 2026. The conference itself will take place June 25-27, 2026, at the Calgary Marriott-Downtown in Calgary, Alberta, with an online attendance option available for international participants.

This combined offering represents a significant value for educators, therapists, and healthcare professionals seeking certification in the Irlen® Method, a specialized approach to identifying and addressing Irlen Syndrome through the use of colored overlays and spectral filters. The May training session, typically offered as a separate program, will be included at no additional cost for conference registrants, though participants must purchase required materials separately.

"This initiative reflects our commitment to expanding the network of qualified professionals who can identify and address Irlen Syndrome," said Sandra Tosta, Director of Professional Development at the Irlen Institute.

"By combining our screener training with the international conference, we're creating a comprehensive educational experience that will benefit practitioners and ultimately help more individuals suffering from light sensitivity and related conditions."

The two-day screener training seminar is designed specifically for educators, reading specialists, school psychologists, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, counselors, and other professionals working with individuals who experience reading difficulties, dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, chronic migraines, light sensitivity, anxiety, autism, and sensory processing disorders. Participants must hold a teaching certificate or graduate degree in education, psychology, counseling, assessment, speech, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, or health and medical fields. Experience working with literacy programs in prison systems or other literacy initiatives also meets the qualification requirements.

The international conference will feature three days of intensive programming, beginning with specialized training and workshops for Irlen® Diagnosticians and Screeners on the first day, followed by two full days of presentations from experts in the field. Attendees will have opportunities for professional networking, a welcome reception, and a conference dinner, creating a comprehensive professional development experience.

Irlen Syndrome, also known as visual stress and scotopic sensitivity, affects millions of individuals worldwide and can cause significant challenges in reading, attention, and daily functioning. The condition often goes unidentified, as symptoms can overlap with other learning and attention difficulties. Through proper identification and intervention using specialized colored overlays and spectral filters, individuals with Irlen Syndrome can experience dramatic improvements in their quality of life.

The Irlen® Institute has established a presence in 46 countries worldwide, with certified providers helping both children and adults overcome the challenges associated with light-based visual processing difficulties. The organization has received recognition from major news outlets including NBC News, ABC News, and CBS News for its innovative approach to addressing these often-overlooked conditions. The institute continues to conduct research and development in spectral filter color lens technology, advancing the field's understanding of how color can be used therapeutically to address perceptual processing difficulties.

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