

Testing for Dyslexia

Basic Assessment | \$50

The Basic Assessment takes one hour and is designed to give a brief determination of grade level ability in reading and spelling. This evaluation must be completed before tutoring services can begin.

Intermediate Assessment | \$300

This Intermediate Reading Assessment is designed to evaluate a child's strengths and weakness in 13 language areas in order to design a plan specific to your child's individual needs. This test will take three hours to complete, followed by a full report and consultation with the parents.

Legal Assessment | \$500

The Legal Assessment tests specifically for dyslexia. It takes five hours to complete, including three one-hour individual sessions with Nanci Ross. This assessment will look at your child's family and educational history, resulting in a full diagnosis with recommendations for your child. This testing takes approximately one month to complete, with results typically arriving two weeks after the final testing session. The fee for this test is divided into two payments of \$250 each. One payment is due at the first consultation, and the other is due before the final consultation.

This assessment will stand up in court is you are fighting for legal and/or classroom accommodations. It will also help you to obtain 504 accommodations for your child.

This test is comprehensive and will not need to be repeated at a later date. Once a child is tested for dyslexia, he or she does not need to be evaluated again.

Nanci Ross, Executive Director

Founder of Dyslexia Tutoring of Utah

Nanci has been teaching for over 25 years. She is a Certified Elementary Teacher and holds a dual Master's degree in Special Education and Reading Disabilities. She has taught in both mainstream and special education settings but has now chosen to focus her efforts exclusively on dyslexia.

Nanci is also a Certified Diagnostician of Dyslexia and has been trained and certified in four Orton-Gillingham teaching methods. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University and a Master's degree from Utah State University.

Nanci has received additional certification in the area of dyslexia from San Diego State University, Barton Reading and Spelling, Wilson Reading and Language, and VOWAC Reading and Spelling, as well as training in the Herman method.

Nanci's philosophy and the mission of Dyslexia Tutoring of Utah is to enable and empower people with language-based learning disabilities through research-based programs and tutoring to help them realize their educational and social potential, regardless of ability to pay.

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Struggling with reading, writing, or math?

We are here to help.

Dyslexia Tutoring of Utah
Midvale, UT



How does our center work?

1 Testing

When your child arrives at our center, the first thing we want to know is where his or her strengths and weaknesses lie. An assessment is the most accurate way to tell where your child needs the most help. We offer three levels of testing done personally by Nanci Ross. She tests not only for dyslexia but for other reading disabilities as well, and she is trained to identify such disorders as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD. Consequently, Nanci can design a program to meet your child's specific needs.

2 Assign a Trained Tutor

All of our highly qualified tutors are trained and certified to teach students with dyslexia. We strive to be flexible to accommodate your schedule. Our center is open for tutoring from 7am – 7pm, Monday through Thursday. We are open on Fridays from 7am – 4pm. Saturday morning tutoring is available upon request.

3 Individual Curriculum

We only offer one-on-one tutoring to ensure that each child receives personal attention. Once we have determined your child's learning goals, we will make a plan together with you to help your child reach his or her potential. If your child needs help in math as well as reading, we can schedule that time into the individual curriculum. We will review these goals with you frequently and send a progress report home with your child after every tutoring session.

4 Results Matter

Our desire is the same as yours: to help your child reach his or her potential! We want you to be informed of your child's successes as well as areas for improvement, so your child will be assessed frequently to track progress. Ultimately, we are in the business of building a brighter future for your child.

Questions and Answers

What is Dyslexia?

If you feel that your child has a problem in reading, writing, or math that you cannot solve, then perhaps he or she has dyslexia.

Dyslexic people have trouble recognizing words and often have poor spelling and reading abilities because they cannot hear the sounds that make up words accurately.

These difficulties occur regardless of strengths in other areas, such as hands-on learning or artistic abilities.

People who suffer from dyslexia may also have problems with reading comprehension or vocabulary and difficulty in writing, spelling, handwriting, and math.

Dyslexia is NOT the result of lack of motivation, poor eyesight or hearing, or bad teachers. However, dyslexia may occur together with any of these situations.

Early diagnosis and treatment can give your dyslexic child the skills needed for success.

Why is my child struggling in reading and math when he or she is so smart?

Dyslexia is a sequencing problem. Math and reading are sequential. Some children need different instruction than that offered in the public school system. A large number of children who are dyslexic have strengths in understanding three-dimensional concepts. With the right help, they can excel in both reading and math.

What does Orton-Gillingham mean?

Orton-Gillingham teaching methods are based on the work of Dr. Samuel T. Orton and educator Anna Gillingham. This system teaches language in a logical sequence that shows how letters and sounds interact to form words. These methods also involve using all of a child's senses to help in the learning process.

Does tutoring really help?

Absolutely! Research shows that unless children receive tutoring for dyslexia with an Orton-Gillingham method of instruction, they will hit a brick wall in the 4th grade and will not progress much further. They will be unable to keep up or move beyond that level of literacy.

What age should I start tutoring for my child?

Age 6 is the prime age to begin the diagnosis and tutoring of a child suspected of having dyslexia. Early intervention is the KEY to success.

How can I best help my child?

The most effective way to help is to become your child's advocate both at home and at school. Learn all you can about dyslexia, attend classes and workshops, read books, and research online. Then educate all the members of your family and community about what you have learned. Your child needs your support. Our center is a great place to begin in providing you with a wealth of information.

How long will the student need tutoring?

The average length of tutoring is 18-36 months. This time line varies depending on the severity of the dyslexia and the age of the child.

Will my child ever reach grade level?

Most definitely! Our program is research-based, and our before-and-after testing results show our success rates.

Do you tutor adults?

Yes! We tutor anyone who would like to improve literacy. We can test and tutor anyone between the ages of 5 and 99. We can work with employers to help get the accommodations you will need in the workforce while improving your language skills.

Where are you located?

We are conveniently located east of I-15 and the 7200 South exit, in Salt Lake City. Our address is 7304 South 300 West, Suite #202 in Midvale, UT.

Can you come and talk to people who work with my child at school?

Certainly. We offer our services to help you defend your child's rights and our support in obtaining an IEP or 504 accommodations for your child. We also offer in-service to faculties and staff members to help them become more knowledgeable about dyslexia. We can schedule a time for a representative to come to your child's school for a nominal fee.

Do you educate parents and families about dyslexia?

We will not leave you alone. We hold free parent workshops covering a wide variety of topics, and we can schedule private consultation appointments with you.

How much does a tutoring session cost?

Our tutoring sessions are \$40.00 for a 50 minute session. Sliding fees are given to those that qualify.