



# Wilson Reading System® (WRS) Introductory Course

The only Wilson® Accredited Training Partner located in the Southwest, **The Jones-Gordon School (JGS)** delivers valuable professional learning to educators nationwide.



“Melissa is the consummate professional. She is organized, knowledgeable, personable and very dedicated to providing an outstanding and informative training. There was a lot of content and new concepts to be learned, but Melissa kept everybody engaged and was able to answer literally any question!

—Kate Wilkes, participant and veteran teacher



This **Introductory Course** provides participants with an overview of the Wilson Reading System® (WRS) 4th Edition curriculum and serves as the prerequisite for WRS Level I Certification. Over **three consecutive days** (16.5 hours), this course examines how WRS addresses the teaching of phonemic awareness, word identification, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension through an integrated study of phonology, morphology, and orthography with students in grade two and above with persistent phonological coding deficits.

Participants learn about reading research, dyslexia, appropriate student identification and placement, program implementation, progress monitoring, scheduling, and creating a successful learning environment. Principles of language structure and how to teach language with direct, multisensory methods are demonstrated and practiced during the course. Participants explore the standard 10-part Wilson® Lesson Plan and practice planning and delivering a lesson while receiving modeling and feedback from a Wilson® Credentialed Trainer.

#### Course participants will learn how to:

- Define dyslexia and describe common characteristics.
- Explain the process of identifying appropriate students and placing them in the Wilson Reading System.
- Understand the principles of instruction: explicit, sequential, and cumulative, engaging multiple learning modalities with multisensory techniques, repetition, and feedback.
- Create an optimal learning environment, prepare a lesson plan, and practice techniques.
- Understand the key components of instruction and presentation of lessons.

#### Summer 2023 Courses

T-Th, **June 13-15** (virtual);  
M-W, **July 17-19** (virtual);  
M-W, **July 24-26** (in-person);  
T-Th, **Aug 1-3** (virtual)

#### Course Fee

**\$659** per participant  
  
All courses meet  
**8:30a-4p MST**  
*(includes breaks)*

#### Course Location

All meet **virtually except** July 24-26 course, which meets at the Jones-Gordon campus:  
**4800 E Doubletree Ranch Rd, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253**

#### About the Wilson® Credentialed Trainer



A practitioner of WRS since 2002, JGS Educator **Melissa Wiegand, M.Ed.**, is our program director, Wilson® Dyslexia Therapist, and Wilson® Credentialed Trainer. In addition, Melissa is a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), and an International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Certified Dyslexia Therapist. JGS students have been benefiting from her expertise since she joined Jones-Gordon in 2014.

To learn more and register online:  
**[jonesgordon.org/ProLearning](https://jonesgordon.org/ProLearning)**

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