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## **ON DEMAND: Understand Dyslexia from Diagnosis to Treatment**

**SPEAKER: ELLEN BRAATEN, PH.D.**

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Dyslexia is the most common of all known learning disorders, affecting 1 in 5 children in the U.S. and accounting for 80% of those diagnosed with an LD. This course will cover all aspects of dyslexia, including current definitions, early signs and symptoms, what constitutes an appropriate assessment, and the most effective treatments. We will explore the most current research as well as the brain's role in dyslexia. Since dyslexia can co-occur with other conditions such as ADHD and anxiety, we will explore how to recognize and treat those conditions. Presenter will use lecture, case studies, and power point throughout the duration of the course. Included within the training is the recorded question and answer session that occurred during the recording of this training.

#### **LEARNER OBJECTIVES:**

1. The participants will be able to define and describe at least 3 of the signs and symptoms of dyslexia.
2. The participants will be able to identify and describe at least 2 new findings from current research in dyslexia.
3. The participants will identify 2 of the neurobiological influences of dyslexia.
4. The participants will be able to identify and summarize the most effective treatments and accommodations for students with dyslexia throughout the lifespan.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Special Education teachers, Speech-Language Therapists, OTs, counselors, general education teachers, administrators, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, PTs, principals, nurses, parents, and anyone who works with someone on the autism spectrum, ADHD, executive functioning difficulties, dyslexia or any other neurodivergent learning needs. No prerequisites required. No prerequisites are required.

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

- 15 minutes Defining Dyslexia
- 15 minutes Understanding Reading and Language Development in Context of Dyslexia
- 30 minutes Dyslexia: Neurobiological Influences
- 30 minutes Diagnosing Dyslexia
- 40 minutes Case Presentations: Understanding Comorbidities and Differential Diagnoses
- 50 minutes Evidence Based Treatments and Accommodations for Dyslexia



**ELLEN BRAATEN, PH.D.**

Ellen Braaten, PhD, is an experienced and prominent psychologist, researcher, speaker, and author. At Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where Dr. Braaten has been affiliated since 1998, she is the Executive Director of the Learning and Emotional Assessment Program (LEAP) and the Kessler Family Chair in Pediatric Neuropsychological Assessment. She also holds an appointment as Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School. In the past, Dr. Braaten served as an Associate Director of The MGH Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds and the track director of the Child Psychology Training Program at MGH/Harvard Medical School (HMS).

Dr. Braaten is widely recognized as an expert in the field of pediatric neuropsychological and psychological assessment, particularly in the areas of assessing learning disabilities and attentional disorders. She has received funding to conduct longitudinal research on child outpatient samples, and has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reviews on psychological and neuropsychological assessment, intelligence, ADHD, learning disabilities, anxiety, depression, gender, psychotherapy, and motherhood.

Dr. Braaten is a prolific writer and the co-author of the best-selling book, *Bright Kids Who Can't Keep Up* (2014), the first book of its kind to focus on information processing speed weaknesses in children. Recently (2019), she published the second edition of *The Child Clinician's Report Writing Handbook*, which has been called "the most comprehensive child assessment handbook available." She is the author of *How to Find Mental Health Care for Your Child* (2010), the co-author of *Straight Talk about Psychological Testing for Kids* (2003), and the author of the newly released *Bright Kids Who Couldn't Care Less* (2023). Dr. Braaten received her MA from the University of Colorado and her PhD from Colorado State University. She is a mother of two and resides in Boston, MA.



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