

# Train-The-Trainer Opportunity

## LETRS® 3rd Edition 2019-2020



The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) is pleased to offer a Train-the-Trainer Opportunity on LETRS® 3rd Edition.



### Training Requirements



#### ***If you are a LETRS 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition/ Classic Trainer***

- This opportunity requires many hours of individual coursework and is contingent on the candidate's successful completion of embedded assessments
- Upon successful completion of coursework and assessments, candidates must attend 2 days of face-to-face facilitator training for Volume 1
- Upon successful completion of coursework and assessments, candidates must attend 2 days of face-to-face facilitator training for Volume 2

#### ***If you are Not a LETRS Trainer***

- This opportunity requires many hours of individual coursework and is contingent on the candidate's successful completion of embedded assessments
- Upon successful completion of coursework and assessments, candidates must attend 4 days of face-to-face facilitator training for Volume 1
- Upon successful completion of coursework and assessments, candidates must attend 4 days of face-to-face facilitator training for Volume 2
- Invitation only to select district personnel
- Higher Education personnel encouraged



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teach students  
how to read.



Find out more

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LETRS trainings have been offered in a face-to-face workshop manner and will continue to be offered in the same manner with LETRS 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (now referred to as LETRS Classic). In addition, recently LETRS launched a new version which is a blended model of learning. In the blended model the majority of the LETRS content, as noted below, is provided in online units of study. Onsite technical assistance, coaching, and consultation related to these units of study could then be offered by certified LETRS facilitators. So, what does this mean for your current LETRS certified trainers? If your Intermediate Unit wants to continue with LETRS 2<sup>nd</sup> edition only, then you do not have to do anything. LETRS 2<sup>nd</sup> edition will continue to be supported.

If you would like your LETRS trainers to be certified in LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition or have additional current staff that you would like to become LETRS facilitators, the requirements are listed below. The only difference is the train-the-trainer sessions for certified LETRS trainers is **two day**, whereas the certification, train-the-trainer for those who are not certified LETRS trainers is **four days**.

In order to become a LETRS facilitator the certification to process requires:

1. Complete the online content units of study related to the science of reading (Units 1-8).
2. The online content is parsed into two volumes: Volume 1 (units 1-4) and Volume 2 (units 5-8)
3. The focus of each unit is as follows:
  - Unit 1: The Challenge of Learning to Read
  - Unit 2: The Speech Sounds of English
  - Unit 3: Teaching Beginning Phonics, Word Recognition, and Spelling
  - Unit 4: Advanced Decoding, Spelling, and Word Recognition
  - Unit 5: The Mighty Word: Oral Language and Vocabulary
  - Unit 6: Digging for Meaning: Understanding Reading Comprehension
  - Unit 7: Text-Driven Comprehension Instruction
  - Unit 8: The Reading-Writing Connection
4. All candidates for LETRS facilitator certification must pass the end of course exam following Volume 1 (Units 1-4) and Volume 2 (Unit 5- 8) with a score of 90% or higher on the first attempt.
5. If a candidate is currently a LETRS trainer he/she must successfully complete all related course work and pass the final exam for each volume with a score of 90% or higher on the first attempt they are eligible to participate in the train-the-trainer certification training sessions to be held at PaTTAN Harrisburg. The LETRS facilitator train-the-trainer professional learning days will be two (2) days for Units 1-4 potentially late fall 2019; and two (2) days for units 5-8 potentially late spring 2020.
6. If a candidate is currently **not** a LETRS trainer he/she must successfully complete all related course work and pass the final exam for each volume with a score of 90% or higher on the first attempt they are eligible to participate in the train-the-trainer certification training sessions to be held at PaTTAN Harrisburg. The LETRS facilitator train-the-trainer professional learning days will be **four** (4) days for Units 1-4 potentially late fall 2019; and **four** (4) days for units 5-8 potentially late spring 2020.

7. All certified LETRS trainers (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) and facilitators (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) are **required** to attend ongoing professional development through the LETRS Literacy Symposium (online) and complete assigned activities and exams. This is a current requirement for all LETRS trainers, thus it is an ongoing requirement for all LETRS trainers and facilitators and will remain so.
8. Sign and submit the Terms of Use Agreement document. This is a current requirement for all LETRS trainers, thus it is an ongoing requirement for all LETRS trainers and will remain so.

In order to diminish the costs related to any LETRS trainer or new candidate who is not currently a LETRS trainer seeking LETRS facilitator certification, PaTTAN will incur the cost of the train-the-trainer professional development days by a National LETRS trainer which is required for the certification process.

If your IU would like have their certified LETRS trainers additionally become a certified LETRS facilitator or if you have technical assistance consultants (TAC) who are not currently LETRS trainers but you would like to be certified as a LETRS facilitator the only costs to the IU would include a fee for the online units and aligned assessments:

1. Costs for the **online units and related text book** for Volume 1 (Units 1-4) and Volume 2 (Units 5-8) are \$ 318.00 **each** or both can be purchased for \$627.00.
2. Cost for the **LETRS Facilitator Kit** which includes: print and digital version of the Facilitator Guide and additional materials needed to facilitate various training scenarios. (Shipping is included in the price)

**Also included:**

- 1-year license renewal to the online content
  - 1-year license to the Literacy Symposium
  - Access to the professional development archived webinars, and a library of support documents.
- \$399.00 per volume** (Volume 1 and 2) or bundled cost of \$698.00

**Please note:** Each Facilitator kit is sold only when Facilitator Training has been purchased and is provided only to those who have met qualifications.

3. Any travel related expenses for the train-the-trainer sessions to be potentially held at PaTTAN Harrisburg would be the responsibility of the respective IU.

There are many reasons why to consider having a LETRS trainer or TAC certified as LETRS facilitators. Here are just a few:

- Dr. Louisa Moats and Dr. Carol Tolman are the co-authors.
- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition aligns to the International Dyslexia Association's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading.
- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition is currently in the process of pursuing the highly regarded accreditation from the International Dyslexia Association
- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition responds to current reading research and educators' changing professional learning needs.
- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition provides a robust online experience that allows educators to work through the content at their own pace.
- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition develops deep understanding in the science of reading.

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- LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition guides teachers through classroom application of new concepts through the Bridge to Practice Activities.
  - LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition provides engaging videos that show teachers demonstrating effective instruction.

In closing, if you have any questions about LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition as a professional learning offering in our state, please feel free reach out to me.

Please complete the survey by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, providing information about how your IU would like move forward (or not) with certification process for LETRS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition/LETRS Facilitators.

All my best,

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Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/KAGGvqHnVTCQgrYf9>