

## Dysgraphia: Supporting the Struggling Writer

<b>Audience:</b>	PreK–Grade 5 Classroom Teachers	<b>Cost:</b>	\$225 TEC/EDCO Members
<b>Instructor:</b>	Karen Kowaleski		\$265 Non-Members
<b>Dates &amp; Times:</b>	Saturdays, March 17 & 24, 2012		(includes materials)
	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>Earn:</b>	12 PDPs
<b>Location:</b>	TEC Professional Development Center		22.5 PDPs for graduate credit
		<b>Grad. Credit:</b>	1 credit from Worcester State University for an additional \$100, payable at first class

**Course Description:** Writing is a skilled and complex function involving many subskills. Dysgraphia is a neurologically based learning disability which can impact one or many of these component skills. It affects a student's ability to express ideas through writing. It can exist in varying degrees, ranging from mild to moderate; and the different subtypes of dysgraphia can manifest in the classroom in several different ways. This course is designed for regular education, early childhood and elementary teachers. The course will explain dysgraphia through lectures, case studies, videos and experiential centers so that participants will develop an understanding of this very real but often "hidden" disability. The course will also focus on accommodations, modifications and remediation strategies that can be made in the classroom for the struggling writer. Explicit instruction programs and supportive tools to assist the student with a written expression disability will be demonstrated and discussed.

**Participants are encouraged to bring work samples from students of concern.  
There will be opportunity to examine and discuss how best to support these students.**

**About the Instructor:** Karen Kowaleski, M. Ed., has worked with special needs students for 20 years, including as a special education teacher in Shrewsbury Public Schools for the last 13 years. Karen is certified in a variety of programs, including Orton-Gillingham, LIPS, Verbalizing and Visualizing, Landmark Writing Methodology, Reading with TLC, Yoga-Kids, Brain Gym and Neuro-Motive Coaching. Her extensive background is demonstrated in the variety of intervention strategies she utilizes with struggling learners.

*Cancellations: No credits or refunds will be given on withdrawals less than 10 business days before the first class. Checks will be processed approximately two weeks prior to the start date of the course; other payments are processed immediately.*

**Note: After January 27, a \$25 late fee is required with each course registration.**

To register: Visit our Online Registration Form at [http://www.tec-coop.org/PDL\\_RegForm.html](http://www.tec-coop.org/PDL_RegForm.html) or complete this form and send, along with your check or purchase order, to:  
TEC Professional Development, P.O. Box 186, Dedham, MA 02027

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Please register me for "Dysgraphia: Supporting the Struggling Writer" beginning on 3/17/12!  
Enclosed is a check or purchase order for: \_\_\_\$225 TEC / \_\_\_\$265 Non-TEC

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