



SPELD NZ ASSESSOR TRAINING AND PROBATIONARY PROGRAMME

The SPELD NZ Assessor Training and Probationary Programme is a combination of two separate courses:

- i. **Certificate in Diagnostics:** Introduction to the Woodcock Johnson IV, SPELD NZ Assessment and Report Writing
- ii. **SPELD NZ Assessor Training Practicum.**

To become a SPELD NZ assessor both courses must be successfully completed.

Certificate in Diagnostics: Introduction to the Woodcock Johnson IV, SPELD NZ Assessment and Report Writing

Introduction to the Woodcock Johnson IV, SPELD NZ Assessment and Report Writing is a 17 week programme which includes:

- Overview of reading acquisition
- Introduction to Specific Learning Disability and its identification
- Theory of cognitive and achievement assessment
- Introduction to WJ IV assessment and interpretation
- Introduction to report writing
- SPELD NZ orientation

	Unit focus	Presentation method	Assessment
Unit 1	Acquisition of Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watching a video series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short answer assignment
Unit 2	Introduction to SLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short answer assignment
Unit 3	How SLD impacts on learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online discussion
Unit 4	WJ IV administration and scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PowerPoint slides• Set Reading• Review of test manuals• Practice test administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short answer assignment
Unit 5	Co-occurrences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webinars• PowerPoint slides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online task
Unit 6	Other Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 minute Presentation at workshop
Unit 7	WJ IV test administration, scoring, interpretation and report writing.	4 day workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities during the workshop• Paragraph writing task
Unit 8	Score interpretation	Introduced at the workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit a completed score sheet and interpretation notes
Unit 9	Report writing	Online discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution at an evening electronic meeting• Submit a full report



SPELD NZ Assessor Training Practicum – Brief course outline

SPELD NZ Assessor Training Practicum is an invitation only course and is designed to prepare trainees to become fully registered SPELD NZ Assessors. Participants will have 12 months from invitation date to complete the practicum, but earlier completion is possible.

Participants must have successfully completed “Introduction to the Woodcock Johnson IV, SPELD NZ Assessment and Report Writing” and have been identified as suitable candidates to be a SPELD NZ Assessor.

The practicum is a fully supported course where participants complete practice and client-based assessments and reports with the help of their mentor. Typically the participant completes three practice assessments and reports. With their mentor’s approval they apply for provisional registration as a SPELD NZ Assessor and then conduct assessments and write reports for paying clients. No report is to be sent to a client until the mentor has approved the release.