

Becoming a SPELD NZ Teacher



After successful completion of the SPELD NZ Teaching Certificate in Specific Learning Disabilities, graduates may apply for SPELD NZ Probationary Teacher registration. Most probationary teachers are ready to apply for full certification within 12 months, but we allow up to two years. A probationary teacher can take up to five students at one time – they can apply to take more if they have the endorsement of their mentor. When fully certified, there is no limit to student numbers.

Probationary teachers are allocated a mentor. This is a friendly and supportive system whereby probationary teachers are connected with an experienced SPELD NZ Teacher for the probationary period. Watch one of our teachers talking about the value of SPELD NZ mentoring [here](#).

SPELD NZ Teachers are independent contractors, taking SPELD NZ-referred students. Lessons are generally one hour per week during school terms. SPELD NZ Teachers are trained to interpret Woodcock-Johnson and WISC assessment reports and use the findings to provide highly targeted remediation. [Here](#) is Teacher Elena Ciobanu talking about the rewards of teaching one-on-one.

Fully registered SPELD NZ Teachers must fulfil professional development requirements to re-certificate every three years. SPELD NZ has a hard-won reputation to uphold. Part of the reputation has been earned as a result of the rigour of our professional development and certification process. Teachers may acquire professional development credits through PD provided by SPELD NZ (including our conferences) and through other reputable organisations.

Watch more videos on SPELD NZ Teachers, students and their families on SPELD NZ's YouTube channel: [here](#).

Professional membership: SPELD NZ is a not-for-profit, registered charity and receives no government funding. We are reliant on membership subscriptions and fundraising to provide operating expenses for the organisation. Professional membership is \$150 per year for prompt payment.

Professional membership includes:

- SPELD NZ referrals
- SPELD NZ mentoring
- A teacher's low-income families being eligible to apply for financial assistance for lessons through us
- Regular electronic *Updates/Pānui* for SPELD NZ professionals
- Online access to SPELD NZ professional member documents/resources
- Full professional indemnity insurance
- SPELD NZ marketing in your area e.g. we can target mail-outs to specific schools close to you or send you marketing material to distribute
- Collegial support from the SPELD NZ professional community
- A discounted rate for attending SPELD NZ PD workshops & conferences
- Free access to SPELD NZ resource libraries
- Free access to SPELD NZ webinars
- SPELD NZ's magazine *The Record* several times a year

