

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 fully certification within 12 months.

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 can do the required professional development through SPELD NZ (including our conferences and online webinars) and/or 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 student referrals
- Full professional indemnity insurance relating to teaching practice for SPELD NZ members
- Online access to SPELD NZ professional member documents/resources
- Collegial support from the SPELD NZ professional community
- A discounted rate for attending SPELD NZ PD workshops & conferences
- A teacher's low-income member families being eligible to apply for SPELD NZ financial assistance
- Regular electronic *Updates-Pānui* for our Professionals
- SPELD NZ marketing e.g. we can target mail-outs to specific schools or send marketing material to distribute
- Free access to SPELD NZ resource libraries
- SPELD NZ's magazine 3-4 times a year
- Voting rights at SPELD NZ AGMs.

