

Wichita-Based Teacher Training Earns National Recognition for Excellence

Wichita, KS — 01.21.24 — R.E.A.D. Redefined, a Wichita-based company dedicated to empowering educators through high-quality research-based teacher training, has achieved the national **Accreditation PLUS** distinction from the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). This prestigious recognition highlights R.E.A.D. Redefined's commitment to meeting the highest standards of excellence in teacher preparation and evidence-based literacy instruction. This accolade comes at a pivotal moment for Kansas, as the state has prioritized and invested in initiatives to increase reading proficiency.

The IDA **Accreditation PLUS** is awarded to programs that demonstrate alignment with the IDA's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading and rigorous practicum experiences. These standards emphasize the importance of Structured Literacy, the science of reading, and effective strategies for teaching students with dyslexia and other reading challenges. R.E.A.D. Redefined's accreditation underscores its dedication to equipping teachers with the tools and knowledge they need to foster literacy success in classrooms across the country.

"Receiving IDA accreditation is a tremendous honor and a testament to our dedication in advancing evidence-aligned practices in education," said Amy Taylor, Co-Owner at R.E.A.D. Redefined. "We are proud to support teachers and districts across the country in transforming their instructional practices to better serve all students, especially those who struggle with reading."

R.E.A.D. Redefined's new curriculum and training program were created by these highly qualified educators who also teach the MSED - Reading Specialist with Dyslexia Emphasis graduate courses at Newman University, preparing teachers and strengthening the direct link between teacher training in Structured Literacy and advancing literacy education. This collaboration ensures that educators receive comprehensive, research-based instruction that prepares them for success in diverse classroom settings and literacy leadership.

Jane Hayes, Co-Owner of R.E.A.D. Redefined said, "We are deeply honored to have received the International Dyslexia Association's Accreditation PLUS designation, affirming our Structured Literacy program as grounded in evidence and research-based science. Based on years as both a dyslexia therapist and classroom teacher, our program bridges research and practical application. Our curriculum allows us to partner with educators and support student literacy success. We supply practical and effective best practices teachers can implement immediately."

As a leader in teacher training, R.E.A.D. Redefined has made a significant impact on education by offering professional development workshops, courses, and resources tailored to educators at all levels. The IDA accreditation serves as a powerful endorsement of the company's efforts to

promote effective, research-based literacy instruction.

To learn more about R.E.A.D. Redefined and its programs, visit www.readredefined.com. For media inquiries or additional information, please contact Amy Taylor at readredefined@gmail.com.

About R.E.A.D. Redefined

R.E.A.D. Redefined is providing and redefining reading education and dyslexia intervention #until.every.child.can.read. They are a Wichita-based teacher training company dedicated to advancing literacy education through evidence-based practices and through working with school administrators, teachers, parents, physicians, and most importantly for students to redefine what reading education and dyslexia intervention looks like for all children. By providing high-quality professional development, best-practice applications, and family support resources, R.E.A.D. Redefined empowers educators to transform their classrooms and ensure that every student has the opportunity to become a confident, proficient reader.

About the International Dyslexia Association (IDA)

The IDA is a nonprofit organization that advocates for individuals with dyslexia and related reading challenges. By setting high standards for teacher preparation and literacy instruction, the IDA strives to improve outcomes for all learners. <https://dyslexiaida.org/accredited-teaching-training-programs/>

About Newman University

The Reading Specialist program at Newman University program is dedicated to redefining reading education for school-aged students in collaboration with administrators, reading specialists, and teachers in classrooms, Title 1 schools, and for English Language Learners. Our main objectives are to provide schools with the knowledge and tools to identify students with dyslexia and to educate teachers, resource room teachers, reading specialists, and administrators in the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy with appropriate curriculum. <https://newmanu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/master-of-science-in-education/msed-reading-specialist>