

## IRLEN TRAINING COURSES:



### **The Irlen Dyslexia Clinic**

We Specialise in assessing children and adults for the visual processing disorder Irlen Syndrome as well as assessment for Phonological Dyslexia.

## Welcome

Irlen Syndrome has a lot to do with the vision system, but not with eyesight. In some people light interferes with the brain's ability to process visual information. This is sometimes referred to as "visual perceptual difficulties" or "visual processing difficulties".

When we see things clearly, it is easy to assume that everyone else does also. This is not always the case. Research tells us that 15% of the general population (and 50% of the reading disabled population) have moderate to severe problems with seeing print, people's faces and the environment in a normal way. (See the distortions page.) This is often accompanied by eyestrain, difficulty focusing, light sensitivity, headaches or migraines, depth perception, inefficient reading, poor spelling, and a reluctance to write.

Research was initiated in the 1980's to study methods of helping adults and children with unresolved learning and reading problems. This research revealed that certain individuals showed a marked improvement in their ability when reading material covered by a colored overlay. Helen Irlen developed a diagnostic assessment instrument to accurately determine those individuals who could benefit from reading using color. The Irlen Method provides a real solution that works simply and effectively. It can be easily incorporated into the educational/clinic/health centre settings and as part of an assessment battery.

## LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT:

### Get Trained as a PASS assessor.

The first is at a **pre-assessment** level (Pre-Assessment for Scotopic Sensitivity - **PASS**). There is a short training Session. It is easy to administer. The manual shows exactly what to do and what to say. The client ends up with a score and this indicates the severity. The cost involved is for the materials and training. A typical application would be a learning support/ special education teacher or allied health worker checking out what learning difficulties a student has.

## PASS TRAINING COURSE:

**COST: TRAINING + SCREENING KIT + SET OF TRANSPARENCIES : \$220**

**At the completion of the course participants will be aware of what to look for and how they can cater for students and/or clients.**

**The Presentation includes familiarizing participants with the testing procedures.**

**On the purchase of a Screening Kit, participants will be certified as a Pre-assessor for Irlen Syndrome and can screen students at school or in your clinical setting.**



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Dear Colleague,

If you are interested in attending a PASS training course, please fill out the form below and return to the above address as soon as possible.

Name:

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Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Location: (eg. Ipswich District) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Get Trained as a Screener

The training for this is conducted over 10+ hours in individual sessions. This course is specifically designed for educators, learning specialists, reading or resource specialists, school psychologists, speech-language therapists, chiropractors, rehab counselors, vision care specialists, occupational therapists, counselors, learning specialists, allied health professionals, OT's, optometrists, tutors, and educational therapists.

Once you become a certified Irlen Screener you can add this service to your existing educational, OT, SLP, psychological, health or tutoring practice and services. As well, you become part of an international network of professionals who help maximize educational, work, and daily activity performance for children and adults with reading problems, dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, chronic migraines/headaches, light sensitivity, anxieties, autism, and sensory processing disorders.

Over the 2 days (10 hours) you will learn:

- How to identify individuals with Irlen Syndrome
- The common learning and behavioral characteristics of individuals with Irlen Syndrome
- How perception affects reading, spelling, mathematics and copying
- How perception can affect depth perception and sensory integration
- How to test using the Irlen Reading Perceptual Scale (IRPS)
- A variety of intervention strategies including colored overlays
- Hands-on practice using the IRPS
- About international research on Irlen Syndrome

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified through the Irlen® Institute to diagnose Irlen® Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity and properly prescribe Irlen® Spectral Overlay Filters for stage one remediation. Participants will become competent to assess the severity of Irlen® Syndrome and learn whom to refer to for the next, more comprehensive diagnostic assessment, the

Course Outline:

The screener training course is structured as follows:

Day 1.

- The Irlen Method. Facts and definitions.
- How Discovered.
- Populations which benefit.
- Mind Body connections – stressors.
- Research.
- Training in administering the instrument (IRPS).

After Day 1 and before Day 2. (Or after Day 2.)

- Screen 10 clients (try to do a couple of adults, and a couple of people who do not have Irlen Syndrome).
- Complete at least some of the Screeners Questionnaire.

Day 2. Review of practice clients.

- Review of screeners handbook
- Scoring and interpretation
- Classroom modifications
- Spreading the word
- Web sites
- Complete Screener Questionnaire
- Complete evaluation form

The materials supplied are a substantial part of the cost of the course.

Materials include:

- Screeners Folder
- Manual
- Tasks and Distortion Pages
- 2 sets of overlays
- 10 IRPS Forms.

These books need to be purchased from Irlen.com or Amazon

1. Reading by the Colours (Helen Irlen)
2. The Irlen Revolution. (Helen Irlen)
3. Sports concussion & Getting Back in the Game of Life (Helen Irlen)



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### **IRLEN SCREENER APPLICATION:**

Requirements for Training: You must;

1. Have a teaching certificate or graduate degree in education, psychology, counselling, speech, occupational therapy or rehabilitation, health or medical field, or experience working with a literacy program.
2. Have at least 2 years of experience in that field.
3. Provide a resume outlining your educational background and work history.

Credentials and a formal resume must be submitted with your application, reviewed and accepted prior to enrolment.

The course costs \$700 and is based on the cost of materials and time taken to train.

This will include;

- 10+ hours training and support
- Screener Training folder (contains process outline, forms, sample reports, cards (Chart, Box A, Box B etc), research docs., dyslexia section, order forms and flyers as set out by Helen Irlen.
- Screener Manual
- 2x sets of overlays
- Parent & Teacher Toolkits (Download from Irlen Syndrome Foundation)
- Postage & Handling

Competencies for Screener Training

1. Must have proof of eligibility for registration in their discipline.
2. Must attend and complete an Irlen Screening training course.
3. Must supply 10 completed IRPS forms to their trainer and receive their Certificate.
4. Must provide screenings to clients
5. Must provide results of screenings to clients
6. Maintain a register of continuing education



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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_