

Halifax  
Learning™  
Results you can read.™



## TEACHER TRAINING, A COMPLETE GUIDE

*Experts in the art of teaching a proven, science-based literacy program,  
developed in Atlantic Canada.*



## There is an art to teaching reading.

Our goal is to make sure you leave our training feeling equipped to work with students and supported by our ongoing mentoring and coaching opportunities.

Read a person a book, and they're enthralled for a moment. Teach a person to read and they can live an enthralling life. Equitable access to efficient literacy is found in teachers' classrooms. The Right to Read is a basic human right and far too many students in Canada are disenfranchised by a curriculum that fails to build adequate reading capacity.

When Dr. Kay MacPhee, of P.E.I. first developed the SpellRead™ program in the 1990s, her intention was to design a program that would meet the needs of classroom teachers working with public school students who need more explicit literacy instruction.

Fast forward to today, the team at Halifax Learning has taken the foundation that Kay created and enhanced Halifax Learning's delivery and training of the SpellRead program so that we're always aligned with the science.

Our team has participated in training hundreds of public and private sector teachers in Canada, the USA, and overseas.

Our student outcomes have been favorably reviewed and published by some of the expert scientists in this field.

*SpellRead™ delivers to groups of 4-8 students working together in small groups with one trained teacher.*

- SpellRead™ was named as one of the programs being used in Tier 2 and Tier 3 in Ontario after the OHRC Right to Read inquiry in February, 2021.
- Dr. Jamie Metsala demonstrated how potent our students' results are, especially in moving fluency skills in the Journal of Research in Reading in 2017.
- In 2007 What Works Clearinghouse compiled a list of proven programs that move the needle in reading comprehension and SpellRead came out as the number one program.
- The Florida Centre for Reading Research reviewed the SpellRead™ program and noted the strong gains our students made and noted "no weaknesses."

# Training Outcomes, Halifax Learning's Delivery of SpellRead™

## Linguistic Foundations

- Know and articulate clearly the 44 sounds of English
- Deliver instruction in SpellRead™'s engaging multisensory phonemic activities
- Gain automaticity in SpellRead™'s speed-reading card packs used to gauge student fluency development
- In-person and virtual delivery

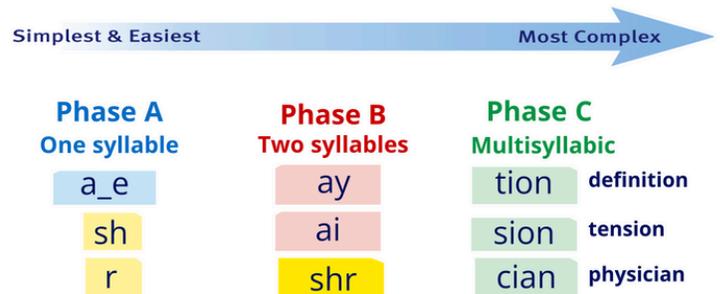
## Active Reading

- Be proficient in leading all 4 steps of the Active Reading process and know the best practices for each step
- Collaboratively curate book lists (optional)
- Understand how to use Halifax Learning's robust reading fluency and reading comprehension rubric tracking
- In-person and virtual delivery

## Writing Connections

- Provide instruction on Writing Connections
- Provide constructive and responsive feedback to writing
- Gauge student progress and tailor instruction to address student needs in writing Understand how to use Halifax Learning's robust writing rubric
- In-person and virtual delivery

### Skills Progress Systematically





## Cost Details

Individual cost breakdown 2025-2026

### Blended Training Package – Phases A, B & C

\$3,550 + HST per teacher

- Includes all three phases of SpellRead training:
- Phase A: 18 hours of asynchronous coursework + 1 live synchronous webinar
- Phases B & C: 6–8 months later, fully asynchronous training modules
- Note: Travel costs may apply if any portion is delivered in person.

### Teacher & Student Materials

\$800 + HST per teacher

Covers materials for all three phases:

- Teacher manuals
- Student support manuals

Student materials - (OPTIONAL) \$350 + HST per student for the year for complete SpellRead materials + ***biweekly student/teacher support through Halifax Learning for one school year, which is highly recommended.***

- OR (OPTIONAL) \$150+ HST per student for the year to access biweekly student/teacher support through Halifax Learning for one school year. **Not required but highly recommended.**





## Cost Details, continued

### Gold-standard support options = gold-standard student results

- **\$100 per teacher for access to our complete Phase A program support modules for a full year.**
- **Ongoing coaching and mentoring:**
  - pre-purchase 5 coaching hours \$150/hr
  - pre-purchase 10 coaching hours - \$125/hr
  - On-demand coaching hours - \$200 per hour
- **On-Demand PD:** \$200 per course asynchronous, \$200 per course synchronous add-on - min cohort required.
- **Program Support Training Blended:** \$4000 cohort of 4, or \$1000 per teacher, 8 hours of self-directed asynchronous followed by a full day in-person or in-person virtual, includes materials
  - \*\*This course is designed for educators who have been delivering SpellRead for at least 1 full year, with excellent student outcomes, to become support people for their school/board, elevating internal expertise.



Delivering to all of Canada

