

# Halifax Learning Partners in Nova Scotia's Provincial Early Literacy Initiative

Halifax Learning is proud to announce our participation with provincial partners in an early literacy learning model in our home province of Nova Scotia

For more than 25 years, Halifax Learning has helped students become confident, capable readers through research-backed instruction and educator training. Now, working with provincial partners, we're proud to be part of an early literacy learning model in our home province. Starting this fall, all students in Nova Scotia who need additional explicit, systematic reading support will receive it.



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## A Province-Wide Approach to Early Literacy

This initiative will implement Halifax Learning's structured literacy program for grades P-2, with teachers across the province receiving training through Halifax Learning's comprehensive teacher training model.

The P-2 program delivers age-appropriate instruction that builds foundational literacy skills through engaging, developmentally responsive lessons. It is based on the same research that underpins the SpellRead™ program.

Grounded in the Science of Reading and fully aligned with the six pillars of Structured Literacy, the program addresses phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and written expression.

## Built on Research and Practice

The program is informed by over 25 years of research and results from Halifax Learning's in-person literacy clinic, which has served as the foundation for much of our evidence-based approach. In recent years, we've extended this model to an online clinic, applying the same structured methods to reach students across Canada and beyond. In partnership with Ontario-based Saunders Book Company, we will be delivering student and teacher training across Canada.

## National Recognition and Impact

HLC's impact has earned national recognition. SpellRead was one of just four interventions chosen for the Power4Kids Study, the largest clinical trial of reading programs in North America. The Ontario Human Rights Commission also featured SpellRead in its Right to Read inquiry in February 2022, which highlights the need for explicit, science-based reading instruction for all students, especially those with dyslexia and other learning challenges.



Parents and teachers consistently report that our program not only improves reading outcomes but also boosts students' confidence and behaviour.

## Looking Ahead:

With proven success, accessible training, and flexible delivery models, Halifax Learning Centre continues to set the standard for structured literacy teacher training in Canada. We're proud of what's ahead, and even prouder to help ensure that every young learner in Nova Scotia has the opportunity to become a successful reader.



## Support for Students and Families

In addition to our work with schools and educators, Halifax Learning offers year-round, evidence-based literacy support through our in-person and online clinics. We are currently accepting new students for our summer and fall programs. Reach out today to learn more or sign up for a free in-depth literacy assessment and consult in person or online.

With fully supported educator training, adaptable resources, and a proven model for student success, Halifax Learning Centre continues to set the national standard for high-impact literacy intervention that reflects the best of what the Science of Reading has to offer.

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