Teaching ABOVE Expectations

The impact educators are seeing



> “I’m completely blown away by this program; it has gone above and beyond what I anticipated. I’m thrilled to see student gaps being filled as we progress through [the program]. I can’t wait to evaluate the results once we complete each of the three phases. The students are engaged, more confident, and are beginning to see themselves as readers! 👀
> — April-Dawn Lanteigne, Sunbury West School (Resource), Fredericton Junction, N.B.

I think that it supports many of the ways I currently teach reading and writing. It drew attention to some ways that I can improve how I support my students as they progress as readers and writers. It helped give me some tips and tricks for spelling, such as when to use _dge vs. _ge. I will be paying closer attention to the level of text that my students are reading and finding ways to mix up how they read (Share & Shadow, Choral Reading, and Echo Reading).
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2024

It is providing me with the foundational information and teaching practices that I have been missing.
— Nova Scotia, 2024

The training was presented in a relaxed manner with no pressure. I really felt safe to participate and successful in my learning. I felt like the presenters were confident and well-versed. They could answer any question. This is a program I will use immediately in my teaching. I can't wait to see the results!
— Nova Scotia, Summer 2024

This program delivery was enjoyable; I felt confident to begin to work with students.
— Nova Scotia, Summer 2024

The training session led by Eryn Steele was very informative and helpful.
— Nova Scotia, Summer 2024

SpellRead is not only a remedial reading program for students; it is a complete training program on the science of reading that all teachers should have to train on to be teachers of reading.
— Ontario teachers trained in RDSB, 2023

I thoroughly enjoyed the in-person sessions and was very impressed with the support and authentic discussions.
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2022

Training was engaging and allowed us to have lots of productive conversations about how to apply some of the lessons to our classrooms.
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2023

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> "The SpellRead program is an excellent program that incorporates the SOR theory. It will definitely enhance my knowledge in teaching literacy to children and target those with specific intervention needs."
> — Origins Academy, 2023

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to improving early literacy outcomes for Nova Scotia students. [Halifax Learning's] ongoing support has helped strengthen structured literacy implementation and build capacity across the province.
— Jennifer Burke, Ed.D., Director, Curriculum Renewal, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

I really enjoyed this training. I have been doing a lot of reading about SOR in the last few years and have taken a few courses on my own time. I have been telling co-workers about this, and I am excited to try it with my new kiddos in the fall.
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2024

After taking Halifax Learning's training program, I finally have the tools I need to help my students. I feel like I can fully understand their barriers to reading and help them overcome them. There's such a sense of accomplishment when it all finally clicks! I can't recommend their program enough.
— A teacher, 2021

I was so surprised by the thoroughness and thoughtfulness that went into this training. During the four days of remote learning, I was very engaged and interested. The facilitators were readily available after training to answer questions and provide support when needed. I highly recommend training with Halifax Learning.
— Durham District School Board, Indigenous Services Ontario, 2021

We chose Halifax Learning for its robust educator training, comprehensive resources and well-researched program delivery. Educators gain practical tools to support struggling readers and writers, while students demonstrate stronger sound-spelling knowledge, fluency and confidence — with many advancing two reading grade levels after the first part of the program and four after the second.
— Sabrina Briscoe, Rainbow District School Board, ON

Halifax Learning has been very proactive in incorporating different mediums of support and feedback, allowing our staff flexibility in accessing what they need for our students. As a result of their science-backed reading program, collaborative teamwork, and flexibility in their support, our students have seen great success in reading, often a key driver for families when applying to our school.
— Lisa Saunders, Director of Programming at Bridgeway Academy, 2021

The program is a great addition to what is missing from the resources in our board!
— Durham District School Board, Indigenous Services Ontario, 2021

All in all, I found [Halifax Learning's] teaching to be friendly, professional, and supportive. You made it informative, challenging, and intense. I appreciated your professional manner, but also your friendly chats and welcoming attitude.
— Durham District School Board, Indigenous Services Ontario, 2021

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> "The training days are nicely organized, and the methodology is very standardized among teachers, which is great to see."
> — Durham District School Board, Indigenous Services Ontario, 2021



I loved the self-paced learning but definitely would have benefited from having the materials on hand during this process. The in-person training was great as well. The facilitator was engaging and helpful throughout the process. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who teaches literacy.
— Origins Academy, 2023

Having the SpellRead training taught me a different way to approach the teaching of reading. The hands-on and tactile approach for students is not only engaging for them, but it helps to keep them moving through the lessons without becoming bored. In the two weeks that I have started the program with my students, I have seen engagement in the activities and smiles on their faces! They are also enjoying the sessions, which makes my job much easier!
— Shannon Ferguson, Origins Academy, 2023

The aspect of training I enjoyed the most was the collaborative and supportive approach used by the instructor, creating a real sense of community.
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2022

I would recommend this training. The instructors are very knowledgeable and meet the trainees where they are in their understanding of the science of reading.
— Nova Scotia teacher, 2022

The training is well laid out, step by step, on how to do the activities, accompanied by videos that show how the teaching process works in the classroom. I like that the training has an online component that I can complete at my own pace, a virtual classroom component with an instructor, and times for classroom observations that put it all together with students.
— HLC instructor, 2023

The design of the lessons presents a simple way to hit three important literacy skills within lessons (linguistic foundations, reading, and writing). I know I can draw on this structure beyond just SpellRead lessons but in my literacy teaching in general. As well, the activities that were presented will be added to my toolbox, and I can see myself using them as practice for all types of students and literacy skills.
— Origins Academy, 2023

I really appreciated having the training online so that I could fit it into my schedule, go at my own pace, and return to elements as necessary. The whole course was very well organized and easy to digest in 'chunks.' The videos and other visuals effectively modeled the methodology and will be helpful resources to review as I start teaching.
— HLC instructor, 2023