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### Abstract of Orton-Gillingham training

The Orton-Gillingham training that I attended On October 24-28<sup>th</sup> , provided me with the tools and knowledge necessary to immediately implement a phonologically based program for students in need of this approach. Explicit instruction is the method that Orton utilizes and each word and symbol is taught in isolation (as a discreet unit) until students can manipulate the sounds and symbols to create words and sentences independently. The program is multi-sensory, systematic, structured, sequential and cumulative, allowing students to master concepts before moving forward.

The best part of the training however, was that it was interactive which gave me the confidence to return to the classroom environment ready to begin instruction. We practiced writing lessons and delivering them so that they were applicable to a true situation. In addition to this, we were given all the supplies necessary to begin instruction immediately.