

# RIGHT TO READ (RTR)



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How many hours of training is RTR?

The online program will take roughly 14 hours to complete. Learning to use the reading screening tool will take additional time and you will have access to a facilitator to assist you with learning to use this tool as required.

### 2. What is the cost of the program?

Using the AISCA promo code, teachers will be able to register for just \$75. The program usually costs \$300 per teacher but AISCA has negotiated a discounted rate of \$150 and is subsidizing the additional \$75 per teacher.

**\*Contact AISCA for the promo code.**

### 3. When does registration close?

The last day to register using the AISCA promo code will be **December 15, 2023**. It is recommended that you register as soon as possible. **\*Contact AISCA for the promo code.**

### 4. How do I register?

Use this link to the registration page:

<https://foothillsacademyoutreach.org/courses/right-to-read-2023-2024>

### 5. Who should register for this program?

This is designed primarily for kindergarten and grade 1 teachers although teachers in older grades may also find the screening tool useful for pinpointing where a child is having difficulty with reading.

Registration is open to all independent schools and private ECS operators in Alberta.

### 6. Is there a time limit for completing the course?

Yes. You only have until August 30, 2024 to complete the course. There will be no extensions or exceptions.

### 7. Is this an Alberta Education approved screening tool?

This tool is in the process of being normed. 10 school divisions in Alberta are using this program.

### 8. Who is this program designed for?

The program is designed for Kindergarten and grade 1 students in regular English programs. It can also be of benefit to older struggling learners & English Language Learners

### 9. Will participants get a certificate for completion?

Yes. The LDAA will send participants a certificate once they have completed the program.

### 10. Can we sign up individually but work as a group and do the training together within our school/ECS?

Yes, you certainly can.

### 11. Why choose this program over any other?

The combined tool and course helps teachers to Assess and Teach the foundational literacy skills that have been identified in Science of Reading research (oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics).

Subtests and accompanying instructional strategies are aligned with the English Language Arts and Literature provincial curriculum outcomes for grades K-2 in Alberta. Use of the Reading Readiness Screening Test (RRST) ensures strengths and weaknesses are identified very early. Diagnostic information can be used to inform both core instruction and intervention.

Progress Monitoring; the assessments can be re-administered to gauge students' growth or continued areas of need.

Instruction utilizes a Structured Literacy Approach, which is explicit, systematic, and cumulative. Proven to assist all learners and identify at-risk learners.