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| **Professional Development Description** | |
| **Name of Vendor:** Neuhaus Education Center | |
| **Name of Class:** Online Certification Program for Dyslexia Specialists (OCPDS) | |
| **Publication Year:** 2021 | |
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| **Audience:**   * Principals and Administrators * Early Education Lead * K-3 Teachers * K-12 Teachers | **Delivery Format:**   * Online asynchronous, independent * Online synchronous, live * Online with live component * In-person, face-to-face live * Hybrid |
| **Contact Hours: 81 seat hours** |
| **Description of Professional Development:**  The Online Certification Program for Dyslexia Specialists (OCPDS) program uses Neuhaus’ structured literacy curriculum, Concepts in Literacy. This curriculum is based on the Orton-Gillingham approach and uses multisensory activities to teach phonological awareness, decoding, spelling, writing, and comprehension.  The leadership course provides participants with fundamental knowledge in effective standards-aligned and research-based reading instruction and assessment practices for all learners to support their school and district plans in the Science of Reading, as required by the Alaska Reads Act.  Coursework will consist of 16-weeks, that span 12-months. The weekly time commitment during these instructional weeks is 8-10 hours. Beyond the 16-weeks, there is also a 150-hour practicum, book reports, and demonstration videos.  Upon receipt of a Neuhaus certificate of completion, specialists-in-training can apply to the Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI) to sit for the Knowledge and Practice Examination for Effective Reading Instruction (KPEERI) Exam. With a passing score on the KPEERI Exam, specialists-in-training apply to CERI for certification as a **Structured Literacy Dyslexia Specialist**.  Participants have 24 months to complete the OCPDS Program. | |