ALTA Membership Policies and Procedures
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I. ALTA Membership (7 Levels)

A. Certified Academic Language Practitioner (CALP)

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. Completion of teacher level training in a Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE) program
   a. "Comprehensive teacher level training" shall be defined as a course under the supervision of an
      Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner that includes a minimum of 45 instructional
      hours, a minimum of 60 clinical/teaching hours, a minimum of 5 demonstrations, clinical/teaching
      documentation, and proof of the individual's progress and competence.
   b. Acceptable performance on a teaching level comprehensive examination administered by ALTA.
3. Completion of 10 CEUs (1 CEU = 1 hour at an approved ALTA event) per year. See CEU Policies &
   Procedures for detailed information.
4. The Alliance Exam costs $150 to take, which includes the first year's membership. Current CALP dues are $75
   annually.

(A Certified Academic Language Practitioner, CALP, is eligible to become a CALT upon fulfilling the requirements
stated in Article III., Section 2., b.)

B. Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner (ICALP)

Individuals who have met the minimum guidelines for Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner,
please click here to learn more about the requirements and download an application.

1. Completion of 10 CEUs (1 CEU = 1 hour at an approved ALTA event) per year and submission of supporting
   documentation. See CEU Policies & Procedures for detailed information.
2. Current ICALP dues are $100 annually.

C. Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. Completion of comprehensive therapist training in a Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE)
   program.
   a. "Comprehensive therapist training" shall be defined as a course under the supervision of a Qualified
      Instructor of Certified Academic Language Therapists that includes:
      i. a minimum of 200 instructional hours, a minimum of 700 clinical/teaching hours, a minimum
         of 10 demonstrations, clinical/teaching documentation, and proof of the therapist's progress and
         competency. [The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a minimum of 700
         clinical/teaching hours and a minimum of 10 observations before granting the credential of
         Licensed Dyslexia Therapist.]
3. Acceptable performance on a comprehensive examination administered by ALTA.
4. Completion of 10 CEUs (1 CEU = 1 hour at an approved ALTA event) per year. See CEU Policies &
   Procedures for detailed information.
5. The Alliance Exam costs $150 to take, which includes the first year's membership. Current CALT dues are $75 annually.

D. Qualified Instructor of Certified Academic Language Therapists (QI)

Individuals who have met the minimum guidelines for Qualified Instructor of Certified Academic Language Therapists, please click here to learn more about the requirements and download an application.

1. Completion of 10 CEUs (1 CEU = 1 hour at an approved ALTA event) per year and submission of supporting documentation. See CEU Policies & Procedures for detailed information.
2. Current QI dues are $100 annually.

E. Trainee Affiliate

1. This level of membership shall be open to individuals who are currently attending an IMSLEC accredited training course and who have met the following requirements:
   a. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
   b. Active, non-conditional participation in a comprehensive Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE) practitioner or therapist level training as verified by the director of the training center. (See Policy and Procedures for minimum requirements for CALP/CALT training.)
   c. Acceptance and signature on application form indicating compliance with ALTA ethics and agreeing to represent themselves solely as trainee affiliates until successfully fulfilling the requirements and applying for CALP/CALT membership.
2. A member's status as a Trainee Affiliate will be reflected on her/his membership card. The Trainee Affiliate must communicate her/his level of membership to prospective parents/students before providing instruction and/or accepting any form of remuneration.
3. If at any time the Trainee Affiliate is no longer attending an IMSLEC accredited training course, or is placed on conditional status by the training course, she/he must surrender her/his membership card to the ALTA national office and may no longer represent herself/himself as a member of ALTA. Dues will not be refunded.
4. Membership at the Trainee Affiliate level can be held for a maximum of four years.
5. Current Trainee Affiliate dues are $35.00 annually.
6. Trainee Affiliates are not eligible to be listed in the ALTA Public Directory.

F. Retiree Member

A. This level of membership shall be open to individuals who have been ALTA members in good standing for at least twenty (20) years or who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) and are no longer actively providing services for remuneration. Click Apply Now to see the full list of requirements for this level.

G. Honorary Lifetime Member (Current / Past ALTA Member)

A. This level of membership shall be open to individuals who are retired from working in the field of dyslexia and who have met the following requirements:
   1. Five years of membership in good standing with ALTA
   2. Documentation of service to ALTA
   3. Documentation of service to the field of dyslexia

H. Honorary Lifetime Member (Non-ALTA Member)

A. This level of membership shall be open to individuals who are active or retired from working in the field of dyslexia and who have contributed significantly to the field of dyslexia.

II. Membership Reinstatement Procedures
a. Members who have been inactive less than one year as of March 1st of the following year may be reinstituted by paying all lapsed dues and applicable late fees, and complying with CEU requirements.

b. Members who have been inactive for more than one, but less than three years may be reinstated by paying lapsed dues for all years plus applicable late fees, and submitting or immediate audit all required CEU records for lapsed membership years. If CEU requirements have not been fulfilled for the lapsed membership period, the applicant will be required to retake the Alliance National Registration Exam.

c. Members who have been inactive for more than three years may be reinstated by retaking the Alliance National Registration Exam and paying dues for the current membership year.

III. **Late Renewal Penalty**

a. All members who renew after the March 31st deadline will have a 20% penalty late fee added to the cost of renewal.

b. Members selected for audit who have not submitted the required documentation within the 90-day grace period will be subject to penalties &/or disciplinary action as per the ALTA Grievance Procedure. Members selected for audit must submit dues & CEU’s documentation postmarked prior to the expiration of the 90-day grace period. After this period, an additional $50.00 penalty will be assessed.

IV. **Lapsed Membership**

a. Members who have been inactive less than one year as of March 1st of the following year may be reinstated by paying all lapsed dues and applicable late fees, and complying with CEU requirements.

b. Members who have been inactive for more than one, but less than three years may be reinstated by paying lapsed dues for all years plus applicable late fees, and submitting or immediate audit all required CEU records for lapsed membership years. If CEU requirements have not been fulfilled for the lapsed membership period, the applicant will be required to retake the Alliance National Registration Exam.

c. Members who have been inactive for more than three years may be reinstated by retaking the Alliance National Registration Exam and paying dues for the current membership year.

d. When membership has lapsed members may not use the credentials behind their name and certification is removed.