ALTA Membership Policies and Procedures
02/27/2020

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I. ALTA Membership (7 Levels)

The membership begins this year on March 1st. Dues will be payable March 1st, and shall remain current for one year. Members joining ALTA within three (3) months before the beginning of the membership year shall be regarded as paid-up members through the completion of the next membership year.

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 CEU clock hours (1 CEU = 10 clock hours at an approved ALTA event) per year. See CEU Policies & Procedures for detailed information.
4. The ALTA Competency Exam for MSLE 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 I., Section C.)

B. Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner (ICALP)

Individuals who have met the minimum guidelines for Instructor of Certified Academic Language Practitioner, found in the Become a Certified Member section under the About Membership tab on the web site.

Completion of 10 CEU clock hours (1 CEU = 10 clock hours at an approved ALTA event) per year and submission of supporting documentation. See CEU Policies & Procedures for detailed information.

1. 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 the ALTA Competency Exam for MSLE.
4. Completion of 10 CEU clock hours (1 CEU = 10 clock hours at an approved ALTA event) per year. See CEU Policies & Procedures for detailed information.
5. The ALTA Competency Exam for MSLE 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, found in the Become a Certified Member section under the About Membership tab on the web site.

1. Completion of 10 CEU clock hours (1 CEU = 10 clock hours 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

1. 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)

1. 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)

1. 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. Lapsed Membership

A. Late Renewal Penalty

1. All members who renew after the March 31st deadline will have a 20% penalty late fee added to the cost of renewal.
2. Members not renewed by March 31, 2020 will be considered delinquent. If, after due notice, a member's dues remain unpaid for a period of two (2) months, the member shall be notified once more of the delinquency and given one (1) more month to make payment. Failure to do so shall constitute a forfeiture of membership and reinstatement must be made through the policies and procedures set forth by the Board of Directors
3. When membership has lapsed members may not use the credentials behind their name and certification is removed.
4. Members selected for audit who have not submitted the correct required documentation will be notified and given a 30-day period in which to comply and will be subject to penalties &/or disciplinary action as per the ALTA Grievance Procedure. After this period, an additional $50.00 penalty will be assessed.

B. Member Reinstatement

1. Lapsed 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.
2. 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 for 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 ALTA Competency Exam for MSLE.
a. Members who have been inactive for more than three years may be reinstated by retaking the ALTA Competency Exam for MSLE and paying dues for the current membership year.