

Guidelines on the use of Slingerland® Institute for Literacy Certified Designations

The use of the word “certified” to describe an individual’s Slingerland® training and qualifications may be used only if an individual has completed one of the following certification applications processes, paid the fee, and received written approval from the Faculty Senate of the Slingerland® Institute for Literacy.

1. Certification of Instructor of Teaching Level

a. Certified Slingerland® Director Level:

- Member of the Slingerland® Institute in good standing
- Master’s Degree or in progress
- Valid teaching certificate
- MSLE coursework – Slingerland® Comprehensive course years 1,2, and 3
- Attend at least one Slingerland® Institute Director’s Spring meeting prior to application
- Directed two comprehensive courses (may co-direct or assist or assist one of these courses)
- Be recommended by a director who participated in some phase of training
- Be observed by the Dean or his/her designee

b. Certified Slingerland® Staff Teacher Level

- Member of the Slingerland® Institute in good standing
- BA
- Valid teaching certificate
- MSLE coursework - Slingerland® Comprehensive Course years 1,2, and 3
- Successful completion as a staff demonstration teacher of 2 comprehensive courses
- Be recommended by a Certified Director from one of the courses you staffed

2. Certification of Teachers

a. Certified Slingerland® Teacher

- Member of the Slingerland® Institute in good standing
- BA
- MSLE coursework - Slingerland® Comprehensive Course years 1 and 2
- Two years experience using the Slingerland® Approach after year 2
- Submit complete lesson plans for two weeks showing integration of complete format
- Two observations of complete lessons after second year of training (in person or electronically)
- Letter of recommendation from most recent Certified Director

Individuals who are not certified may refer to themselves as (a tutor, therapist, clinician, teacher, instructor, etc.) who has been trained in the Slingerland® Approach, but may under no circumstances use the term “certified” to represent themselves.