



MEREDITH MACKENZIE

Academic Intervention Specialist

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Meredith is an academic intervention specialist with 15 years experience teaching and tutoring students who learn differently. Starting her career as a math tutor, Meredith quickly found that most of her students were not thriving in traditional school settings despite their bright, capable minds. To become an even more effective tutor, Meredith enrolled in Orton-Gillingham training courses at the Key Learning Center in Asheville, North Carolina. During this time, she fell in love with the students, the approach, and the professional community. Following her initial training, Meredith taught small group classes in multisensory structured literacy and study skills for over a decade, earned her Master's of Teaching in Special Education, and regularly engaged in ongoing professional development. She has been a member of the teacher-training team with Key Learning Center since 2011 and is passionate about keeping abreast of current research and best practices.

Meredith offers remote lessons in reading, writing, math, study skills, and executive function strategies that are personalized, multisensory, systematic, cognitive, and emotionally sound. She is particularly skilled at building rapport with students by affirming their strengths and honestly assessing their most pressing academic needs. With compassion, humor, and a deep understanding of each child's unique learning profile, Meredith challenges each student at their cognitive level to close their learning gaps and realize their potential as students, communicators, and lifelong learners

SPECIALTIES

- Language based learning differences (LBD) – dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, oral and written language disability
- Twice exceptional (gifted) students with an learning difference
- ADD/ADHD
- Study skills

EDUCATION

Western Carolina University,
M.A.T. Special Education
Swarthmore College, B.A.
Astrophysics

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Fellow-in-Training, Orton-Gillingham Academy
- Certified Academic Language Therapist, the Academic Language Therapy Association
- Instructor of Teaching, International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Private Practice: Academic Intervention Specialist
Pinnacle Education Services offering online lessons
- Board of Directors: Programming Advisory Committee
Key Learning Center, Asheville, NC
- Teacher Trainer Consultant
Key Learning Center, Asheville, NC
- Structured Literacy Classroom Teacher
Key School at Carolina Day School, NC (middle school multisensory language instruction and reading comprehension)