

# Academic Intervention Clinic

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The Academic Intervention (AI) Clinic at Eastern Illinois University is run by school psychology graduate students enrolled in the School Psychology Graduate Program, as part of their advanced practicum training experience (PSY 6890: Advanced Practicum). The AI clinic is located on the third floor of the Physical Sciences building (Rm 3130) and is part of the Psychology Department. The purpose of the AI clinic is to provide high quality, evidence-based academic assessment and intervention services to school-aged (K-8th grade) students in the local community. The AI clinic will run during the fall of 2019 and include 10-weekly, assessment and intervention focused sessions. **This fall, the clinic will focus on reading intervention.** Parents and guardians will receive weekly updates on their child's progress and learn how to implement the interventions used in clinic with their children at home (in between weekly sessions) to promote reading.

## Graduate Student Clinicians

School Psychology graduate students in their second year have completed several courses in individual assessment, theories of learning, and special topics in school psychology that have provided them with the knowledge and skills to effectively work with students needing academic intervention. In addition, during their second year, school psychology students work in the schools under the supervision of a licensed school psychologist. Graduate student clinicians are supervised in AI clinic by a licensed psychologist.



# Age

School-aged (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) students are invited to participate in the AI clinic. Exceptions may be made for older students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).

# Screening

To participate in the AI clinic, children first come to the clinic to participate in an initial screening and in-take session to determine whether the child qualifies for AI clinic. Parents complete a brief interview and clinic paperwork with a graduate student, while another graduate student completes reading screening measures with your child. The screening session takes approximately 20-30 min. Children who meet screening criteria will be invited to participate in 10-weeks of academic intervention and ongoing assessment. **Screenings will take place on Wed Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup>.** To arrange a screening, contact the graduate student clinic coordinator by email [aiclinic@eiu.edu](mailto:aiclinic@eiu.edu) or (217) 581-2323.

# 10-Week Sessions

Weekly, 45min sessions will begin **September 26<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>** (no session Fall Break/Thanksgiving week). Sessions take place at 3:30, 4:30, or 5:30 P.M on Thursday evenings. Based on screening information, children are assigned to a graduate clinician who provides ongoing intervention and assessment to your child. Your child may be grouped with up to two other (similarly-aged) children with similar reading abilities. During the 10-week clinic, graduate clinicians further evaluate which evidence-based reading intervention is most appropriate for your child. Graduate clinicians provide verbal progress monitoring updates to parents/guardians. Parents also receive information on how they can implement intervention supports at home with their child.

# Cost

AI clinic does not bill insurance for the cost of services. The cost to participate in the 10-week, AI clinic is \$65 (cash or check made out to EIU Psychology Department). If a client qualifies for services, \$65 is due at the first session (session following screening). If a client does not qualify for services, no fee is collected. If a client begins services after the 10-week session has begun, a pro-rated fee (\$6.5 per session) may be offered. Clients will not be refunded for missed sessions, nor will clients be refunded if they decide to discontinue services.

# Contact Us

EIU School Psychology graduate students are energetic and personable! They enjoy working with children and families and look forward to providing intervention that is fun and enjoyable!

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