

# Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Certification Course for OTs and COTAs

Friday & Saturday, March 9 & 10, 2012  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily  
30 contact hours

Saint Louis University - Allied Health Building Room 2031  
3437 Caroline Street, St. Louis, MO 63104  
(map attached)



## Course Description & Learning Objectives

The Zaner-Bloser method is a developmentally-appropriate, research-based, multi-sensory (auditory, visual and kinesthetic) program that meets the needs of most learners. This course will assist OTs and COTAs in their role as direct service providers and consultants to special education as well as regular education personnel, day care providers, and preschool teachers in the areas of prewriting, fine motor skills, and writing development. This certification course covers both research-based theory and best practices for introducing preschoolers and early elementary school children to prewriting and writing skills, and for developing those skills to meet the writing/print challenges they face in school.

During the sessions, as we explore the connection between handwriting and literacy development, we will provide participants with indicators, intervention strategies and the clear, academic vocabulary necessary for classroom dialogue and instruction. Participants will receive instruction in strategies developed by Mary Benbow, OTR, including: activities to develop pencil grasp, line production development, fine motor activities to develop hand strength and dexterity, and visual motor activities to improve motor planning for printing. The activities have been developed for daily classroom practice to allow carry over from the therapeutic environment.

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Discuss and explain the research which supports handwriting as a literacy skill.
- Verbalize the seven (7) key foundational skills needed for handwriting.
- Educate colleagues, Pre-K through Adult, on developmentally-appropriate, research-based, multi-sensory (auditory, visual and kinesthetic) strategies and methods to teach handwriting.
- Demonstrate a minimum of five (5) strategies to be used with school personnel and students with regard to each of the following: the handwriting process, the development of pencil grasp, and the development of manual dexterity for handwriting.
- Demonstrate competency in the Zaner-Bloser method for manuscript and cursive handwriting by completing a correspondence course.

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### Instructors

**Carol (Miller) Armann, OTR/L** has 29 years of experience in the field of pediatric therapy. She is certified to administer the SIPT, and her primary assignment at present is within schools. Carol has extensive experience in Sensory Processing Disorders and was part of the team that developed the Sensory Profile. She contributed to the latest edition of Zaner-Bloser's Handwriting Manual and is certificated in both cursive and manuscript writing by Zaner-Bloser. As the *Zaner-Bloser Handwriting* Certified OTR/L Training Specialist, Carol has presented "Handwriting FUNdamentals" throughout the country at state OT conferences.

**Kathleen Wright, National Handwriting Product Manager**, has been working with classroom teachers and school-based occupational therapists for over 20 years to facilitate an effective partnership to better support student-centered handwriting instruction. She has been instrumental in the organization of the Zaner-Bloser Occupational Therapy Advisory Board, working to counsel classroom professionals through the effective interpretation of information from motor learning theory as it pertains to instruction and practice. Previous presentations include pre-writing and printing/cursive writing sessions for school districts and regional educational conferences, as well as "Handwriting FUNdamentals" courses nationwide.

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### Registration Information

Registration fee, including all materials: \$385

Registration fee includes course materials, 12 hours in class, 3 hours for homework between Day 1 and Day 2, and 15 hours for the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Correspondence Course, for a total of 30 contact hours. Included in the course are the following materials: On the Road to Writing and Reading PreKindergarten Kit, Fine Motor Development Kit with Teacher Guide, Handwriting Research book, and Handwriting Correspondence Course with workbook.

Continental breakfast will be provided each morning. Lunch both days will be on your own.

To register for this certification course, submit the completed Occupational Therapist Handwriting Certification Invoice (attached) with payment to:

**Zaner-Bloser, Inc.**  
**Attn: Customer Service**  
**PO Box 16764**  
**Columbus, OH 43216-6764**  
**Phone: 800.421.3018**  
**Fax: 800.992.6087**

### Event Lodging

Located just 3.5 miles from campus, lodging for this event is available at:

**Drury Inn & Suites**  
**2111 Sulphur Avenue**  
**St. Louis, MO 63139**  
**Phone: 314.646.0770**  
**[www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com)**

Room rates are \$111.95 + tax per night.



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<b>Bill to:</b>		<b>Ship to: (if different from "Bill to" information)</b>	
Name	Position (specify grade)	Name	Position (specify grade)
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E-mail address		E-mail address	

ISBN	Description	Qty	Price	Total
978-1-4531-0153-7	OT Handwriting Course (30 Contact Hours)		\$385.00	
	<b>Workshop Materials:</b>			
978-0-7367-5452-1	On the Road to Writing and Reading PreK-K Kit w/Teacher Guide	1	included	included
978-0-7367-8942-4	Fine Motor Kit w/Teacher Guide	1	included	included
978-0-7367-6995-2	HW Correspondence Course book	1	included	included
978-0-7367-7244-0	Handwriting Research book	1	included	included
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Make checks payable to: <b>Zaner-Bloser</b>	

**Directions to Saint Louis University Allied Health Professions Building  
(located on the Medical Campus across Grand Avenue from Saint Louis University Hospital)**



**PLEASE NOTE THE GRAND BRIDGE IS CLOSED:**

- **From I-70 W:** Take exit 40C to merge onto I-44 W/I-55 S; take exit 288 for Louisiana Ave. toward Grand Blvd.; make a slight left at Lafayette Ave.; turn right on Grand Ave. You will be on Grand for approx 1 mile; turn right on Choteau Ave.; turn right on Theresa Ave. Theresa is the 2<sup>nd</sup> street on the right.
- **From I-64 E:** Take exit 36C for Vandeventer Ave.; turn right on Vandeventer Ave.; The Chouteau stop light is approx 500 feet after you turn on Vandeventer; turn left on Chouteau Ave.; You will be on Chouteau approx 1 mile.; turn right at Theresa Ave. Theresa is the 2<sup>nd</sup> street on the right once you pass Grand Avenue.
- **From I-55 N:** Take exit 207B on the left to merge onto I-44 W; take exit 288 for Louisiana Ave. toward Grand Blvd.; make a slight left at Lafayette Ave.; turn right on Grand Ave. You will be on Grand for approx 1 mile; turn right on Choteau Ave.; turn right on Theresa Ave. Theresa is the 2<sup>nd</sup> street on the right.
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**PARKING:** Theresa dead-ends between two SLU parking garages, Hickory East and Hickory West. Park in the **Hickory East Garage only** (on your left). Once you park, leave the garage through either door and walk across the drive/walkway to the **Allied Health Professions Building**. This is the building just east (left) of the small fountain. Follow signs in the building to the designated room. If the Hickory East Garage is full, overflow parking is available on the **Curie Lot**, a surface lot at the corner of Hickory Street and Carr Lane, (entrance on Carr Lane).