

Irlen Visual Learning Center of MD

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PASS TRAINING GUIDE and SYLLASBUS

Everything YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PASS

1. WHAT IS PASS?

PASS is the acronym for Pre-Assessment for Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity (SSS). It is a pre-assessment instrument designed to help you identify those individuals whose academic progress and/or reading ability may be affected by SSS. Positive results from the use of the PASS instrument indicate the presence and severity of symptoms of SSS. The client would then be referred to a Certified Irlen Screener for further evaluation.

2. WHY WAS PASS CREATED?

PASS was created as a way in which to train those individuals expressing an interest in helping identify SSS sufferers but who do not qualify to become certified Irlen Screeners. It was also created for those who do not have sufficient time to conduct a full screening but who needed to know if their clients suffered from SSS.

3. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ADMINISTER PASS?

Almost everyone! To be more specific:

- a) All Certified Irlen Screeners can administer PASS to clients. They do not require Training to do so.
- b) Professionals and paraprofessionals who do not qualify to become Certified Irlen Screeners (i.e., they are not educators, psychologists/counselors, etc.). This includes, but is not limited to, pediatricians, chiropractors, optometrists, dentists, and teacher aides.
- c) Educators, psychologists/counselors, etc., who, although they could qualify to become Irlen Screeners, do not want to do so and/or do not have the time to administer a full screening.
- d) Parents and community volunteers who are interested in helping identify SSS sufferers. This includes, but is not limited to, parents of Irlen Filter wearers, literacy volunteers, and community group members, such as members of Lions Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.

4. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TRAIN PASS?

Clinic Directors, APPROVED Certified Irlen Screeners, and Irlen Master Screeners can train others in PASS.

5. WHAT MATERIALS ARE NEEDED TO ADMINISTER THE PASS?

A complete PASS Kit is needed to administer the PASS. This includes a PASS Manual, a pad of 50 PASS profile sheets, four laminated PASS tasks, and a PASS Materials Order Form.

7. ARE IRLLEN PRE-ASSESSORS ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNTS ON IRLLEN FILTERS?

Yes, just as Irlen Screeners and immediate family members do, Irlen Pre-Assessors and immediate family members can receive a 20% discount on their Irlen Filters diagnostic appointment.

8. CAN AN IRLLEN PRE-ASSESSOR AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A CERTIFIED IRLLEN SCREENER?

No. All people desiring to become a Certified Irlen Screener must apply and be approved for Screener training. If the Irlen Pre-Assessor does not qualify to become a Certified Irlen Screener, then training will not be approved for that step.

STANDARDIZED PASS TRAINING OUTLINE (3.5 hours of CE on site and 3.5-6 hours via the Internet)

- Define scotopic sensitivity syndrome or Irlen Syndrome.
- Describe the process of the Irlen Method step by step, interventions and implementation of PASS, Irlen Screenings, and Irlen Diagnostic Services.
- Learn where PASS or Pre-Assessment for Scotopic Sensitivity Assessors fit into the Irlen process.
- Learn to provide visual perceptual tasks and environmental tasks to see if the client may have scotopic sensitivity syndrome which may be causing reading, math, attention, headaches/migraines, light sensitivity, visual stress, visual distortions, and other issues impacting learning and working.
- Learn about simple interventions in addition to Irlen Method to remedy problems and provide relief and increased function for clients with SSS.
- Discuss SSS and its relationship to reading, writing, math, attention, dyslexia, anxieties, headaches/migraines, depth perception, coordination, and learning disabilities.
- Discuss how SSS affects the gifted student, the average student, and the

- learning disabled student.
- Discuss how lighting, paper color, and the environment affects SSS sufferers.
- Discuss the emotional impact on the parents, the teacher, the child, and the adult.
- Discuss the behavioral component for the child and for the adult.
- Instruct step-by-step using the PASS Manual on the administering of the PASS.
- Practice administering the PASS on at least two people without problems and two with reading and light sensitivity and submit results. Discuss the next step options for clients with targeted problems.
- Discuss the self tests and what they mean for people with light sensitivity, migraines, autism, and reading problems.
- Discuss case studies and articles. Review one article and one website in format.

PASS TRAINING AGENDA

- II. Overview of the Irlen Method and Where You Fit In
- III. What is SSS (Definition and History?)
- IV. How to Administer PASS
- V. PASS Practicum
- VI. PASS Review and Questions

PASS REVIEW Pre Test and Post Test

Pre-Test submit prior to beginning the training. Do not look up any items but answer from the knowledge you have at this time prior to beginning the PASS training.

Post Test

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING YOUR PASS TRAINING. CAN YOU ACCURATELY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING?

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| T/F | 1. As an Irlen Pre-Assessor, I CANNOT train others how to administer PASS. |
| T/F | 2. Most people outgrow SSS. |
| T/F | 3. If a client scores zero, “No Words Circled,” and “No Problem” on the |

sections of PASS, s/he does not have SSS.

- T/F 4. The lighting conditions during administration of PASS should simulate, as closely as possible, the lighting conditions the client reads/works under.
- T/F 5. SSS is a visual-perceptual problem characterized by problems in reading and writing-based activities.
- T/F 6. The client must wear his/her reading glasses during administration of PASS.
- T/F 7. It is in the best interest of the client to have had an eye exam within one year prior to the administration of PASS.
- T/F 8. SSS is a cure for learning disabilities.
- T/F 9. An "A" or "B" student won't suffer from SSS.
- T/F 10. Photogray or tinted lenses can affect the accuracy of the PASS results.

IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP TO YOU IN ANY WAY, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME. Your CE certificate will be provided at the completion of your training.

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PASS (3 CE HOURS) TRAINING APPLICATION

Irlen Screener Training Date: _____ **Location:** _____

Name: _____ **Position/Degree:** _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address _____

Home Tel. # _____ **Work Tel. #** _____

Home e-mail address: _____ **Work e-mail address:** _____

PASS Training and Testing Kit	\$100
Additional Testing Kit	\$35 each
Group discount (3 or more)	-\$25 each
Total	_____

Please make checks out to Irlen Visual Learning Center of MD and send Att: Shoshana Shamberg, 3309 W Strathmore Ave. Baltimore, MD 21215. Contact Shoshana Shamberg if you have any questions at IrlenVLCMD@yahoo.com or 410-358-7269. You may also register via the Abilities OT Services and Seminars, Inc website at www.aotss.com. For more info: www.IrlenVLCMD.com.

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