

EDITORIAL POLICY AND SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES

INSIGHTS ON LEARNING DISABILITIES: PREVAILING THEORIES TO VALIDATED PRACTICES

EDITORIAL POLICY

Learning Disabilities Worldwide publishes the journal, *Insights on Learning Disabilities: Prevailing Theories to Validated Practices (ILD)*, twice yearly. The purpose of this publication is to provide the most up-to-date information on the practices of assessment, educational support, and psychosocial intervention that are available for individuals with learning disabilities. *Insights on Learning Disabilities: Prevailing Theories to Validated Practices* recognizes as a main part of its mission the requirement to report on the educational services and the social opportunities that may be of benefit to individuals with learning disabilities. Consistent with this recognition, *Insights on Learning Disabilities: Prevailing Theories to Validated Practices* publishes high-quality articles describing assessment techniques, instructional practices, program developments, and teaching materials addressing the needs of individuals with learning disabilities. Other materials that *ILD* also considers appropriate for publication are opinion papers on policy and legislation matters pertaining LD. Of special interest are works that help researchers, practitioners, and parents understand how the prevailing theories on the different aspects of learning disabilities can be translated into daily practice in the environments where individuals with LD are evaluated and supported. The following guidelines will help authors to prepare their manuscripts for consideration of publication in *Insights on Learning Disabilities: Prevailing Theories to Validated Practices*.

The types of articles considered appropriate for publication in *ILD* are:

Empirical studies with an applied focus. Papers presenting research findings with a strong emphasis on implications for practice are considered appropriate for *ILD*. Authors of these papers should adhere to the writing guidelines described in the 5th Edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA). The length of the manuscript should be between 12–25 typewritten, double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, references, and appendices.

Small sample size and case studies. Reports on the effectiveness of innovative techniques and procedures implemented with small samples but based on sound theoretical grounds and using valid designs, could be regarded as appropriate for publication. The length of the manuscript should be between 12–25 typewritten, double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, references, and appendices.

Papers with guidelines for parents. Papers presenting research-based guidelines for successfully parenting children with LD will be considered, provided that they include systematic explanations and propose carefully documented and unambiguous responses to parental concerns. The length of the manuscript should be between 10–20 typewritten, double-spaced pages, including figures, references, and appendices.

Investigations on personnel preparation. Investigations on effective models of initial and in-service training of personnel working with students with LD will be considered for publication, provided that they include details on the specific practices as well as the theoretical background of the program. The length of the manuscript should be between 10–20 typewritten, double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, references, and appendices.

Critical Reviews of literature on LD. Reviews of literature dealing with subjects pertinent to LD may be accepted in the journal, if they are well documented in terms of theory and methodology.

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Papers addressing topics pertinent to adults with LD. Papers addressing areas such as professional, vocational, academic or social opportunities for adults with LD or any other aspect of the responsibilities of community membership may be accepted in the journal, if they include systematic explanations research-based or unambiguous guidelines. The length of the manuscript should be between 10–20 typewritten, double-spaced pages, including figures, references, and appendices.

Hardware/software reviews. Recently released technological innovations pertinent to LD can be reviewed and considered for publication. The length and the technical details of such publications should be discussed with the editors for guidance prior to submission.

Theme issues. *ILD* welcomes theme issues. Individuals are encouraged to propose themes to the editors and either identify participant authors or consult with the editors to place an open call for submissions.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

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