

## **Rita Jacobson**

### MA Special Education

- Special Education Classroom Teacher in Special Education Schools in Germany
- Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators, Certified Member
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- Language Skills Therapy, Orton-Gillingham Practitioner and Board Member
- Language Skills Therapy, Educational Diagnostician
- Language Skills Therapy OG Training Program, Instructor

Rita B. Jacobson earned a master's degree in special education from the Seminar für Erziehung und Didaktik in der Schule in Stuttgart, Germany. She worked in Germany as a special education teacher in schools for children with learning differences for several years. A special emphasis during her education and work was testing and diagnosing students concerning their learning challenges in order to give them the help they needed. Shortly after moving to Portland she met Dorothy Blosser Whitehead, M.S. Fellow, Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators. In the fall of 1999 she started the Orton-Gillingham (OG) training program with Ms. Whitehead, Catherine Wood Wyrick M.S. Fellow AOGPE and Sharon Cody Marsh Ed.D. Fellow AOGPE. After becoming an associate member of AOGPE, she continued her training to become a certified member of AOGPE. During her training she worked with dyslexic students of all ages in Portland Public Schools as a volunteer. In 2003 she joined Language Skills Therapy, a nonprofit group of OG therapists. All therapists work individually with students. For several years she administered educational testing and report writing for LST, working with Stephanie Verlinden, Psy. D. who administered the cognitive testing. During her time with LST she has worked and continues to work with children of all ages as well as adults.