



## ***The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool: Daily Resources***

### **SYLLABUS**

#### **Course Information**

Title: *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool: Daily Resources*

Duration: 10 hours (self-paced)

Credits: 1.0 CEU

#### **Course Description**

General Description: Designed for preschool teachers, this course explores effective strategies for using *The Creative Curriculum® Daily Resources* to engage children in developmentally appropriate experiences. Teachers will become familiar with the objectives for development and learning and discover how they can be used to individualize instruction for children at different developmental levels, including children with disabilities and children who are English- or dual-language learners. Teachers will also explore a variety of strategies for supporting development and learning in important areas. Upon completion of this course, each learner will receive a certificate showing that he or she has been awarded 1.0 Continuing Education Unit (CEU).

Learning Objectives: Learners completing this course will be able to use the *Daily Resources* to support children's interests, manage transitions, individualize instruction, and lead interactive read-alouds. Learners will also be able to describe strategies for using the *Daily Resources* to support children as they develop competencies in the areas of social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development, as well as the content areas of mathematics, literacy, and science and technology.

Course Structure: This course, which is conducted entirely online, is available at MyTeachingStrategies.com. The course is organized into six interests that demonstrate best practices for using *The Creative Curriculum® Daily Resources* to support instruction:

1. Getting to Know the *Daily Resources* (1 hour)
2. Supporting Social-Emotional Development (1 hour, 30 minutes)
3. Supporting Cognitive Development (1 hour, 30 minutes)
4. Supporting Physical Development (2 hours)
5. Supporting Content Learning (2 hours, 5 minutes)
6. Using Daily Resources With *GOLDplus®* (1 hour, 55 minutes)

Each interest contains 5–7 activities that present information in a variety of formats designed to engage learners with different learning styles. These activities include tutorials (videos,

slideshows, interactive experiences, and articles), excerpts from *The Creative Curriculum*® foundational volumes, and application exercises that require learners to reflect on their own practice and apply their new knowledge. The course is self-guided and self-paced—learners can view the interests and activities in any order and pause/return to the course at any time.

Here are some examples of topics that learners will explore within the broader interests:

- Turning “In-Between” Minutes into *Mighty Minutes*®
- Storytelling With a Purpose
- The Business of Busy-ness: Enhancing Cognitive Development Through Play
- Creating an Optimal Outdoor Environment
- Promoting Mathematics Learning

The course includes a pre- and post-course survey to measure learners’ knowledge at the beginning of the course and at the end of the course. Within the tutorials, knowledge check quizzes help reinforce learning.

### **Course Requirements**

Teaching Experience: This course is designed for preschool teachers at all levels, from those who are just starting their practice to experienced educators seeking to refine their knowledge and skills.

Program Application: The course includes a number of practical exercises that require learners to consider their own practice and either observe children with certain curricular objectives in mind or individualize an experience for one or more children. In some instances, it is recommended (although not required) that another adult in the program capture video of the learner’s interactions with children for later review and reflection.

Course Materials: *The Creative Curriculum*® for Preschool, Sixth Edition, Volumes 1–6, along with *Daily Resources*, including *Intentional Teaching Cards*™, *Book Discussion Cards*™, *Mighty Minutes*®, and *Teaching Guides* are recommended, but not required. Learners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these materials prior to taking the course.

Technical Requirements: Each learner will need access to a computer or tablet with an up-to-date web browser and operating system. The Teaching Strategies learning management system is compatible with the following web browsers: Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Safari. Some activities within the course include PDF documents that learners can download. These documents require Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available for download at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.