The Creative Curriculum® *for Family Child Care*: Daily Resources

SYLLABUS

Course Information
Title: *The Creative Curriculum*® *for Family Child Care*: Daily Resources
Duration: 10 hours (self-paced)
Credits: 1.0 CEU

Course Description
General Description: This course guides teachers and caregivers through an exploration of *The Creative Curriculum*® *for Family Child Care: Daily Resources.* The *Daily Resources*—a vibrant and engaging mix of *Learning Games*®, *Intentional Teaching Cards*™, *Book Conversation Cards*™, *Book Discussion Cards*™, and *Mighty Minutes*®—are specially designed to be used in a mixed-age setting, throughout the program day and year. The *Daily Resources* support the four main areas of development (cognitive, social–emotional, language, and physical) as well as the major content areas (mathematics, literacy, science and technology, and social studies). Learners completing this course will receive a training certificate of completion.

Learning Objectives: Learners who complete the course will be able to use the *Daily Resources* to plan developmentally appropriate activities that integrate meaningful learning into daily experiences and caregiving and appeal to individual children's strengths, needs, and interests.

Course Structure: This course, which is conducted entirely online, is available through the Develop area of *MyTeachingStrategies*®. The course is divided into six interests.
1. Getting to Know the Daily Resources (1 hour, 50 minutes)
2. Supporting Social–Emotional Development (2 hours, 10 minutes)
3. Supporting Cognitive Development (1 hour, 45 minutes)
4. Supporting Physical Development (1 hour, 40 minutes)
5. Supporting Content Learning (2 hours, 10 minutes)
6. Putting It All Together (1 hour, 45 minutes)

Each interest contains 4-7 activities that present information in a variety of formats. These activities include tutorials (slideshows, interactive experiences, and articles), excerpts from *The Creative Curriculum*® *for Family Child Care* 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 they may pause and return to them at any time.

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

<u>Teaching Experience</u>: This course is designed for family child care caregivers at all levels, from those who are just starting their practice to experienced educators seeking to refine their knowledge and skills.

<u>Program/Classroom Application</u>: The course includes a number of practical exercises that require learners to consider their own practice and either observe children with certain 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.

<u>Course Materials</u>: Prior knowledge of *The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care* foundational volumes—including *Volume 1, The Foundation; Volume 2, Routines & Experiences*; and *Objectives for Development & Learning, Birth Through Third Grade*—is recommended, but not required. Learners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these resources prior to taking the course and refer back to them afterwards.

<u>Technical Requirements</u>: Each learner will need access to a computer or tablet with an up-to-date web browser and operating system. The *MyTeachingStrategies®* professional development platform 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/.