



Professional Development Credit Course CIMTE 593

1. Course/experience title: **Mind in the Making: Early Learning Modules for Childhood Teachers**
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Course/Experience Instructor/Facilitator: **All instructors/facilitators have presented Mind in the Making and/or have participated in a Mind in the Making Facilitator Training Institute**
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3. Course/Experience to be offered (dates): **Fall Semester 2008-Spring 2009**
4. Physical location course/experience will be offered: **Varied**
5. Credit hours anticipated: **3 credit course**

Content of Course/Experience:

Mind in the Making, the Science of Early Learning is a curriculum developed by the Families and Work Institute. *Mind in the Making* draws together cutting edge research about brain development and early learning from leading scholars and early childhood authorities. The 12-part curriculum unites theory with practice, following the research-based premise that teaching improves when teachers are engaged in understanding their own and others' learning; reflect together on ways to promote the learning of children; and tie their experiences to the best child development knowledge.

The curriculum is comprised of:

- modules that encourage teachers to view learning through a new lens, by understanding how they learn and how this knowledge can help them as teachers.
- short video clips that bring research and researchers on children's early development (birth through preschool) to life.
- active follow-up to video clips that are interactive and thought-provoking.
- tips that encourage observation, investigation, analysis, action and documentation.
- review at the beginning of each session, before commencing with the next.