

## TS - Thinking Skills

A thinking skills approach to education.



As educators we know the critical importance of the ability to think.

This course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to create, cultivate and nourish thinking skills in their students.

### NOTE:

The on-line format of this course enables you to study at a time and place that best suits your own needs.

**You can access your course anytime until March 31st 2018.**

Within this highly interactive web based course, a dynamic learning experience awaits, where you can interact with your fellow course participants through the in-course chat forums and communication tools provided by the CPD College learning system.

Our friendly and knowledgeable tutors actively support each course, providing expert interaction, guidance and feedback for all participants on chat questions and assignments which call for critical reflection, self-analysis and a reasoned response.

On successful completion of your course, you can download and print off your CPD record and Certificate of Completion.

We look forward to welcoming you to your course.

## Learning outcomes

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This course aims to:

- Introduce a thinking skills programme to teachers who wish to develop the thinking skills ability of their students.
- Equip teachers with the knowledge and understandings necessary to create & support a thinking skills orientated classroom environment.
- Assist teachers to distinguish between the traits of a 'Good Thinker' as opposed to a 'Weak Thinker'.
- Introduce teachers to the '9 Thinking Tools' through focus lessons.

- Engage teachers with a wide range of published literature on the subject of thinking skills.
- Know the essential ingredients of creative thinking ability.
- Introduce teachers to the concept of the 'Six Thinking Hats'.
- Help teachers better understand that when children have opportunities to play with ideas in different situations and with a variety of resources, they discover connections and come to new and better understandings and ways of doing things and that adult support in this process enhances their ability to think critically and ask questions.
- Enable teachers to better appreciate that a 'Thinking Skills' approach to the curriculum reaps rich rewards and requires little resource wise, other than an informed, skilled, creative and alert teacher.
- Look at, review and score one's own 'Teacher Practice in Literacy' as part of the SSE process.

## Modules

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01 - Understanding the different modes of thinking: Critical, Lateral, Parallel, Creative, and Constructive thinking. More importantly though is the fact that they will learn the nine basic tools of thinking focus and be able to teach these skills simply in the classroom.


02 - Development and understanding of three focus skills: Alternative Focus, Brainstorm Focus and Consequence Focus.

03 - Development and understanding of three more focus skills: Aims Focus, Viewpoint Focus and Priority Focus.

04 - Understanding of lateral and creative thinking processes and it's essential ingredients.

05 - 'The Six Thinking Hats', their purpose and application within the curriculum.

## Course quick links

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**Course cost:** €89.00

**Format:** On-line

**Course duration:** 20 hours

*"This is an excellent course, which gives us skills that we in turn pass on to children. Thinking skills are life skills, and the better thinkers our children are, the better our country will be. This course is not about academic subjects, it's about making us better at thinking, analysing and making judgements. This course should be mandatory in training colleges, and should be delivered to all teachers as CPD. The country will benefit, and that's what education is supposed to do." - Mary, 2016*

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