

## **THRASS ACCREDITED CERTIFICATE, GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA, NOV 12-13, 2005**

I've found this course immensely exciting! I've been waiting for a break through like this to help children learn how to spell and read. In all my years of teaching (over 20), I've never been presented with a course like this. This is the first course that encompasses everything in one – visual, auditory and kinaesthetic. I think it is absolutely fantastic and can't wait to start implementing the methodology. The course was easy to follow and presented very well.

It is a wonderful programme. The answer to all second language learners.

At last we will be able to read and spell! A very good course, wonderfully presented by a very energetic Laola Altschul. I have learned a lot and will hopefully be able to carry the knowledge obtained across to my learners.

Well thought out course, which will help all teachers from Grade 0 to Grade 12 to teach and evaluate children at all ages. Once the teacher has a good understanding of THRASS (which might take a while to understand) she could impart this knowledge. Hopefully children will read and use THRASS as a guideline. Hope THRASS will go ahead in Southern Africa and grow from strength to strength.

This is an extremely fascinating course that will reinforce OBE teaching in schools, especially with regard to Reading and Spelling improvement. Laola is doing a great job. I personally feel she has to expand it throughout the world.

I am glad I came. It opened my eyes and ears and I know that there is a lot more for me to learn - especially for second language learners. I enjoyed every minute. I wish I had the finances to buy everything and that my headmaster and HOD were here to hear, see and do all the things we did!

Well presented and interesting. THRASS certainly opens many new doors and eliminates confusion when teaching spelling. Although we are only in the beginning stages in planning for next year, I am looking forward to trying THRASS as a new approach in teaching reading and phonics, as I have had the opportunity to see the advantages of this approach. Initially it appeared to be quite confusing, but with some practical practise during the course, it all became much clearer.

A most informative and enjoyable course. There is a lot of information to comprehend and will take lots of time to truly master the system. Laola was excellent.

I found the course very valuable in helping me think about how I can improve what I do in class. Everything made a lot of sense. I am going to make lots of new materials for my classroom and correct the mistakes I have unwittingly been making in introducing spelling.

This approach to teaching spelling will help solve many problems I see every day especially in remedial classes. I really feel that I understand this approach better than the old system. Now I just have to show the other teachers at school.

I found this to be of great value. I am looking forward to implementing THRASS in my classroom. The material was well presented.

A paradigm shift – Thank you! Course excellent. Perhaps too much info in such a short time, but understand the constraints!

I found the course to be very well presented and I am convinced that THRASS is the way to go. I look forward to implementing it.

Cleared up a lot of uncertainties. It's much more practical now. Well presented!

A very fruitful course. Laola is a powerful presenter. I have learnt a great deal and am looking forward to implementing THRASS in my class next year. Thank You.

An exceptional course – well presented and interesting.

We need to incorporate THRASS into all our schools.

This course was outstanding. I found it hugely beneficial to my teaching! The phonemes and graphemes make a lot of sense. I am so excited to bring this to my classroom!

A very valuable and interesting. The potential to help those who struggle with language is HUGE!

A wonderful course. I wish all our teachers could have attended. I believe in THRASS, but feel that this two day course is only an introduction to me, as I feel that once I begin to apply it, I will really begin to learn it! Only through going along, will I discover what I perhaps haven't realised yet.

A terrific course presented with love and enthusiasm. Well done and thank you Laola.

I found this course to be very good. I truly am a THRASS supporter and have seen the results of THRASS in many different schools. I, once again, enjoyed this course and have learnt many ways of implementing THRASS in the classroom. All in all, a wonderful methodology and course!

Well presented with practical suggestions for classrooms and trouble shooting. Relevant to classroom situation with effective resources. Good integration of skills for learners and good opportunities for differentiation. Effective skill development.

Informative. Good support materials. Sometimes confusing. Would have liked it to be in sequence – Stage 1-end. Wasn't sure where to start – bothered me for a long time. Glad to have done it.

The course is exciting and relevant to foundation phase teaching and has huge potential in implementation. At times it would be nice to have some more practical application as it reinforces what is said. Overall impression – Good.

Very relevant and interesting. Interactive and fun. I can imagine its effectiveness with remedial children particularly. Beautiful resources.

An interesting, beneficial methodology. Could have great value for learners. Makes English Spelling more comprehensible. Would help children with learning disabilities and help them to make sense of language. Thank you for a good course.

Thank you very much. It was a very interesting and informative course.

A very interesting and worthwhile course. Well-presented and professionally handled. Thank you!

Definitely worthwhile! Looking forward to seeing the children progress. Wonderful to see new ideas and methodology that will help the general regression of reading that is occurring with today's children in age. Great to see children will also develop so many other skills incidentally.

A very informative course. A lot of information to absorb. Sure THRASS will definitely help the children. Looking forward to implementing in the classroom next year.

This course has been excellent. Can't wait to start using it. The whole 2 days were great.

A wonderful programme that should be implemented in all schools TODAY. Alan, you have thought of a fantastic and valuable method. Thank you! I look forward to implementing this strategy.

A very informative course! I am so motivated to begin! Thank you for such a wonderful, time-efficient training session.

A valuable, worthwhile experience. The diverse nature of the course and teaching resources makes the course of great value to educators from any phase, and it can be seen that children from all age groups would benefit from this teaching method.