SEARCH & TEACH WORKSHOP APPLICATION 2027

NILD-South Africa, offers the Search & Teach Training Course for non-NILD Educational Therapists for 4 days, and 3 days for NILD Educational Therapists.

The SEARCH & TEACH® model was developed by Drs. A. A. Silver, MD, and R. A. Hagin Ph.D. at New York University in the 1960's. Deborah Zimmerman, co-founder of NILD, worked on the development of this programme, and today NILD offers SEARCH & TEACH training in North and South America, Southeast Asia, India, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

Many SEARCH & TEACH practitioners across the globe can attest to the value of this programme. In 1979 the programme was validated by the Joint Dissemination Panel of the US Department of Education by being included in their prestigious "Education Programs that Work".

The **goal** of SEARCH & TEACH® is to identify 5- to 7-year-old individuals who are vulnerable to learning failure, and to address the issues before failure has occurred. Children may be vulnerable due to a variety of reasons. These include, but are not restricted to, genetic factors, minimal structural damage to the central nervous system, physiological stress, and lack of specific stimulation during the critical ages of children's development. The TEACH programme uses a variety of perceptual techniques to address the students' areas of weakness. It is consistent with important theories of learning, such as those developed by Piaget, Luria, Vygotsky, and Feuerstein. It aims to equip students to succeed in the classroom and in life as independent learners.

SEARCH is a short, individual test designed to: -

- Provide a clear profile of strengths and weaknesses in neuropsychological skills.
- Provide a structure to guide appropriate intervention before failure has occurred.

TEACH consists of 55 tasks, prioritised from simple to complex, organised into 5 clusters. These clusters are: -

Visual
Auditory
Intermodal
Visual-Motor
Body-Image

The trained TEACH practitioner will organise these tasks into a practical plan as ascertained by the results of the SEARCH Test. Typically, a child will work 'one-on-one' with the practitioner 3 to 4 times a week for 30 minutes. Some tasks can be done by small groups of children with similar profiles.

The training of SEARCH & TEACH practitioners is at a post-graduate level and is comprehensive and thorough. For Non-NILD Educational Therapists the course will be of 4 days duration, with the first two days covering theory and tasks already familiar to NILD Educational Therapist. NILD Educational Therapists will join the course for the final 3 days, which will cover further theory, training in the administration of SEARCH, and an introduction to the 55 TEACH Tasks. Each student will undergo a practical assessment on the final day.

A surcharge of R1000 will be charged for applications received after the closing date (three weeks prior to the start of the workshop). In addition to tuition, the course fee includes all other materials and equipment necessary to commence using the SEARCH & TEACH programme.

Applicants must be in possession of a Baccalaureus Degree or 3-year post-matric diploma with some experience in the field of Learning Disabilities/ Learners with Special Educational Needs/ Remedial /Classroom Teaching. Non-teaching professionals (e.g., occupational therapists, speech therapists) are also eligible for acceptance. Each application will be individually evaluated. Should you have any queries about your eligibility, please direct your queries in writing to admin@nildsa.co.za.

Recommended: One to two years classroom teaching experience, an understanding of terminology relating to learning disabilities, and some knowledge of tests and measurements.

NILD's Philosophy:

Believing that all students can learn and that the brain is open to modification at all stages of development, we provide direct and focused educational treatment for cognitive systems that are weak and vulnerable.

SEARCH & TEACH: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TITLE	DEPOSIT	BALANCE	TOTAL COST
SEARCH & TEACH Training:	Non-NILD Therapists:		
	R4 620.00	R4 620.00	R 9 240.00
*Early Bird Settlement			(R7 850,00)
	NILD Therapists:		
	R3 465.00	R3 465.00	R6 930.00
*Early Bird Settlement			(R5 890,00)
	Due with application form	***Due by closing date***	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Receipt of fees does not guarantee acceptance onto the course. If your application is unsuccessful, your full deposit will be refunded. Should there be space on a course, late registrations may be considered.

Refund Policy

- Refunds will be made only upon written request.
- Registration, less R1 000 processing fee, will be refunded if cancellation is made after application has been accepted.
- NILD has the option to retain tuition payment for any participant who does not notify NILD of non-attendance at least one week prior to the course's start-date.

The following *must* be submitted with your course application:

☐ Registration fee

☐ Copies of your university / college transcripts documenting your degree / diploma status

Upon successful completion of SEARCH & TEACH training, interns are expected to:

- Pay annual NILD membership
- Continue ongoing professional development by attending a support group & attending NILD conferences (where applicable, often via audio/video tape).

NILD Position Statement: The National Institute for Learning Development (NILD) was founded upon the biblical worldview that affirms each individual was created in the image of God and therefore has innate potential to learn and become effective in service to the world. As a professional educational training centre, we strive to maintain integrity at every level of service delivery. NILD has a policy of non-discrimination in relation to race, colour, and gender, national or ethnic origin.

SEARCH & TEACH TUITION AND MATERIALS

- SEARCH & TEACH course fees cover tuition and the material.
- All materials provided at the course will be *on loan* until the successful completion of the SEARCH & TEACH training. These materials will be available for use by the SEARCH & TEACH practitioner and SEARCH & TEACH-Intern *after successfully completing the SEARCH & TEACH training.*
- Upon the successful completion of SEARCH & TEACH, NILD Educational Therapists will immediately be known as SEARCH & TEACH practitioners. However, non-NILD Therapists will have the status of SEARCH & TEACH Interns for at least one year, or until 90 hours of TEACH have been completed. All candidates will receive a certificate stating that they have successfully completed the course. A mentor will be assigned to assist the intern throughout his/her internship. Intern-practitioners will be qualified to work with students immediately after SEARCH & TEACH training has been successfully completed.
- If the pass requirements for SEARCH & TEACH are not met by the candidate, all materials must be handed back to the Instructor/s on the last day of the course. The candidate will be allowed to re-take the course at half the tuition fees.
- If a pass with recommendations is granted, the course materials will be made available for use by the candidate. The Professional Support Team (PST) will appoint a mentor to assist the candidate and to oversee the fulfilment of the pass with recommendations requirements. When the PST is satisfied that the pass with recommendations requirements have been met by the candidate, a certificate will be issued stating that they have successfully completed the course. *If the candidate does not meet the* pass with recommendations *requirements, all materials must be returned to the NILD-South Africa Head Office.*
- Should a candidate not complete the full period of training, all materials must be returned immediately to the instructor/s. A refund will not be given.
- **International copyright exists on all materials**; a copyright agreement must be signed and given to the Instructor/s before the end of the SEARCH & TEACH training course. This will be given to you at the course.

PRE-COURSE READING MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

Upon acceptance of an application, pre-course reading materials consisting of several relevant articles will be forwarded. A short reflection paper (maximum 1 page) should be submitted by non-Therapists prior to the course or at the first class.

It is advisable to watch a live TEACH session before attending the course if there is a practitioner in your area. Please contact admin@nildsa.co.za or see the Contact list on the website for names of practitioners in your area.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

The approximately 170 Task Cards will be provided printed on paper or in digital format. These copies are to be kept as master copies and will need to be printed onto card for use with students. This is so that any pieces that may go missing can be replaced easily. It is recommended that Task Cards be laminated to increase their durability and that each separate Task be stored in a manila folder at your place of work. Copies of Task Cards will be made available for practice during training.

For the course you will need:

File paper
Plastic Sleeves – approximately 10
Pens/highlighters etc. for note taking
Memory stick

MATERIALS SUPPLIED

A. *Textbooks*:

1. SEARCH Manual
2. TEACH Manual
3. Assorted Hand-outs

B. *Materials*:

1. SEARCH:

a. Test Record Sheets
b. SEARCH toys

2. TEACH

a. Task Cards – paper or digital
b. Parquetry Pieces
c. Pythagoras Pieces (non-Therapists)
d. 2 Pegboards and Pegs (Therapists -1)
e. 2 Buzzers (Therapists – 1)
f. Show Me Toys
g. Rhythmic Writing Cards
h. Ox-bow Puzzle
i. 1 Set Large Lower-Case Moveable Alphabet pieces
j. 1 Chalkgrip (non-Therapists)
k. Toy Xylophone

COURSE ACTIVITIES

Attendance at all sessions of the course is required along with full participation in all activities and assignments.

1. Read the training manuals as assigned.
2. Non-Therapists to complete responses to course content from the extra day.
3. Work with a partner for the purpose of demonstrating the SEARCH testing procedure.
5. Work with a partner for the purpose of demonstration and implementation of TEACH techniques given a specific SEARCH profile.

COURSE WORKLOAD

The time required for the various assignments has been *estimated* as follows:

Assignments on Day 1 and 2: 2 hours each

Reading excerpts from SEARCH & TEACH Manuals: 4 hours

Analysis of SEARCH data and preparation of SEARCH profile: 1 ½ hours

Final Demonstration Preparation: 3 hours

We trust that the information contained above will enable you to make an informed decision and that we will hear from you soon.

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Name: _____ **Surname**: _____

ID Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Cell: _____ **Nearest Postnet:** _____

Province: _____ **Code:** _____

Educational Background

College / University	*Major*	*Degree/Diploma held*

Courses taken in Special Education or Remedial Teaching, Learning Disabilities, Testing (if applicable):

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Classroom Teaching Experience

School:	*Years*	*Grade Level (s)*

Please indicate: Deposit included:

OR

☐ Non-NILD Therapist: R4 620,00

☐ NILD Therapist: R3 465,00

Full Early Bird Settlement:

☐ Non-NILD Therapist: R7 850,00

☐ NILD Therapist: R5 890,00

☐ **Please email the completed application form (pg. 6) and a copy of your degree to admin@nildsa.co.za**

☐ **Order and pay for the course at our online shop at www.nildsa.co.za**