

POST-DEGREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE  
FOR INFANT-TODDLER CENTRE AND PRESCHOL EDUCATORS

# constructing knowledge **KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGES** in children and in adults

*“When I get an idea I think about it,  
I hold it on my heart for five minutes,  
and then I build it and it isn’t an idea any longer.”*

(Francesco, 4)

The course aims to develop professionals capable of designing, constructing and caring for environments of everyday life, learning and growth of children and in which their development, curiosity and desire to understand and experiment with reality can be welcomed and supported.

In a journey organised around lessons and workshop activity with guidance from specialists from the world of pedagogy (education) and early childhood provision, participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with theoretical and methodological competencies in order to join together pedagogical and disciplinary “languages” and knowledge and to refine their personal ways of seeing children and educational work:

- a holistic way of seeing which captures the dynamic interconnection between all dimensions of experience in humans and children: emotional, physical, cognitive and social
- an empathetic way of seeing and respectful of children’s needs, individual and in the group, welcoming children’s natural suggestions and interests
- a cultivated/competent way of seeing, attentive to developments in various fields of knowledge, hospitable towards children’s natural suggestions and interests
- a connective way of seeing opportunities for dialogue between scientific, linguistic and artistic knowledge in everyday life.

## **COURSE DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION**

This will be carried out by Faculty of Education Sciences at Milan-Bicocca University and Reggio Children.

## **PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Course participants be given priority access to a second level course planned for Spring 2010, and to recruitment in infant-toddler centres and preschools working with consultants in Milan-Bicocca University and Reggio Children.

## **DURATION AND LOCATION**

The Course begins 3 February 2010 and ends 31 March 2010. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in building U16, Via T. Mann, Milan.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates for the course should have one of the following qualifications: a bachelors degree (three years), or Masters degree.

## **FEES**

Fees for the course are Euro 1,500.00 and must be paid on enrolment.

## **ENROLMENT**

**Applications must arrive before 4 December 2009.**

Course information and application forms are available at: [www.unimib.it](http://www.unimib.it) in the section headed “Studenti laureati - Corsi di Perfezionamento”.

Forms for University enrolment (for successful applicants) are available at the Post laurea Desk in the student Secretary Offices at the following address:

Ed U21, Via Temolo 3, Milano (Mon 1.45-3.45pm; Tues-Fri 9-12am) or can be downloaded at

[www.unimib.it](http://www.unimib.it) in the section headed “Studenti - laureati - Corsi di Perfezionamento-Modulistica”.

**All lectures will be held in Italian only**

