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# **Instructional Models & Learning:** *Right Brain and Left–Brain Strategies*



Create dynamic and engaging learning strategies with the 4MAT Learning Model by providing adult learners with the process of experiencing, assimilating, acting upon and integrating knowledge to incorporate into daily teaching practices. The 4MAT model is a process for improving the quality of learning and incorporates learning styles for all individuals to understand.



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### Instructional Models and Learning: Right and Left-Brain Strategies

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# **Mission & Vision**

### **Mission Statement**

"Child Care Training Consultants, LLC's is committed to provide research-based professional growth and development training courses primarily focused on the Child Development Associate. The CDA is the nation's premier credential that is transferable, valid, competency-based and nationally recognized in all 50 states, territories, the District of Columbia, community colleges and the United States Military.

### Vision

Child Care Training Consultants, LLC's vision is to provide the early childhood community with courses based on CDA competency standards to obtain their CDA Credential and assist in reaching their goal as an exceptional early childhood educator to ultimately achieve higher child outcomes.



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# **About the Trainer**



Theresa has over 30 years experience in the field of Early Childhood Education. During that time, she served as a Preschool Teacher, Disabilities Coordinator, Program Facilitator, and Director of an Early Childcare Program. She has a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership with Specialization in Curriculum and Degree in Educational Leadership with Specialization

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### **Business Description**

Child Care Training Consultants, LLC. (CCTC) is an accredited provider (AP) with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) that provides Continuing Education Units (CEU) for adult education nationally. The business is also a recognized training organization with the Council for Professional Recognition, Child Development Associate Council (CDA), National Credentialing Program.



# **Goal & Learning Objectives**

**Goal:** The goal of this training is to identify how the 4MAT learning model is used to engage both adults and children, in learning strategies using all learning styles.

**Objective/s:** Participants will be able to:

**Part 1:** Identify four instructional models and tools used to reach and engage all learners.

**Part 2:** Identify our own right or left-brain dominance given a quiz and identify right and left-brain activities for adults.

**Part 3:** Identify activities to strengthen students right and left brain.



# **Learning Outcomes**

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# Try This!

First, draw a picture of a house using your **non-dominant hand.** Second, draw a picture of a house using your **dominant hand.** 



Which house was easier to draw?

Where you able to draw a house using both your non-dominant and dominant hand?



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# Left Brain 🔽 Right Brain

Logical Analytical Linear Verbal Factual Sequential



Creative Intuitive Artistic Non-verbal Emotional Imaginative

### This is the same with our brain.

We use both the left and right side of our brains, however, one side is more dominant than the other.



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# Agenda

Introduction

Part 1: Identify Four Instructional Models

- ADDIE Model: Instructional Systems Design Framework
- Blooms Taxonomy Framework
- Kirkpatrick's Model: Four Levels of Learning Evaluation
- 4MAT Learning Model

Part 2: Using Both Sides of the Brain

- Right and left-brain quiz
- Right and left-brain activities for adults

**Part 3:** Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers Review Assessment Evaluation



# Part 1: Four Instructional Models

- 1. ADDIE Model: Instructional Systems Design Framework
- 2. Blooms Taxonomy Framework
- 3. Kirkpatrick's Model: Four Levels of Learning Evaluation
- 4. 4MAT Learning Model



# **1. ADDIE Model: Instructional Systems Design Framework**

The ADDIE Model was first created for the U.S. Military during the 1970s by Florida State University. ADDIE is an acronym for a five-phase course development process. The ADDIE Model generally consists of five interrelated phases—Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation.





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# **2. Blooms Taxonomy Framework**

Bloom's taxonomy helps instructors create valid and reliable assessments by aligning course learning objectives to any given level of student understanding or proficiency. Crooks (1998) suggests that much of college assessment involves recalling memorized facts, which only addresses the first level of learning.





# **3. Kirkpatrick's Model: Four Levels of Learning Evaluation**

The Kirkpatrick Model is a globally recognized method of evaluating the results of training and learning programs. It assesses both formal and informal training methods and rates them against four levels of criteria: reaction, learning, behavior, and results.



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# 4. 4MAT Learning Model

The 4MAT System is a structured approach to teaching that ensures all learners can be engaged and benefit from the learning experience. It caters to different learning styles and consists of four distinct phases: experiencing, conceptualizing, applying, and refining.

It entails the use of right and left-mode strategies within four distinct phases of the learning cycle:

- 1. Experiencing
- 2. Conceptualizing
- 3. Applying
- 4. Refining





# 4. 4MAT Learning Model

The 4MAT model was originally developed by Bernice McCarthy in 1980. It is based on research from many fields, but mainly is a synthesis of findings from the fields of learning styles, and right and left-brain dominance.



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# **The Left and Right Mode**

**The Left Mode** is analytical and knows those things we can describe with precision. It examines cause and effect, breaks things down into parts and categorizes them, seeks and uses language and symbols, abstracts experience for comprehension, generates theory, and creates models. It is sequential and works in time.

**The Right Mode** knows more than it can tell, filling in gaps and imagining. It is intuitive. It senses feelings; forms images and mental combinations; and seeks and uses patterns, relationships, and connections.

Excellence and higher-order thinking demand that we honor both sides of the brain, teaching interactively with hands-on, real-life, messy problem solving. Learners speak in words, signs, symbols, movement, and through music. The more voices students master, the more, new learning they will do.

Unfortunately, some teachers only lecture using logical, sequential problem solving and are unaware of teaching using the 4MAT Model.



# Left and Right Mode

Learning involves interaction between the right and left hemispheres of the brain.

**Left** – Operates best through structure, sequence.

Prefers language, is sequential, examines the elements, has number sense.

Works to analyze or break down information.

**Right** – Operates out of being, comprehends images, seeks patterns, creates metaphors, is simultaneous.

Strives to synthesize, consolidate information.

The interplay between right and left is crucial to higher learning and thinking. Creative expression and problem solving.



# **Using Both Sides of the Brain**

The teacher's roles will change as they move through the 4MAT Learning Cycle. They are more active in the first two areas of learning as the goal is to engage students in must apply learning in real life situations or contexts.

### Using Both Sides of the Brain

In addressing the various learning styles, the 4MAT System also incorporates elements of brain research—in particular, the different ways that the right and left hemispheres of the cerebral cortex process information (Benson 1985, McCarthy 1981 and 1987, Sylwester 1995, Wittrock 1985). Called the Left and Right Modes.



# Why learn about the 4MAT Model?

- As an instructional design tool, 4MAT gives teachers and trainers a systematic way to train all learners to think and learn well.
- As a professional development tool, it provides a framework for assessing the quality of any learning experience.
- As an organizational model, it offers a method for creating an environment for continuous learning and development.

# How does it relate to teaching preschool students?



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# **Learning Styles & Multiple Intelligences**





# Learning Styles & Multiple Intelligences

4MAT is a cycle of learning that moves from learner engagement to knowledge acquisition to skills and fluency development, then to creative adaptation of material learned.

By moving through this cycle, teachers naturally address all the needs of diverse learners.

To learn successfully, a student also needs expertise in other **learning styles**; together these styles form a *natural cycle of learning*.

For example, it begins with a *Connect* activity to engage students in learning and to help them see the value of learning.

Students must draw on their own experiences to create the personal connection that is essential to student motivation and engagement.



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# Part 2: Using Both Sides of the Brain

# Which side of YOUR brain is more dominant?



The quiz is available in your account with your lesson.



# **Understanding the Right Brain vs. Left Brain Theory**

Understanding the Right brain vs. Left brain theory and knowing how you use your brain hemispheres helps you understand yourself better. It improves your ability to study, learn and process information. It also informs you about the reasons why you prefer certain activities or have certain interests. It is important to incorporate both right and left-brain activities to students during daily teaching practices.

As educators, we must assess the students' ability to picture the concept, to experiment with the idea, to combine skills in order to solve complex problems, to edit and refine their work, and to adapt and integrate learning.



# **How Students Connect Information**

We need to know how students are connecting information to their own experiences, how they are blending expert knowledge with their own, and how creative they are. We also need some way of measuring how students reflect on material, conceptualize, and represent what they have learned through various kinds of performances. Students initiate learning by looking for unique aspects of the information to learn and they sustain learning through trial and error. Some students prefer to learn by self-discovery, talking, convincing others, looking for creative solutions to problems, and engaging in free flights of ideas. While other students like to work independently.



# **Right and Left-Brain Activities for Adults**

Look at the chart and say the <u>color</u> not the word.

# YELLOW BLUE ORANGE BLACK RED GREEN PURPLE YELLOW RED ORANGE GREEN BLACK BLUE RED PURPLE GREEN BLUE ORANGE

Left – Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the color, but the left brain insists on reading the word.



# **Right and Left-Brain Activities for Adults**

### Which animal do you see first?





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# **Right and Left-Brain Activities for Adults**

# What do you see?







# **Right and Left-Brain Activities for Adults**

# Would you Rather?

(Right brain or left brain?)

- 1. Would you rather draw a picture or work on math problems?
- 2. Would you rather dance on stage or or give a speech?
- 3. Would you rather work on a puzzle or exercise?
- 4. Would you rather sew a costume or write an essay?
- 5. Would you rather work alone or in a group?

Think about what you would rather do and identify if you are more right or left -brain dominant.



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# How to Train the Left and Right Brain

### Left Brain

- Math
- Science
- Language
- Reading
- Speech
- Writing
- Puzzles



### **Right Brain**

- Art
- Drama
- Dance
- Design
- Story telling
- Sport
- Music
- Sewing

If a person's personality shows a preference for one side's thinking over another they may demonstrate:

- Frustration
- High emotions if they cannot complete things
- Rejection of ideas
- Dislike of activities



# Part 3: Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers

We can support children's frustration and a sense of failure by:

- Giving a chance to find solutions
- Giving time to be innovative
- Give visual pointers
- Encourage group thinking
- Use metaphors to explain concepts
- Encourage movement and role play
- Keep boundaries and expectations consistent

If children are frustrated, it does not mean that you should give up on introducing new tasks, but rather that there needs to be adaptations made to allow them to engage and encourage their brain to use other types of thinking.



# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Educators can have fun and make students brains stronger – this also means that we they will feel happier and will be able to find more solutions to problems and solve questions quicker!

- Break sequential tasks down into smaller tasks so there is a sense of achievement to encourage building concentration
- Create activities where children take their own innovative idea and then plan the processes and sequences to develop it
- Break sequences into visual prompts and then extend with logical stages



# **Right and left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Encourage students to use both right and left finger at the same time to follow the maze.





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# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Have students follow the maze with their dominant hand/finger, then use non-dominant hand/finger to follow the maze.





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# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**





# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Encourage students to work on puzzles to strengthen the right side of their brain.





# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Engage students in math and science activities to strengthen the right side of their brain.





# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Engage students in art activities to strengthen the left side of their brain.





# **Right and Left-brain Activities for Preschoolers**

Have students step forward with their dominant foot, then use non-dominant foot to strengthen both sides of the brain.





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# Review

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