

Join us for our 19th Annual Summer Program



**Bridges to Change
2011**



*Located at the
Mediated Learning Academy*

Summer Programs for Elementary and Secondary School Students



located at the
Mediated Learning Academy
550 Thompson Avenue
Coquitlam, BC V3J 3Z8



Student Programs

Dates: July 11 – August 05, 2011
Times: 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday
Cost: \$ 580
Grades: K - 12

Parent Program

Dates: July 25 – July 29, 2011
Times: 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Monday- Friday
Cost: \$90

PROGRAM DETAILS

Each morning children will take part in one of the cognitive programs (Bright Start or Instrumental Enrichment). The programs are based on 30 years of research worldwide and are briefly described below. The strategies and foundation skills taught during the cognitive programs are related (bridged) to various aspects of the school curriculum (math, literacy, sciences, art, etc.).

For example, the child may learn how to categorize, classify, or to order the information in the cognitive program and then learn to apply this type of thinking to math, literacy, art or science etc.

The teachers are fully qualified teachers, trained in the cognitive programs and in Mediated Learning. This means that children will be taught in a mediational way.

What is Mediated Learning?

Mediated Learning itself is a way of interacting with children that changes the child, both as a learner and socially/behaviourally.

Typical of Mediated Learning is asking rather than telling: “What do you think comes next?” “How can you find out?” “How will you know this is the correct response?” “Is there another way to do this?” etc. The theory of Mediated Learning is based on the famous Russian Psychologist, L. Vygotsky, and has been fully developed by the renowned Israeli Psychologist Reuven Feuerstein.

The Variety Learning Centre is an authorized Mediated Learning Centre and has more than 15 years of experience with Mediated Learning.



Bright Start

The Bright Start program was designed for young children to enhance foundation skills that will help the children develop into learners. Young learners will be taught fundamental thinking and learning principles.

Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment - Basic

The goal of FIE Basic is to develop children's ability to become independent learners. A part of the program focuses specifically on social skills, including empathy. Thinking skills and approaches to tasks are systematically developed in the context of meaningful activities.

Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment - Classic

Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment (FIE) is a cognitive program for older students, designed to enhance cognitive development. This includes development of systematic approaches to problem solving, being precise and accurate, organizing information, restraining impulsivity and overcoming avoidance behaviours.

As in all the cognitive programs, there is an emphasis on relating newly learned skills to the students' social and academic worlds.

Background Information

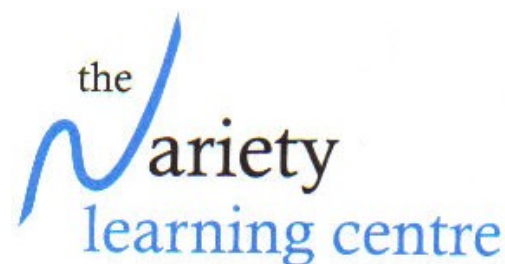
The Variety Learning Centre was established in 1991 to help individuals become successful learners through the use of Mediated Learning. A mediated learning approach involves more than teaching individuals what they should know. It helps them reflect upon what they already know and understand, connecting new learning with real world experiences. Individuals will learn to know themselves as learners and to improve their approach to learning in a way that can lead to more success. They will learn to accept challenges. They will learn how to learn.

Discover the Learner Within!

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the enclosed application form and return it to the Variety Learning Centre by **May 16**. Space is limited to approximately 8 students per class.

The \$580 fee should not be a deterrent to participation. While the programs are already subsidized (actual cost is approximately \$900 per student), additional subsidies can be applied for. For more information, please call the Centre at 604-931-5145.



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