## **"TEACHER SKILLS AND TOOLS (TST)"** CIL NASIMCO TEACHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

"The program was extremely relevant to today's generation. Sometimes we get into a routine and revert back to the way we were taught. This was a wake up call."

"The level of engagement for each activity was so well thought out that I will remember it as long as I am a teacher."

"The TST program has for sure opened my mind as to how to deal with generation Z."



TST London participants experiencing the Multiple Intelligences activities

Comments received from Miami participants of the TST program.

NASIMCO Centre of Islamic Learning (CIL) in association of Madrasah Centre of Excellence (MCE) held the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher Skills and Tools Program. (TST) These were held in:

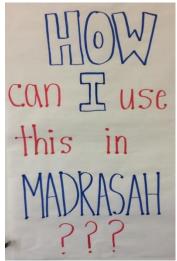
- 1. London, Ontario on Oct 9-10, 2015
- 2. Miami, Florida on November 14-15, 2015



Involved in a democratic learning process

The TST program focuses on using skills and tools to practise a Student centered approach to learning where every student's

learning needs are respected and cherished in the classroom. It provided strategies that teachers could use to achieve higher retention in the learning outcomes for students.



Participants are provided opportunity to create an action plan to highlight the strengths of the Madrasah and ways to develop further.

As the participants experienced various activities, they were asked, "How can I use this in Madrasah???" This generated additional ideas and brainstorming amongst the group to apply the learning into the classroom.

The program emphasizes on the practical application of Islam to a Child's life in a way that is positive and age appropriate.



Brainstorming ideas for planning a lesson

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Testimonial shared by the London, Ontario participants: "Awesome program – very beneficial, especially for those like myslef with no background in teaching. It is a great program, and certainly benefited me more than I ever imagined." "I am your placed with the lovel of information provided as it

"I am very pleased with the level of information provided as it gave me many techniques that I can use in today's class." "Learned so much about myself and how to teach. Very helpful for all aspects in life"

"Excellent deomonstration which really related to the topic well."



Learning through a card activity



**TST Miami participants** 

A special thank you goes to the program organizing team of London, Ontario and Miami, Florida.

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CIL NASIMCO is slated to run additional Teacher Development Programs in:

- 1. Vancouver, BC on December 28-29, 2015
- 2. Los Angeles, California on February 6-7, 2016

Madrasah's are encouraged to take advantage of these programs that are available through CIL NASIMCO and can be booked by contacting <u>cil@nasimco.org</u>.