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Re: Pre-School Care Association Basic Educare Teachers Training Course

The above-mentioned course, which I completed in 1998, was presented by Mrs Lynne Hobbs. She covered all the necessary information one would need to confidently run a classroom. It was a short but extremely informative course. I was already in the Pre-School environment but what I learnt from the class benefitted me to no end. It gave me the confidence to work with parents, children and fellow teachers.

The knowledge and experience allowed me to apply as an overseas au pair. "Au Pair in America" were ecstatic with my C.V. and I was placed with a family in Chicago, USA within one month of applying. Once in Chicago, I managed to help out with other families who had younger children as well as volunteer at a local Nursery School.

When I completed my year's au pairing, I moved to London and worked as an assistant at an International School. I was awarded many wonderful opportunities and all the teachers I worked with were happy with all my knowledge that I could offer them. My 2 year visa was then finished and I relocated to Johannesburg.

The Principals/Owners of Pre-Schools I worked for were happy to hire me knowing that I had experience and were excited to hear more about the Pre-School Care Association Basic Educare Course. I moved on from being just a teacher to Deputy Principal at a school in Johannesburg and as Principal at a school in East London when my husband's company transferred us.

Today I am the owner of my very own Pre-School. I have already had to expand my classroom space due to the positive responses from parents.

I am positive that where I am today is with the help of the course that I did so many years back.

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