

# Integrative Thinking in the Classroom – Helping Students (and Ourselves) Make Better Decisions More of the Time

# Teacher Institute

*“The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise.” - F. Scott Fitzgerald*

## July 5 – 9, 2010

Integrative Thinking is the capacity to think and act productively in the face of multiple and often conflicting perspectives of oneself, the world and others. Pioneered by Roger Martin, Dean of the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, Integrative Thinking helps us push problem solving beyond “either-or” and towards the generation of new, and better, ideas.

### INTEGRATIVE THINKING IN THE CLASSROOM

This institute was designed to help educators give students tools to observe and evaluate their thinking processes when faced with opposition or difficult choices, seek out new perspectives and broaden their problem-solving strategies.

Designed for Grades 4 – 12 teachers, this five day institute provides:

- In-depth exploration of Integrative Thinking frameworks and tools, and the means to apply them in the classroom
- A development opportunity to better understand clashing models and leverage your own interactions with others to create more innovative solutions to personal and professional challenges
- Time to collaborate with other educators to design new curriculum modules for your students

Participants will have an opportunity to be both learners and content developers over the course of the week and will leave the institute with practical ideas for in-class application of the Integrative Thinking material.

**Date:**

**Mon. July 5 – Fri. July 9, 2010**

**Time:**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily**

**Cost:**

**\$980, plus GST (including lunch daily)**

**Location:**

**Branksome Hall  
10 Elm Avenue, Toronto**

**To Register:\***

**Please register online at:  
[www.branksome.on.ca/events](http://www.branksome.on.ca/events)**

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\* Registration will be capped at 30 participants

This institute will be led by expert facilitators from the Desautels Centre for Integrative Thinking at the Rotman School of Management.

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