

Course Code: FMSB

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Course Objectives:

The prospective teacher-educators will be able to:

1. know the historical development of early childhood education
2. review the various committees and commissions suggestions on early childhood education
3. know the different aspects of child development
4. understand the principles involved in the planning of pre-school programmes
5. know the various management process of the pre-school programmes
6. analyse the methods of teaching to pre-school children
7. find out the behavioural problems of the pre-school children
8. get awareness about the common diseases and ailments of the pre-school children
9. interact and know about the involvement of parents and community regarding the nutrition and health of the pre-school children
10. explore the objectives, types and techniques in evaluating the early childhood education programmes.

UNIT - I: OVERVIEW OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education: Concept, meaning, nature, objectives, need and importance – Early Childhood Education Movement in India and Abroad – Prominent promoters of Early Childhood Care and Education: Plato, Rousseau, Montessori, Froebel, Piaget, Tagore, Gandhi, Aurobindo, Giju Bhai Patel and TarabaiModak.

UNIT – II: DEVELOPMENT DURING EARLY CHILDHOOD PERIOD

Pattern and Factors influencing the Physical development, Motor development, Emotional development, Social development, Cognitive development and Language development of the Pre-school children – Concept development: Importance and learning of various concepts such as size, shape, colour, weight, time and number.


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UNIT – III: COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Sargent Report (1944), Secondary Education Commission (1952-53), Childcare Committee (1963-64), Indian Education Commission (1964-66), Report of the Study Group (1972), National Policy on Education (1986), Millennium Development Goals (2000), National Focus Group on ECCE (2006) and Education for All Global Monitoring Report (2007) – International Treaties on Agreement relating to ECCE: Declaration of Human Rights (1948), Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959), Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), Salamanca Statement (1994) and Dakar Framework for Action of Education for All (2000).

UNIT – IV: PLANNING PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Principles involved in planning Pre-school programmes – Short-term and Long-term planning – Importance of Rhymes, Songs, Stories, Science exhibitions, Field trips, Puppet shows and Dramatization – Habit formation: Eating, Sleeping, Dressing and Toilet training.

UNIT – V: MANAGEMENT OF PRE-SCHOOL

Selection of sites – Building requirements – Selection and Care of equipment - Staff Pattern and Qualifications – Importance of Records and Reports – Budget – Income and Expenditure – Characteristics and Responsibilities of Pre-school teachers – Need of Parent-teachers Cooperation – Crèches: Aims, objectives, importance, and types – Organisations working for Pre-school Education: NIPCCD (National Institute for Co-operative Child Development), NCERT, ICDS, UNICEF and CARE (Co-operative Assistance and Relief Everywhere).

UNIT VI: METHODS OF TEACHING TO PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Methods: Kindergarten, Montessori and Nursery – Play: Characteristics, theories (early classical and current theories), Stages and types – Role of play in the overall development of children.

UNIT - VII: BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Behavioural Problems: Symptoms, causes and prevention of Aggression, Jealousy, Thumb sucking, Nail biting, Hair pulling, Tantrums, Stealing and Bed wetting.

UNIT - VIII: COMMON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND AILMENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Communicable diseases: Symptoms, causes and prevention of Pneumonia, Malaria, Typhoid, Diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Chicken pox, Tuberculosis, Conjunctivities and scabies –

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Ailments: Symptoms, causes, and care during of Diarrhea, Ear ache, Cold and Cough, Fever, Vomiting and Teeth problems.

UNIT - IX: NUTRITION AND HEALTH OF THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Nutrition and Health: Meaning and importance – Balanced Diet – Malnutrition, under nutrition and over nutrition – Role of Family, Parents, School and Community in promoting Children's Health and Nutrition, Government and NGO's involved in the delivery of nutritional and health services to children.

UNIT - X: EVALUATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Evaluation: Meaning, objectives, need and significance – Functions, components and characteristics of Evaluation – Types of evaluation: Summative and Formative, Formal and Informal and Competency based Evaluation – CCE: Principles and Techniques - Anecdotal Record, Cumulative Record and Report Card.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a resource file on collection of pictures, available materials and articles related to Early Childhood Education.
2. Visit to ICDS center and observing the ICDS Programme.
3. Prepare a list of equipments essential for a crèche.
4. Prepare a layout of indoor/outdoor arrangement for a Pre-School.
5. Conduct case study of a children with any behavioural Problems.

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