Course Code: SMSC CURRICULUM, PEDAGOGY AND ASSESSMENT AT SECONDARY LEVEL

Course Objectives:

The prospective teacher-educators will be able to:

- 1. differentiate the curriculum and syllabus
- 2. understand the theoretical perspectives of curriculum
- 3. understand the models of curriculum theory
- 4. understand the models of curriculum design
- 5. understand the implication of educational theories for today's classroom teachers
- 6. understand the influence of views of educational pioneers on today's school
- 7. analyse the various pedagogical approaches
- 8. understand the different types of assessment techniques
- 9. recognize the different methods of curriculum evaluation
- 10. understand the future directions for curriculum development.

Unit I: Nature of Curriculum

Curriculum: Concept, meaning and definitions - Difference between curriculum and syllabus. Curriculum approaches: Behavioral, Managerial, System, Academic, Re-conceptualist and Humanistic – Structure of secondary school curriculum in Tamil Nadu.

Unit II: Curriculum Theory

Theoretical Perspectives of Curriculum: Realms of knowledge, Indian and Western Theories of Knowledge, Categories of knowledge – Curriculum Theories: Formal Theory, Event Theory, Volitional Theory and Praxiological Theory.

Unit III: Models of Curriculum Theory

Models of Curriculum Theory: Johnson's Model, McDonald's Model and Wilson's Open Access Curriculum Model.

Unit IV: Models of Curriculum Design

Curriculum Design Models: Tyler's Model, Taba's Model, Wheeler's Model, Freire's Model and Bruner's Model.

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Unit V: Philosophical Perspectives and Curriculum Orientation

Philosophical Perspectives: Progressivism, Perennialism, Essentialism, Reconstructionism, Reconceptualism and its educational implications – Curriculum Orientation: Academic Rationalism, Social relevance, Personal Relevance, Cognitive Process and Technological Orientations.

Unit VI: Educational Thinkers and Curriculum Transactions

Views of Educational thinkers on Curriculum, methods of instruction, principles of teaching and learning - Role of teachers with special reference to Rousseau, Froebel, Dewey, Montessori, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore and J. Krishnamurthy.

Unit VII: Curriculum and Pedagogy

Universal design for learning (UDL) - Project-based learning - Assessment as learning - Formative Assessment - Mastery learning - Personal learning environments and the classroom of the future.

Unit VIII: Assessment Techniques

Measurement, Assessment and Evaluation: Concept, meaning and definitions – Assessment for learning and Assessment of learning – Techniques of Assessment: Observation, interview, questionnaire and rating scales - Semester System - CCE – Marks, Grading system, types of Grading and their relative advantages and Computer in Evaluation.

Unit IX: Curriculum Evaluation

Curriculum Evaluation: Meaning, nature and scope – Models of Curriculum Evaluation: Metfessel - Michael Evaluation Model, Provus's Discrepancy Evaluation Model, Stufflebeam's Macro Evaluation Model and Stake's Responsive Evaluation Model.

Unit X: Current Trends in the Curriculum

Current Developments in the subject fields - Current Developments Across the Curriculum - Individualizing the curriculum - Curriculum of the future: Digital delivery, interest-driven - Internet connectivity.

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Suggested Activities:

- 1. Talk by teacher educators on various approaches of curriculum.
- 2. A debate on various models of curriculum design.
- 3. Seminar on educational implications of educational philosophies.
- 4. Invited talk on the views of educational pioneers and their influence on today's classroom.
- 5. Discussion on emerging trends in curriculum evaluation.

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