

Early Child Care and Education Settings

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Early Child Care and Education Settings	2	0	0	2	Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand the significance of early childhood years and the importance of ECCE
- To understand developmental milestones and delays in development
- To plan, organize and create care facilities and developmentally appropriate material for infants and young children.
- To be acquainted with the ECCE centre, its daily routine, requirements, functioning and evaluation of the programme.
- To trace the progression of children in early childhood setting

Learning outcomes

After studying this course, the student will be able to:

- Explain the significance of early childhood development and ECCE
- Become familiar with developmental milestones and learn to assess children in early years.
- Understand, plan and organize care activities for young children
- Prepare activities and aids for fostering development in the early years
- Learn about evaluation of an ECCE programme

SYLLABUS

Unit 1: Importance of early years and significance of ECCE

20 hours

The unit will help to develop an understanding on the concept and importance of ECCE

- Meaning and objectives of ECCE and importance of early years

- Norms and developmental milestones of infants and young children
- Observations, developmental checklists and developmental delays
- Nurturing care framework and early childcare practices
- Review of existing ECCE programmes and policies in India

Unit 2: Developmentally appropriate activities for young children 20 hours

The unit will focus on ways to promote development during early years through play and exploratory activities.

- Care and stimulation activities for infants and young children
- Plan and prepare multi-sensory materials and activities to promote development across domains: Physical motor, socio-emotional, cognitive and language development
- Use of music, dance, drama, storytelling, puppetry, rhymes/poems and art and craft
- Importance of- Indoor and outdoor activities; individual and group activities; free play and guided play; circle time
- Activities for school readiness

Unit 3: Components of ECCE Programme 20 hours

The unit will focus on the understanding of infrastructure, materials and equipment, curriculum development and assessing the development of children.

- Daily routines in child care and preschool centres
- Creating safe spaces for children: Organizing indoor and outdoor material and equipment
- Understanding the ECCE curriculum: Developing daily, weekly and monthly plans
- Assessing children's development across domains
- Indicators of a quality ECCE centre

Essential/Recommended Readings

- ECCE National Curriculum Framework-
https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/national_ecce_curr_framework_final_03022014%20%282%29.pdf
- Managing Children's Programmes: Some Perspectives. Indira Gandhi National Open University DECE Study Material. <http://www.ignouhelp.in/ignou-dece-study-material/>
- Morrison, G. S. (2018). Early Childhood Education Today. Pearson
- National Education Policy 2020-
education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_Final_English_0.pdf
- Organizing a Child Care Centre. Indira Gandhi National Open University DECE Study Material
- Soni, R. (2015). Theme Based Early Childhood Care and Education Programme: A Resource Book. National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- Swaminathan, M. (1998). The First Five Years. Sage Publications

Suggestive Readings

- Aggarwal, J. C. (2007). Early Childhood Care and Education: Principles and Practices.

Shipra: New Delhi.

- Arni, K. and Wolf G. (1999). Child Art with Everyday Materials. TARA Publishing.
- Mohanty, J. Mohanty, B. (1996). Early childhood care and Education. Deep and Deep Publication, New Delhi.
- Morrison, G. S. (2003). Fundamentals of early childhood education. Merrill/Prentice Hall:
- Play Activities for Preschoolers – 1 and 2. Indira Gandhi National Open University DECE Study Material
- Virginia Singh, A. (1995). Playing to Learn: A training manual for Early Childhood Education. M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

Note: Learners are advised to use the latest edition of readings

Examination scheme and mode:

Evaluation scheme and mode will be as per the guidelines notified by the University of Delhi.