

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION (ECCED)

6-Month Hybrid Teacher-Training Programme

Programme Overview

The Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCED) is a six-month hybrid teacher-training programme designed for aspiring preschool teachers, caregivers and early childhood educators.

The programme combines self-paced online learning, structured practical training, internship, assessment and faculty mentoring to develop the knowledge and practical skills required to work confidently with young children.

Aligned with the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the programme emphasises child-centred learning, play-based pedagogy, holistic development and classroom readiness.

Programme Highlights

- 6-Month Hybrid Learning Programme
- 120 Hours of Online Theory
- 46 Hours of Practical Training
- 2 Hours of Practical Assessment
- 40 Hours of Supervised Internship
- Self-Paced Learning through the SIAE LMS
- LIVE Faculty Guidance & Mentoring
- Hands-on Practical Sessions
- Teaching Practice & Classroom Observation
- Portfolio Development
- Professional Certificate upon Successful Completion

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, learners will be able to:

- Understand the principles of Early Childhood Care & Education
- Understand key stages of child growth and development
- Apply child-centred and play-based teaching practices
- Plan age-appropriate learning experiences
- Prepare and use Teaching Learning Materials (TLM)
- Conduct storytelling, music, movement and classroom activities
- Support early language and numeracy development
- Observe and assess children's learning and development
- Manage preschool classrooms confidently
- Communicate effectively with parents and caregivers

Eligibility

- 10+2 (Higher Secondary) or equivalent
- An interest in teaching and working with young children

Duration & Learning Hours

Component	Hours
Online Theory	120
Practical Training	46
Practical Assessment	2
Internship	40
Total Learning Hours	208

Theory Curriculum

Major areas of study include:

- Introduction to Early Childhood Care & Education
- Child Development
- Montessori Education
- Froebel Philosophy
- Piaget's Theory
- Reggio Emilia Approach
- Waldorf Education
- Educational Psychology
- Curriculum Planning
- Play-Based Learning
- Teaching Learning Materials (TLM)
- Health, Safety & Hygiene

Practical Training

Learners receive practical exposure in:

- Montessori Practical Life Activities
- Sensorial Activities
- Storytelling
- Circle Time
- Language Development
- Early Mathematics
- Art & Craft
- Music & Movement

- TLM Preparation
- Lesson Planning
- Classroom Management

Internship or Practice Learning

Learners complete a 40-hour supervised internship at an authorised practical training centre or approved preschool.

The internship provides exposure to:

- Classroom Observation
- Assisted Teaching
- Independent Activity Delivery
- Child Observation
- Teaching Portfolio Development

Assessment & Certification

Learners are assessed through:

- Online Module Assessments
- Assignments
- Practical Demonstrations
- Internship Evaluation
- Portfolio Assessment
- Final Practical Assessment

Upon successful completion of all prescribed academic, practical, internship and assessment requirements, learners receive the:

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Career Opportunities

Successful learners may explore opportunities as:

- Preschool Teacher
- Nursery Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- ECCE Facilitator
- Day Care Educator
- Learning Centre Facilitator
- Activity Teacher

Employment is subject to the eligibility criteria and recruitment requirements of the respective institution.

Programme Fees

Payment / Fee Component	Amount
Registration Fee	₹2,500
Programme Fee - Full Payment	₹19,400
Total - Full Payment	₹21,900

Full Payment: ₹21,900 payable at the time of admission.

Instalment Payment Option

Initial Payment: ₹7,400

(Registration Fee ₹2,500 + First Programme Fee Instalment ₹4,900)

Balance: ₹15,000, payable in 3 equal instalments of ₹5,000 each.

Total payable under Instalment Option: ₹22,400

The instalment option carries an additional charge of ₹500 over the Full Payment amount.