

Name of the Course : Skills in Engaging Young Children

Semester : II

Credit hours : 4

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Objectives of the Paper: At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- i. Understand the concept of play and its importance for children's overall development and learning,
- ii. Describe the basic principles, concepts, significance and scope of using play and learning material for young children from birth to eight years
- iii. Make and develop age-appropriate, child friendly and innovative play and learning materials for young children

Unit 1: Play, development and play material

- a. Definition of play, characteristics of play and types of play
- b. Role of play in development and learning, importance of resources and learning material in play
- c. Perspectives towards play and the use of learning material with young children, role of adults, the 'constructivist' or active learning approach

Unit 2: Play and children

- a. Play and learning material for birth- three year old children to promote overall development including sensory stimulation, language development, cognitive development, physical development, socio-emotional development and creativity and imagination
- b. Play and learning material for 3-6 year old children to promote overall development including sensory stimulation, language development, cognitive development, physical development, socio-emotional development and creativity and imagination
- c. Play and learning material for 6-8 year old children to promote overall development including sensory stimulation, language development, cognitive development, physical development, socio-emotional development and creativity and imagination

Unit 3: Developing learning material for young children

- a. Safety and children's play and learning material, Low cost materials, culturally diverse learning material
- b. Making and use of Flip books/flannel cards, posters/charts, picture books/story books, puppets, puzzles/activity books/assignments

- c. Exposure to play and learning material made by different organisations like: Eklavya, Jodogyan, technology and learning material

Assessment Structure:

- 75 marks- End semester examination
- 25 marks- Internal assessment on unit III b (Any three learning-play materials made by student)