Course Outline

Philosophy - Part One

This course is designed to build in the student a growing understanding and the development of a child from birth through to the pre-school years. The application of this knowledge in this field will enable her to work more effectively with young children.

Goals - Part Two

1. To provide the student with the theoretical knowledge of the principles of growth development of the preschool child.

2. To develop suitable methods of reviewing current research studies in the area.

3. To develop skills in assessing individual development and thus provide a basis for stimulating optimum development of the child through preschool settings.

Terminal/Behavioural Objectives - Part Three

1. To have developed knowledge in theories of child growth and development.

2. To have developed an understanding of the processes of growth and development of the child.

3. To have developed an awareness of research studies and an ability to review these for information and new ideas.

4. To have developed an understanding of the contribution of research to knowledge in the field of child development.

5. To have developed an understanding of the individual child and be able to apply it to the overall pattern of growth and development.

6. To have acquired skills in assessing individual development in the child.

7. To have developed knowledge in methods of stimulating optimum growth and development in the child.
Syllabus - Part Four

Week 1
Introduction, text, course outline, etc.
Chapter One - Scientific Studies of Child Development

Week 2
Chapter Three - Foundations of Developmental Patterns
Film - Infancy

Week 3
Chapter Four - Effects of Birth on Development
Test - Monday

Week 4
Chapter Two - Principles of Development
Film - All in the Game

Week 5
Chapter Five - Physical Development
Test - Monday

Week 6
Chapter Six - Motor Development

Week 7
Chapter Eight - Emotional Development
Test - Monday
Film - Children's Emotions

Week 8
Chapter Nine - Social Development
Mid-Term Test - Monday

Week 9
Chapter Seven - Speech Development
Test - Monday
Film - Ideas of Their Own

Week 10
Chapter Eleven - Play Development
Film - Playing Together

Week 11
Chapter Twelve - Development of Creativity
Test - Monday
Film - A Child Creates

Week 12
Chapter Thirteen - Development of Understanding
Film - Making Sense

Week 13
Chapter Fourteen - Moral Development
Test - Monday
Film - Here Comes the Judge

Week 14
Chapter Sixteen - Sex Role Development
Film - Your First Six Years

Week 15
Term Review and Discussion
Test - Monday
Methodology - Part Five