



DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 2023 - 24

For Early Childhood Education Practitioners and Preschool Teachers

Introduction

Early childhood education plays a critical role in the holistic development of young children and in building a strong foundation for their school education. The National Education Policy, 2020 has proposed several measures to achieve universal provisioning of quality early childhood development, care, and education.

There is an acute shortage of well-trained preschool teachers and functionaries of early childhood education who can fulfil the promise of delivering high quality services to the very large population of children in the 3 - 8 years age group in the country.

The Diploma in Early Childhood Education offered by Azim Premji University aims to fulfil the need for good quality professional development programmes in ECE in India.

Who should join?

The Diploma in Early Childhood Education is designed for teachers working with children in the age group of 3-8 years and Early Childhood Education professionals looking to make a meaningful contribution in their specialized domain. A proven interest in working with young children and/or relevant work experience of 2 years or more, is essential.



Key features of the programme

- One year part-time programme offered in a blended mode, combining online and on-campus components.
- Deepen understanding about the domain of early childhood education and the important concepts and theories relevant to ECE practice.
- Build capability to design and implement suitable learning experiences for children in early years and interactions with families and the community.
- Develop capacity to identify young children with different learning needs and adopt and implement inclusive practices in ECE settings.
- Enable the participants to become self-motivated and reflective practitioners.
- Build skills and knowledge to set up and manage small scale ECE programmes.

What does the programme offer?

The programme offers a comprehensive, holistic and engaging curriculum covering all important aspects of the ECE domain that will help ECE practitioners build perspective, sensitivity, and acquire knowledge, skills and capabilities to work with children in the age group of 3-8 years. The programme is taught by highly experienced academics and practitioners of ECE.

Structure

The 24 credits, 12 months Diploma programme is offered in a blended mode, with online and on-campus interaction.

The Diploma programme comprises four certificate programmes (12 weeks duration, 6 credits each) covering key aspects of Early Childhood Education.

Participants have the flexibility of joining the diploma programme or taking one or more certificate programmes.

- Successful completion of the four certificate programmes leads to award of the Diploma. The Diploma can be completed within a maximum time period of 2 years.
- The on-campus components will be held at Azim Premji University Bengaluru.



	Title of certificate	Duration and Credits	Mode
1.	Early Childhood Education: Development and Learning in the Early Years **January 2023 to April 2023	12 weeks/6 credits	Online: 11 weeks On-campus: 1 week
2.	Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education **April 2023 to July 2023	12 weeks/6 credits	Online: 11 weeks On-campus: 1 week
3.	Early Identification, Intervention and Inclusion **July 2023 to October 2023	12 weeks/6 credits	Online: 11 weeks On-campus: 1 week
4.	Programme Management and Professional Development in Early Childhood Education **October 2023 to January 2024	12 weeks/6 credits	Online: 11 weeks On-campus: 1 week

**Above dates are indicative and may change. Dates will be re-confirmed one month in advance of each Certificate.

Calendar

For programme calendar, refer to our website :

<https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/programmes/diploma-in-early-childhood-education>

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Certificate 1: Early Childhood Education: Development and Learning in the Early Years (6 credits)

- Understanding ECE: Themes and Issues
- Principles and Perspectives of ECE

Certificate 2: Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education (6 credits)

- Perspectives in Curriculum and Pedagogy in ECE
- Curriculum for Fostering Physical/Motor, Cognitive Development and Early Math
- Curriculum for Fostering Social Development, Language and Early Literacy

Certificate 3: Early Identification, Intervention, and Inclusion (6 credits)

- Early Identification
- Early Intervention
- Inclusion in Early Years

Certificate 4: Programme Management and Professional Development in Early Childhood Education (6 credits)

- Programme Planning and Management
- Professional Development of Early Childhood Educators



Pedagogy

The programmes will be offered in blended mode:

- Online- This will be conducted through lectures, group work, workshops, presentations, readings, participation in discussion forums on Learning Management Systems, audio/video material and regular assessment.
- Face to face interaction- Each certificate programme will have one week on campus engagement, providing opportunities for sharing of learning through intensive group work and interaction with experts and practitioners from the field.

Eligibility

The programme is open for teachers from public and private school systems working with children in the age group of 3-8 years and for ECE professionals with minimum 2 years of relevant work experience. The eligibility criteria are:

- Undergraduate in any discipline (Preferred)
- Working knowledge of English (reading, writing, and speaking)

Admission process

- Step-1 : Online application form with statement of purpose
Step -2 : Panel Interview (conducted online)

About the University

Azim Premji University, Bengaluru was established in 2010 as a not-for-profit University committed to the social purpose of contributing to a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society. All our educational programmes consciously nurture and reflect this vision of the University. Azim Premji University, Bhopal is expected to commence operations in January 2023.



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