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# DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

For Early Childhood Education Professionals



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 Policy of Education, 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 ECE functionaries and preschool teachers who can fulfil the promise of delivering high quality ECCE services to the large population of children in the 3-8 years age group in the country.

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

## Key Features of the Programme

The 24 credits, 12 months Diploma programme is offered in blended mode, with components of synchronous, asynchronous and face to face 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 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.
- Each Certificate Programme (of 12 weeks duration) can also be taken individually, leading to award of a Certificate at the successful completion of the programme.

Courses are designed to provide strong theoretical foundations and opportunities for field practice to establish strong theory-practice linkages.

## 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.

## 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.

**The key objectives of the programme are:**

- To 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 capabilities 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 capabilities to set up and manage small scale ECE programmes.

## Structure

The Diploma comprises four certificate programmes of 12 weeks duration each. Each programme is offered in blended mode comprising online and face to face interaction.

	Title of Certificate Programme	Credits/Duration	Mode
1	Early Childhood Education: Development and Learning in the Early Years	6 credits/ 12 weeks	11 weeks: Online 1 week: Face to face
2	Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education	6 credits/ 12 weeks	11 weeks: Online 1 week: Face to face
3	Early Identification, Intervention and Inclusion	6 credits/ 12 weeks	11 weeks: Online 1 week: Face to face
4	Programme Management and Professional Development in Early Childhood Education	6 credits/ 12 weeks	11 weeks: Online 1 week: Face to face

## Pedagogy

The programmes will be offered in blended mode:

- Online- this will comprise synchronous and asynchronous interaction conducted through direct lectures, group work, workshops, presentations, readings, participation in discussion forums on LMS, watching audio/video material posted by the instructors and regular assignments.
- Face to face interaction- Each certificate programme will have one week face to face component, to be held at the Azim Premji University campus, Bangalore.

## 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 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:** Personal Interview (conducted online)

## Calendar

	Certificate Programme	Start Date of Certificate Programme*	Date for Face to Face Interaction
1	Early Childhood Education: Development and Learning in the Early Years	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021 to 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
2	Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education	27 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 to 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022	14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
3	Early Identification, Intervention and Inclusion	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022	9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022 to 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
4	Programme Management and Professional Development in Early Childhood Education	11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022 to 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022 to 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022

Minor changes in the calendar may be necessitated due to the current Pandemic situation.



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