

Diploma in Early Childhood Education – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. What is the Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme about?

The programme offers a comprehensive, holistic and engaging curriculum covering all important aspects of the Early Childhood Education (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. *For more details, please refer to the programme brochure.*

2. Who is this programme designed for?

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.

3. What is the programme 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 . *For more details, please refer to the programme brochure.*

4. Is there any field work/internship component in the programme?

There is no internship opportunity but each certificate programme will have a strong, relevant field/practicum component wherein, participants own work experiences as well as curated experiences will be provided to make the vital theory-practice connect.

5. What qualification will I receive on successful completion of the programme?

Participants have the flexibility of joining the Diploma programme or standalone certificate programmes.

On successful completion of all four certificate programmes, the participant will be awarded a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Azim Premji University.

Successful completion of each certificate programme will lead to award of the Certificate.

6. What are the eligibility requirements?

- Undergraduate degree in any discipline (preferred)
- Teachers with work experience of 2+ years from public and private school systems working with children in the age group of 3-8 years
- ECE professionals with 2+ of work experience.

7. I am presently not working (or in-between jobs) but I am interested and meet the other eligibility requirements. Can I still apply?

If you have worked with young children or teachers before or plan to be part of the sector in the future, you can apply.

8. What if I leave my present organisation/school mid-way through the programme?

That should not be a problem.

9. Do I have to produce any NOC/recommendation letter from the school/organisation if I am selected and join the programme?

As long as you can meet the requirements of the programme in terms of time and availability during the face to face interaction, NOC is not needed.

10. Will this be an intensive programme? Can I balance my current work with the programme?

The programme is designed to suit working professionals. It is nevertheless intensive and will require you to spend a couple of hour per week, attending classes as well as in reading or doing your assignments.

11. How will be the schedule when I come for the one week face to face class?

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You will have a 6 hour work day during the face to face interaction. This can include classes, workshops, practicum work and visits to ECE centres.

12. How will be the schedule for the online sessions? Will there be a daily timetable to be followed?

There will be about four hours of interaction per week. This will include direct interaction with the instructors (synchronous sessions) and asynchronous assigned work-like watching audio video material, doing readings and assignments. You can do these in your own free time. A time table will be developed and announced well in advance.

13. What is the batch size?

We cannot say at this point. We would like to provide individual attention and support to all the participants.

14. Is there placement assistance after the programme?

There is no placement assistance envisaged after the programme.

15. Will I get a stipend?

No, this programme does not provide a stipend.

16. What are the fees for the programme?

The fee for the Diploma programme is INR 30000 (INR 15000 to be paid before the start of the programme and INR 15000 to be paid before the commencement of the third certificate programme)

The fee for each certificate programme is INR 8500 to be paid before the commencement of the programme

17. Is the fees inclusive of 1 week accommodation?

The fees does not include accommodation fees.

18. Is it essential that I stay in the University provided accommodation?

No, not at all.