

**Post Graduate Diploma in
Pre Primary Education
(PGDPPED)**

**School of Education
Indira Gandhi National Open University
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068**

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Indira Gandhi National Open University, one of the largest open universities in the world, was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including the use of information and communication technology, to provide opportunities for higher education to a large segment of the population. The University offers academic, professional, vocational, awareness generating and skill-oriented programmes at the level of Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Doctoral Degree through its 21 Schools of Studies and a countrywide network of Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres. These Programmes are offered through multiple instructional packages with the convergence of different methodologies and technologies. The University is making all efforts to take higher education to the doorsteps of the hitherto unreached. Based on its contribution in Distance Education, it was conferred with Award of Excellence by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada, in 1993.

The recent initiatives of the university to provide technology-enabled education within the framework of blended learning includes SWAYAM based Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), 24x7 SWAYAMPBABA channels, e-Gyankosh and IGNOU e-Content App for digital study material.

School of Education

The School of Education is one of the first Schools to be established in IGNOU in the year 1987. The functions of the SOE, within the broad framework of the objectives of IGNOU, are to carry out academic activities addressing education as a field of knowledge and as an area of practice. Four disciplines/ areas namely, Education, Distance Education, Educational Technologies and Adult Education have been assigned to the School. The School has been undertaking three types of activities –development of academic programmes, research, documentation, and extension activities.

About the PGDPPED programme

The Post-graduate Diploma in Pre Primary Education programme offered by IGNOU aims at developing understanding and competencies required by teachers for effective functioning in pre-primary schools. It enables teachers to select and organize meaningful learning experiences according to the requirement of pre-primary learners. In addition, it provides knowledge, and develops an understanding of various aspects of pre-school education such as child development, management of pre-primary schools, etc.

Therefore, several documents, including the New Education Policy (2020) of India, literature developed by international agencies like the UNESCO and many more such documents visualize the need for teacher education for the foundation level.

Objectives of the Programme

The programme will help learners to:

- To systematize experiences and strengthen the professional competencies of pre-school teachers;
- To enable teachers to organize meaningful learning experiences for pre-school children;
- To develop skills required in selecting and organising learning experiences
- To understand the developmental needs of pre-school children
- To gain knowledge and develop an understanding of various aspects of pre-school management

Programme Structure

There are 4 theory courses (MES081-MES084).

<i>Course Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Credits</i>
MES-081	Introduction to Pre-School Education	4
MES-082	Human Development during Early Childhood	4
MES-083	Principles of Childhood Education	4
MES-084	Practices in Modern Pre-School Education	4
MESP-085	Project (Practical component)	16
	Total :	32

Medium of Instruction:

English

Eligibility

Graduation in any discipline from a recognised university.

Programme Duration

The duration of the programme is of minimum 1 year and maximum 3 years.

Programme Fees

The programme fee is Rs. 9,600/- for the entire programme. The fee has to be paid at the time of admission, and may be changed by IGNOU.

Instructional System

IGNOU follows multimedia approach for imparting instructions. The various media used for delivering instructions for this programme are the following:

- Print medium
- Audio and video programmes
- Radio Broadcast through Gyan Vani
- Interactive Radio Counseling (IRC)
- Telecast through Gyan Darshan
- Teleconferencing
- Face to face interactions at the counselling sessions

Evaluation

Evaluation would be carried out on a continuous basis through:

- Assignments- this component carries 30% weight for each of the four theoretical courses.
- Term End Examination: this component carries 70% weight for each of the four theoretical courses.
- Evaluation of project report and viva based on it will be conducted at the Regional Centre. Guide and synopsis are not required for carrying out the project. The project manual has to be followed.

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