

## **MEd**

# **MEH401** - Psychology of Learning and Development

### **Objectives / Course Outcomes**

The students will

- Understand the essentials of General Psychology and their implication to Education.
- Acquire knowledge about the concept; aspects; theories of Human Growth and Development and their significance in the wholesome development of the personality.
- Comprehend all the issues related to learning such as concepts of intelligence; multiple intelligence; attitudes; values and interests.
- Understand the process of cognitive information and measures of its improvement.
- Develop awareness towards Differently Abled Children and the current strategies of educating them.
- Acquaint with the concept and different theories of personality and the contributions of different psychologists towards the personality, adjustment and mental health.
- Gain insight into the concept, significant theories of learning, motivation and learn the measures to motivate the pupils to learn.

#### **Unit 1: Educational Psychology and Human Development**

- 1.1 Educational Psychology: Nature and Scope of Psychology and Educational Psychology, Educational Implications of Educational Psychology.
- 1.2 Human Development Principles ; Stages of Development ; Developmental tasks ; Problems related to all the stages of life (Prenatal to old age) Educational Measures, Factors Influencing Development Neurological ; Biological ; Genetics ; Environmental Implications to Education.
- 1.3 Theories of Development Piaget's and Bruner's Cognitive Development, Emotional Development, Erikson's Theory of Psycho-Social Development,— Noam Chomsky's Language Development Theory; Piaget and Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development— stages and their implications to education.

#### **Unit 2: Psychology of Learning**

2.1 Learning – concept, Nature, levels of learning (cognitive; affective; psychomotor); Theories on learning - Pavlov's classical conditioning; Skinner's Operant Conditioning; Ausubo's Meaningful Reception learning; Bruner's Discovery Learning; Bandura's Social Learning Theory; Vygotsky's Theory of Constructivism.

- 2.2 Motivation concept, kinds and techniques of motivation; Theories of Motivation Maslow's Need Hierarchy Theory, Skinner's Reinforcement theory; Meclleland's Achievement Motivation and Educational Measures to motivate pupils to learn.
- 2.3 Learning Related Issues Concepts of Intelligence; Multiple Intelligence; Emotional Intelligence; Intellectual Cognitive Abilities Thinking; Reasoning; Problem Solving Abilities and Measures of Developing these abilities. Cognitive Information Processing; Components of memory Sensory Memory (S.M.); Short Term Memory (S.T.M.); Long Term Memory (L.T.M.), Methods of Memorisation Episodic; Semantic; Associative Memory Measures for improving memory.

#### **Unit 3: Personality and Self-Development**

- 3.1 Personality Concept of Personality, Structure and Dynamics of personality; Concept of Mature Personality; Sthithaprajna; Integrated Personality; Techniques of Personality Assessment –Projective and Non-projective Techniques.
- 3.2 Theories of Personality Psycho Analytic Theory of Personality Freud: Personality Structure; Three Interacting Systems, Levels of consciousness and Psycho sexual stages of personality development and Application to Education; Socio Psycho Analysis Theory of Personality Karen Horney: Basic Concepts and Principles and Application to Education; Trait and Factor theory of Personality Cattell: Basic Concepts Principles and Application to Education; Dimension Personality Eysenck and Guilford: Hierarchical Structure of Personality and Application to Education; Humanistic Approach Maslow and Carl Rogers: Basic concept of personality and their contribution to personality development and Application to Education.
- 3.3 Self Concept Self Esteem Concepts and Strategies for developing them; Concept of Gender discrimination and education for gender integration. Creativity Nature, Identification, Fostering and Guiding creative children.

#### Unit 4: Mental Health, Adjustment and Specially Challenged

- 4.1 Concepts of Mental Health and Hygiene; Causes for Mental ill health; Principles of Mental Hygiene; Educational Measures for maintaining mental health of the teachers and students.
- 4.2 Adjustment Concept of Adjustment; Areas; Models of Adjustment; Measurement of Adjustment; Problems of Adjustment Stress; Conflicts; Frustration Concepts and Educational Implications; Adjustment Mechanisms Advantages and Limitations.
- 4.3 Specially Challenged Children Concept of children with special needs; Intellectually challenged children Gifted; Creative; Mentally challenged; Learning disabilities; Their Identification and Measures for educating them; Physical Challenges Auditory; Speech; Visual and Measures for Educating these children; Inclusive Education Concept; Need; Present Practices and Strategies for its Effective Implementation.

#### **Practicum:**

- Administration of psychological tests on areas related to the syllabus and presentation of the process and findings during the seminars organised.
- Review of Research in the areas of the Syllabus and present it with suitable implications to education and their dissertation work.
- Research Review on any one category of differently abled child (permissible categories only).
- A brief case study of an Integrated School.
- Research Review/published articles on Gender related issues. (minimum 3)

## Any other related activities:

- Research review on implications of Yoga on Mental and Physical Health.
- Administration of any one adjustment inventories; Attitude; Values; Aptitude, Interest.

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