



TEACHER EDUCATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

A teacher plays an important role to mould the behaviour of the students. To maintain the quality of School Education is only possible by the support of good teacher. Teacher education is the only the way to maintain the good quality of teacher's training. Teacher learning or training is a continuous never-ending process which promotes teacher's teaching skills, master novel knowledge; develop better or newer proficiency, which in return assists in improving student's learning. Teaching is that profession which promote the qualitative preparation of teachers the at all stages of education, including at the Early Childhood Stage which requires special attention and creation of a learning environment for children which is joyful, play based and developmentally appropriate. This full length paper define the concept of teacher and teacher education and also highlighted the importance of of early child care and education . this paper also describe the challenges faced by teacher of early education.

KEY WORDS: Teacher, Teacher Education, Early Childhood, Early Childhood Education, Learning Environment

INTRODUCTION

A **teacher** (also called a school **teacher** or, in some contexts, an educator, in olden days, known by Guru) is a person whose position in the society is next to God. He helps their students to acquire valuable knowledge, competence or virtue. Informally the role of **teacher** may be taken on by anyone (e.g. when showing a colleague how to perform a specific task).

A good teacher is like a candle it consumes itself to light the way for others. Our Nation India is the marching towards a bright and prosperous tomorrow. The social organ to play the most important role in this aspect is Education.

Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world. Teacher is that soldier who handle the weapon of education to mould the the behaviour of the students.

Emile Durkin first wrote about education as the institution through which values are transmitted and internationalized by societal members, and, in this sense, is the morale in nature and intended. Education itself is the basic human right and as a tool to make a sensitive about issues and problems. Education is the process to teach people to learn right actions and made them understand that freedom is not unrestricted. Education translates the meaning of authority and freedom. It teaches how to avoid punishment to live externally free and inwardly peace full with clear conscience, enriched mind without fear and worry.

India has one of the largest systems of education ranging from early childhood Education to higher education.

The maintenance of quality of education at school level without the support of a good teacher is a misnomer and that is the reason that in the long history of its traditions in India, teachers have always been much reversed.

In the process of making education more meaningful, or a question of improving its quality or even making it more accessible to children, one thing that always prominently matters is the teacher, as the teacher is the heart of the school system.

The Indian Education Commission 1964-66 has rightly remarked in the opening sentence of the report that the destiny of India is now being shaped in her class-room. The truth that "no people can raise above the level of its teachers".

TEACHER EDUCATION

Teacher education means professional preparation of teachers. It is not merely training of teachers, but it is acquisition of that type of knowledge skills and ability which helps a teacher to discharge his professional duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently. It means reshaping the attitude, habits and personality of a teacher. The training of teachers assumes great significance in the educational system. Teacher education system is an important vehicle to improve the quality of school education. Teacher learning is a continuous process that promote teachers' teaching skills, master new knowledge, develop new proficiency, which in turn, help improve students' learning.

The training for the teachers must be such that it makes the lives of students easier and learning effective which we do not see often. Teaching is an important process, but teacher is the



fundamental element in this process and it is always the method which determines the output of the system.

Teacher learning or training is a continuous never-ending process which promotes teacher's teaching skills, master novel knowledge; develop better or newer proficiency, which in return assists in improving student's learning.

The principal elements that make teaching and learning possible and attainable are the teachers, the learners, and a conducive learning environment. The teacher serves as the prime mover of the educational wheel. The learners are the key participants in the learning process

Teacher education is based on the theory that Teachers are made, not born in contrary to the assumption, Teachers are born, not made. Since teaching is considered an art and a science, the teacher has to acquire not only knowledge, but also skills that are called tricks of the trade.

“Teaching is a profession that carries with it a high degree of responsibility and the qualifications and skills of those who take on this responsibility constitute a major factor that affects, be it positively or negatively, any education system”. (Villegas-Reimers, 2003). This has major implications in the preparation of teachers at all levels of education, including early childhood, where they must create a child-friendly, happy and fun environment. Preparation of teachers for this stage would therefore require teacher educators who possess a sound knowledge of Educational Philosophy of ECCE besides an understanding of its specialized content and methodology.

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is more than preparation for primary school. Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is more than preparation for primary school. It aims to develop children's diverse social, emotional, and physical needs by providing a strong and broad foundation for learning and health.

An Early-Childhood teacher is responsible to create and inspects the children's environment time to time and to ensure the safety of equipment and materials. She also promote a safe and comfortable environment through clear, praising and encouraging words and actions which help the children feel comfortable, adjustable and confident within their surroundings.

Teachers at all levels are important to people. Early childhood educators work with children at the beginning of their education to help them understand and achieve some of the most basic and foundational academic, social, cognitive, and emotional skills.

The main aim of teacher education is to develop a skill to stimulate experience in the taught, under an artificially created environment, less with material resources and more by the creation of an emotional atmosphere. The teacher should develop a capacity to do, observe, infer and to generalize.

Preschool environment allows children to learn important skill that allow them to listen to others and express their own creative ideas, make friends, share, cooperate, and become responsible for their actions.

Early education ensures free, integral and holistic development of the child's personality, according to his rhythm and needs. The education provided has to ensure the differentiated stimulation of children, aiming the intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of each child and targeting to achieve it.

Early -School education targets the overall development of the child, which will assure him a good beginning in life. The areas of child's development targeted in the specific curriculum for early school age, as physical development, health, personal care, socio -emotional development, cognitive development, language development and communication, developing skills and attitudes in learning are essential to achieve a customized education, first by identifying the child potential and the difficulties/disabilities of each child by the teacher.

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early childhood refers to the period from birth to the age of eight. However, education of early childhood generally refers to the period from infancy to kindergarten, which is the most important period in a child's life. It is when the child learn his first lesson that how to interact with others, how to established emotional connections and starts learning to develop interests, which often stay with them throughout their lives.

There is a some common misconception that early childhood education is only for learning fundamental skills. It is the time when children learn critical, social and emotional skills and a relationship is formed between the child, their parents and the teacher. When this is done successfully, the foundation is laid for the child to continue throughout his or her education.

In Early Childhood Education different activities were performed with children in the units and provide education services, according to specific curriculum are:

- playing with toy, symbolic play, sensory game, playing with sand and water, construction game, didactic game.
- artistic and skill activities: drawing, painting, modelling, practical and household activities.
- music and movement activities: auditions, musical games, text games and singing, songs, eurhythmy.
- awareness activities: observations, readings by pictures, mathematical activities, talks, didactic games, experiments.

As per UNESCO's defined “Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)” more than just preparation for primary school. It aims at the overall development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and well-being.



CHALLENGES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHERS

As a preschool teacher, you face several challenges on an everyday basis

- One of the biggest challenges teachers face is finding out the right balance between working one to one with children and managing a large group.
- Teachers could be really focused on learning what a child's specific interests and needs are. Also figuring out how to apply and implement classroom standards can also be an issue for new teachers.
- One of the major issues of ECCE is the unavailability of trained teachers.
- Every kid in the class has different needs, and catering to each while instilling productivity and creativity can be quite challenging. Teacher, have the responsibility to keep a balance between the diverse personalities in class.
- Teachers of early childhood education have lack of recognition and value in society.
- Every kid in a class have unique in their behaviour and interests, so it is very difficult to the teacher to treat every child and pay equal attention to every thing at the time of teaching.
- Most preschools are not equipped with the right tools to enable digital education for toddlers.

In order to get the best outcomes in early childhood education, teachers should try to put students' natural curiosities into lesson plans. Teachers can take the topics or subject areas that fascinate individual students and expand on it through in-class or at-home activities. Targeting these areas can help students develop critical thinking skills, allowing them to give more complex answers.

CONCLUSION

Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world. Teacher is that soldier who handle the weapon of education to mould the behavior of the students.

Teachers of all grades are valuable to society. Early childhood teachers work with children at the start of their educational journey and help them to understand and attain some of the most basic and foundational academic, social, cognitive and emotional concepts.

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Preschool teacher, face several challenges on an everyday basis. The teachers of early child education face many challenges during teaching like they lack of recognition, unable to treat every according to their needs and requirements, lack digital equipment, etc. In order to get the best outcomes in early childhood education, teachers should try to put students' natural curiosities into lesson plans. Teachers can take the topics or subject areas that fascinate individual students and expand on it through in-class or at-home activities.

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