Module: Pedagogy

Number of credits: 11 Credits

Subjects:

1. Introduction to Pedagogy

- 2. Pedagogy of Early Childhood
- 3. The Kindergarten Environment
- 4. The Profession of Education
- 5. Methodology in Pedagogical Research
- 6. Family-and Inclusive Pedagogy

Name of subject: Introduction to Pedagogy Credits: 1

Subject Classification: Compulsory

Division of course content in theory and practice: 100 % theory

Types and number of lessons: 10 lectures/semester

Language: English

Other methods used during the course:

Method of assessment: exam

Other means of learning evaluation:

Place of subject in the curriculum: The first semester

Prerequisites: none

Course description:

The lectures introduce to the conceptual and institutional system of pedagogy and teacher training. The target system of the teacher and pedagogy and its changes in the 21st century, its past and present role in society are treated as a prominent issue. The division of labor and points of contact for raising children are discussed in the triad of family-community-institution, with special emphasis on the elementary education of institutional education at elementary level. The course covers the tasks and possibilities of talent management and catch-up, integration, including supporting professions and institutions in the field of child protection and professional services. The task of the course is to introduce the students to the teachings of the Catholic Church on education, to the specific aspects of the pedagogic concept of Christianity, and to the pedagogical practices and systems of church institutions.

Required and recommended literature:

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1) Gloviczki Zoltán (2018): Bevezetés a pedagógiába. Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest ISBN: 978 963 454 249 0 https://mersz.hu/dokumentum/m361bap 1

2) Gyarmathy Éva (2021): Az infokommunikációs társadalom generációi. OFOE, Budapest ISBN 978-615-00-9784-8

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- 3) Uzsalyné Pécsi Rita (2011): A nevelés az élet szolgálata 2. A kisiskolás kor. Kulcs a Muzsikához Kiadó, Pécs ISBN: 9789638936608
- 4) II. Vatikáni Zsinat: Gravissimum Educationis https://regi.katolikus.hu/konyvtar.php?h=10
- 5) A Katolikus Nevelés Kongregációja. A katolikus iskola a harmadik évezred küszöbén. 1997 https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccatheduc/documents/rc_con_ccatheduc_doc_2 7041998 school2000 hu.html
- 6) A Katolikus Nevelés Kongregációja: Educating Today and Tomorrow. A Renewing Passion. 2014

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Required competencies and competency elements that this subject contributes to and helps to develop

a) Knowledge

- Know the basic documents of preschool education and show awareness of the general aims and responsibilities of preschool education as well as the content of the different activity forms, and the connections between all these.
- Can apply the different planning schemes used in preschool education; know the theory and methodology of planning, and the connections specialities of the different levels of planning.
- Have basic knowledge about the psychological and biological factors and characteristics determining the process of maturation and development of children aged 3-7 as well as the nature of children's learning; show awareness of the importance of early childhood as a developmental phase giving foundation to an individual's life path, its significance in the development of personality, its role in life-long learning, and the methods supporting this development.
- Can use different strategies and methodology to help the personal development of children aged 3-7 considering their age specific characteristics and individual pace of development.
- Can show awareness of the theory and practice of special posture correction and how to use it to enhance the biomechanically proper posture.
- Can understand the connections between the different areas of education determining the
 development of children aged 3-7 such as spontaneous and planned effects of the environment,
 direct and indirect educational methods, and the learning processes present in preschool activity
 forms.
- Can interpret the socio-culturally embedded nature of children's development and its effect on the pedagogical process. Show awareness of the components and determinants of a disadvantaged situation.
- Are well-informed about matters of integration and inclusion.
- Can show awareness of basic knowledge about family and child protection and is well-informed about how to give first aid.
- Can show awareness of the professional, ethical and legal rules and regulations of the preschool teacher profession, its socially approved norms and the characteristics and effects of communication belonging to this job description.

b) Capabilities

• Adapt their pedagogical, psychological, sociological and methodological expertise as well as a holistic approach to preschool education with consideration to the characteristics of the child and the child's age group.

- Understanding the characteristics of the age group, students should be able to identify and select the appropriate educational goals, tasks and content. Students should furthermore be able to manage, analyse, and evaluate the differentiated pedagogical process.
- Can observe, analyse and record the characteristics of the personality and skills of children aged 3-7, and the socio-cultural determinants of the family environment surrounding them; can monitor preschool children's development.
- Can build adaptively on the different personalities, previous experience, knowledge, competencies, and age specific characteristics of children aged 3-7.
- Can support the harmonious personality development of children aged 3-7, and the shaping of their physical, social, and mental skills age-specifically.
- Can establish the methods and daily routine of preschool education so that they support the complete health development of children aged 3-7.
- Can conduct posture correction exercises and games correctly to develop and maintain the biomechanically proper posture.
- Build and develop a bias-free respectful and trustworthy relationship with children institutions (such as families, nurseries, childcare services, and other public educational institutions). Communicate and cooperate professionally and clearly in professional situations and assist and offer help relating to the problems of children.
- Know and understand the professional, ethical, and legal documents regulating preschool education, and can apply the relevant passages in their everyday work.

c) Attitude

- Show commitment to developing strategies, methods and activities promoting the organization and expansion of the experience and knowledge of children aged 3-7, and to creating an environment promoting the success of English language communication in educational activities while inspiring, confirming the development of the child's personality.
- Show commitment to the complete health development of children aged 3-7.
- Their personality should be free from prejudice, and characterised by tolerance, social sensitivity, and helping attitude. They have an inclusive and multicultural approach, seek to preserve the cultural identity and support children's integration into their community.
- Accept the idea of child-, play- and activity-centred, inclusive preschool education and the view that pedagogical strategies used in preschool education should be tailored to the child's personality.
- Show openness to symbolic forms of self-expression, and willingness to take part in artistic activities.
- Show commitment to the multifaceted analysis and evaluation of the process of preschool education and can review and revise future plans and activities in the light of the results.
- Show openness to learning about and applying the latest results of educational theory at home and worldwide, methodological innovations, as well as the latest information and communications technologies.

d) Autonomy and Responsibility

- Take responsibility for children aged 3-7, for the whole group of children, for their activities within the institution, for the decision made during the planning of the educational process and for all the consequences.
- Take responsibility for the complete health development of children aged 3-7.
- Take responsibility for the personality development of children aged 3-7 in a harmonious and complex way, and for all the staff and equipment arrangements necessary to enhance healthy mental and physical development.
- Take responsibility for their decisions and the consequences of their pedagogical activity during the educational process.

- As a reflective preschool teacher and autonomous personality, they are conscious leaders of their own professional development.
- Can responsibly establish and maintain professional co-operations.
- Besides their professional preschool responsibilities, they also assume responsibility for the
 mission of their own institution, and the protection of the internationally acclaimed values of
 Hungarian preschool education.

Responsible for course: Gloviczki Zoltán college professor, PhD

Other teacher involved in course: Szombathelyiné Nyitrai Ágnes college professor, PhD