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Course: PES 204- CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHING METHOD I (2 CREDITS COMPULSORY)

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#### **COURSE DETAIL**

#### **Course Content**

# Childhood Education Teaching Methods I

Study of learning styles in early childhood education and principles of teaching nursery/primary school children. Theories of teaching and the organization of learning in Nursery/Primary education. Analysis of methods of teaching specific primary school subjects.

# **Course Description:**

The course focuses on the study of the learning styles in the early childhood education. The course will deal with the principles of teaching Nursery/ primary school children. Attention will also be focused on thetheories of teaching and the organization of learning in Nursery/primary education. The various methods of teaching specific subjects would be analysed. All topics are theoretical oriented.

#### Justification

Childhood education teaching methods one of the curricular offerings in the faculties of education by all students of primary education studies all over the world. This is to give necessary pedagogical skills to students of primary education studies in the art of effective teaching of their subjects in the primary schools. The students that are exposed to this pedagogy of primary school classroom teaching prepares the students to be well-known from those that have no such pedagogical skills when it comes to teaching at the primary school classroom setting.

#### **Course Objectives**

At the end of the course, it is expected that the students should be able to:

- -Define basic concepts such as, education, the child, teaching, learning, curriculum, syllabus, scheme of work, lesson note.
- explain the nature and aim of education
- identify and discuss the nature of learning.
- enumerate and elucidate motivation and why do children learn
- identify and explain the various learning styles in early childhood education.
- Highlight the principles of teaching children in the nursery/primary schools.
- Explain how to organise teaching and learning at the nursery/primary school level.

- class teaching
- -Discuss the methods of teaching different primary school subjects.
- Explain the merits and demerits of the methods.

#### **Course Requirements**

Active participation of the students is essential in the classroom. Class attendance is mandatory and it will be taken at each lecture. Each student is expected to submit one assignment and do one classroom test for the continuous assessment. Students will be subjected to the end of course examination where they will answer three questions only.

# **Methods of Grading**

1.	Class Assignment	10
2.	Class Test	15
3.	End of Semester Examination	70
	TOTAL	100

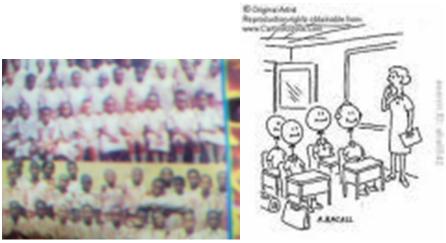
# **Course Delivery Strategies**

Lecture, questioning and discussion techniques would be employed. Students would be referred to some books where students will read topics ahead of the time of lessons. Students can be randomly called to explain what they have read about a topic.



# Week One: Definition of Basic Termsin Childhood Education (2 hrs) Objectives:

At the end of the end of the two hour lectures, the students should be able to define and explain some basic concepts such as childhood, education. Primary school curriculum, syllabus, scheme of work, lesson note, learning



#### **Topic Description**

Definition of basic terms used in education especially in the teaching learning process. Terms like teaching, learning, primary school curriculum, teaching and examination syllabuses, scheme of work, lesson note.

# **Review Questions**

- 1. Briefly explain the following: Teaching, learning, education, Lesson note.
- 2. Distinguish between a teaching and an examination syllabus.
- 3. Differentiate between a lesson plan and a lesson note.
- 4. Describe a typical scheme of work used in a primary school

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# Week Two: The Nature and Aim of Childhood Education(2 hrs.)

#### **Objective**

At the end of the lesson, the students should be able to; explain childhood education; identify the stakeholders of childhood education and who carries it on; discuss the essence and objectives of childhoodeducation

#### **Topic Description**

Discussion of childhood education, which is a process of bringing up children to have certain ideas and attitude to be people of a particular kind. For example, education is a shared procedure. Discussion will also focus on the nature of childhood education. Education is helping children to grow up. The questions of who supplies the school, who pays the teachers, who decides what shall be taught need to be answered. Explanation will also be done on the essence of education, that is, what do we hope to achieve by education. Students should be aware of the reasons for child education, namely, physical development, mental development, emotional development, spiritual development, and character development.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. What are the aims of childhood education.
- 2. Explain the term education.
- 3. Who are the stakeholders of childhood education?

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Week Three: Nature of Learning (2 hrs.).

#### **Objective:**

At the end of the lesson, students should be able to; Explain the individual differences in the children; Discuss the basic processes of learning Identify the senses children can use to learn. Identify and describe the conditions necessary for learning.

#### **Topic Description**

This will involve taking students through the nature of learning recognizing that children are individuals who should be respected as an individual that is unique. Individual differences existing among the learners should be discussed. There will be discussion on the processes of learning among the children. The activities will also involve discussion of the senses children could use to learn.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Explain what the individual differences among the learners.
- 2. Discuss the processes of childhood education.
- 3. The teacher must respect each child and treat him as an individual whose personal development and fulfillment is an end in itself. Discuss.

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Week Four: Principles of Learning (2 hrs.).

# **Objective:**

At the end of the lesson, students should be able to; Explain the activities children should engage to promote learning; Discuss the various types of learning the child will undergo Identify the senses children can use to learn. Identify and describe what children have learnt before school.

# **Topic Description**

This will involve taking students through the principles of learning. Children begin learning with activities and experience; that development results from doing, as well as from growing. Students will be taken through the types of learning will go through. These involve, learning to use the senses, learning to think, learning to communicate, learning to talk, and developing general ideas or concepts. There will be discussion on the conditions for learning such as the teacher being friendly, and playing with the children, provision of varied experiences and opportunities to the new words, practice them and correct his use of them. In addition, in this lesson, the students should be taken through the effects of the condition, such as, allowing children to think and setting their own goals, using other languages, organizing and expressing their thought. The activities will also involve discussion of what children have learnt before coming to school.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Explain what the principles of learning are.
- 2. Discuss the activities and experiences needed to be provided the children to promote leaning.

3. What are the conditions necessary for children to learn?

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Week Five: Motivation: Why do Children Learn? (2 hrs).

# **Objective:**

At the end of the lesson, the students should be able to; Discuss the basic needs of the child; Cite examples of basic needs.

# **Topic Description**

This entails going through the basic needs of the child namely, physical needs, (needs for food, fresh air, suitable temperature) and psychological needs (the needs for affection, independents, understand, use one's abilities and powers, adventure, approval by adult that the child looks up to, approval and acceptance by other children and self-respect).

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Explain the basic needs of a child.
- 2. Cite examples of the various types of needs.
- 3. What are the effects of not meeting the needs of a child?

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Week Six: Principles of teaching(2 hrs.).

# **Objective:**

At the end of the lesson, students should be able to; Explain the principles involved in teaching the children; Discuss the qualities of an effective teachers.

# **Topic Description**

This will involve taking students through the principles of teaching, namely, knowledge and understanding of each child in the class, respect for each child in the class, provision of learning and experience, concentration on the meaning and value of what the teacher is teaching, helping and encouraging the children to explore, think and learn in their own way, helping and encouraging children to share their experience, thinking and learning. In addition the students should be equipped with facts of teaching namely children working in their natural way, children working in group, children feeling at home in the school, solving problems in small group, evaluation of children should be based on both individual and group work.

# **Study Questions**

Explain what the principles of teaching are.

Discuss the the qualities of a good teacher.

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Week Seven:Organisation of learning in Nursery and Primary Schools (2 hrs.). Objective

At the end of the lesson, students should be able to list the resources and materials needed in a classroom in a nursery school. The students should be able to discuss the activities that the pupils in the primary school can engage in. The students should be able to mention the subjects available in the nursery and primary schools.

### **Topic Description**

The students would be taught the various corners, namely, nature corner, book corner, portfolio corner e.t.c. and the required materials in the nursery and primary schools. The students would be taken through the importance of the corners. Discussion of the ways the corner and activities would be effectively organised would be done during the lesson. For example, learning should be structured into subjects in a time table, emphasizing discovery learning, allowing play and games, developing language skill, etc. The students would discuss the various subjects that are taught at both nursery and primary schools.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. What are the corners that the teacher can organize in the nursery and primary school?
- List some materials available in the environment useful for nature corner?
- 3. What are the subjects taught at nursery and primary school level?

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# Week Eight: Class teaching: (Methods across the Subjects) Objective

The students will learn the methods of teaching the various subjects in primary school.

#### **Topic Description**

The subjects taught in primary school will be explained to the students. The subjects are mathematics, primary science, social studies, drawing, music, singing, rhyme language,, writing, reading, mime and movement. The class will discuss objectives of the various subjects taught at both nursery and primary schools. What are the various subjects in the nursery and primary schools

- 1. What are the subjects taught in the school?
- 2. Why do we teach the subjects in the school?

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# Week Nine: Methods of Teaching the School Subjects (2 hrs.). Objective

The focus of this topic is to familiarize the students with different teaching methods that can be used under the three teaching approaches taught last week.

# **Topic Description**

The teacher and the students shall discuss the methods of teaching the subjects that are taught in nursery and primary schools. Methods used to teach different subjects would be discussed. The methods include the play- way method, storytelling method, pictorial method, phonic method, direct method, translation method.

The characteristics, merits and demerits of each of the methods would also be discussed.

# **Study Questions**

- 1. Describe the characteristics of the play- way method.
- 2. Why do many people condemn the storytelling of teaching?
- 3. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the play- way method of teaching
- 4. What are your suggestions for the use of storytelling method?

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# **Assignment**

Students are to prepare questions to ask during the next week revision exercise

# Week Ten: Methods of Teaching the School Subjects (2 hrs.).

The focus of this topic is to familiarize the students with different teaching methods that can be used under the three teaching approaches taught last week.

# **Topic Description**

The teacher and the students shall discuss the methods of teaching the subjects that are taught in nursery and primary schools. Methods used to teach different subjects would be discussed. The methods include the play- way method, storytelling method, pictorial method, phonic method, direct method, translation method.

The characteristics, merits and demerits of each of the methods would also be discussed.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Describe the characteristics of the pictorial method, phonic method.
- 2. Why do many people condemn the pictorial method, phonic method?
- 3. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the pictorial method, phonic method of teaching
- 4. What are your suggestions for the use of pictorial method, phonic method?

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# **Assignment**

Students are to prepare questions to ask during the next week revision exercise

# Week Eleven: Methods of Teaching the School Subjects(2 hrs.).

# **Objectives**

The focus of this topic is to familiarize the students with different teaching methods that can be used under the three teaching approaches taught last week.

# **Topic Description**

The teacher and the students shall discuss the methods of teaching the subjects that are taught in nursery and primary schools. Methods used to teach different subjects would be discussed. The methods include the play- way method, storytelling method, pictorial method, phonic method, direct method, translation method, group method, questioning method.

The characteristics, merits and demerits of each of the methods would also be discussed.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Describe the characteristics of the direct method, translation method.
- 2. Why do many people condemn the direct method, translation method?
- 3. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the direct method, translation method of teaching
- 4. What are your suggestions for the use of direct method, translation method?

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Students are to prepare questions to ask during the next week revision exercise

Week Twelve: Methods of Teaching the School Subjects (2 hrs.).

#### **Objectives**

The focus of this topic is to familiarize the students with different teaching methods that can be used under the three teaching approaches taught last week.

#### **Topic Description**

The teacher and the students shall discuss the methods of teaching the subjects that are taught in nursery and primary schools. Methods used to teach different subjects would be discussed. The methods include the play- way method, storytelling method, pictorial method, phonic method, direct method, translation method, group method, questioning method.

The characteristics, merits and demerits of each of the methods would also be discussed.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Describe the characteristics of the group method, questioning method.
- 2. Why do many people condemn the group method, questioning method?
- 3. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the group method, questioning method of teaching
- 4. What are your suggestions for the use of group method, questioning method?

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Students are to prepare questions to ask during the next week revision exercise

# Week Twelve: Planning to teach Primary School. (2 hrs.)

#### **Topic Description**

This entails going through the Nursery and Primary school curriculum, scheme of work, lesson preparation using different methods.

#### **Study Questions**

- 1. Explain what to be considered in preparing the scheme of work from the teaching syllabus.
- 2. How many sections should a lesson note contain?
- 3. List the essential things that should be contained in the preliminary section of a lesson note.
- 4. Enumerate the important aspects of the main body of a lesson note.
- 5. How should a lesson note end?

#### **Assignment**

Write a lesson note on any subject for any NPE class using the any method learnt.

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#### Week Fourteen: Revision in preparation for Semesterl Examination (2 hrs.).

#### Objective

The topic is to review the previous topics by asking and answering questions.

#### **Topic Description**

Revision of the various topics through explanation, asking and answering of questions by either the teacher or the students. Allowing students to point out difficult topics and re-explaining.

#### **Study Questions**

- Briefly explain the following: Teaching, learning, education, Lesson note.
- 2. Distinguish between a teaching and an examination syllabus.
- 3. Differentiate between a lesson plan and a lesson note.
- 4. Describe a typical scheme of work used in a primary school
- 5. What are the aims of childhood education.
- 6. Explain the term education.

- 7. Who are the stakeholders of childhood education? Explain what the individual differences among the learners.
- 8. Discuss the processes of childhood education.
- 9. The teacher must respect each child and treat him as an individual whose personal development and fulfillment is an end in itself. Discuss.
- 10. Explain what the principles of learning are.
- 11. Discuss the activities and experiences needed to be provided the children to promote leaning.
- 12. What are the conditions necessary for children to learn?
- 13. Explain the basic needs of a child.
- 14. Cite examples of the various types of needs.
- 15. What are the effects of not meeting the needs of a child?
- 16. What are the subjects taught in the school?
- 17. Why do we teach the subjects in the school?
- 18. What are the corners that the teacher can organize in the nursery and primary school?
- 19. List some materials available in the environment useful for nature corner?
- 20. What are the subjects taught at nursery and primary school level?
- 21. Describe the characteristics of the play- way method.
- 22. Why do many people condemn the storytelling of teaching?
- 23. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the play- way method of teaching
- 24. What are your suggestions for the use of storytelling method?
- 25. Describe the characteristics of the group method, questioning method.
- 26. Why do many people condemn the group method, questioning method?
- 27. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the group method, questioning method of teaching
- 28. What are your suggestions for the use of group method, questioning method?
- 29. Describe the characteristics of the pictorial method, phonic method.
- 30. Why do many people condemn the pictorial method, phonic method?
- 31. Enumerate the merits and demerits of the pictorial method, phonic method of teaching
- 32. What are your suggestions for the use of pictorial method, phonic method?

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