







WSQ Professional Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education - Teaching

Accredited by Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) and SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG)

TGS-2023019489 (Synchronous & Asynchronous e-learning)

#### **Course Introduction**

The WSQ Professional Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education - Teaching is a holistic educational programme which integrates child development theories into practice, and prepares trainees to work in the early childhood industry or related fields.

Trainees will learn a variety of educational approaches and the emphasis on creative movement and communication skills would be added assets in their work with children and families.

#### **Course Objectives**

- Enable students to transfer education philosophies and child development theories into practices which provide wide-ranging, multimedia and developmentally appropriate experiences for young children
- Enable students to be skillful in their role of observation and application of knowledge of child developement, in order to design a learning environment that meets the needs of each individual child.
- Present students with a variety of approaches and strategies which facilitate a creative and developmental appropriate curriculum for young children
- Enable students to develop interpersonal and communication skills to collaborate with fellow colleagues, parents and other professionals in the community.
- Help students design, implement and evaluate learning environments and classroom activities based on the Pre-school education curriculum framework/goals and desired outcomes set out by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA).

### **Programme Structure (Blended Learning)**

Online\* Class Hours: 900 Hours Practicum^: 300 Hours Total Hours: 1200 Hours

Full-Time Course: 16 Months

Part-Time Course: 30 Months / 16 Months (Fast-track)

\*Synchronous & Asynchronous e-learning

^Conducted in-person at an ECDA-licensed childcare centre

VISION Transforming Work, Enhancing Lives

MISSION Collaborating with communities for work-life enhancement

through constant relevant skills-equipping.

VALUES Collaboration | Resilience | Empathy | Stewardship | Teamwork | Agility | Respect



# Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Care and Education (60 Hrs)

#### Module I

 Demonstrate Understanding of the Centre's Vision, Mission and Values (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

## Child Development and Learning (180 Hrs)

Apply Understanding of How Children (Birth to Age 8) Learn and Develop (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

- Development in Infancy and Toddlerhood
- Development in Early Childhood
- Young Children and Play Development
- Understanding Children with Special Needs

#### Module 3

 Apply Classroom Management Strategies, and Strategies to Observe and Document Children's Learning

#### Module 4

• Foster Trusting, Respectful Relationships with Children through Positive interactions with Them

# **Curriculum Planning and Pedagogy (480 Hrs)** Module 5

 Support Children's Development of Secure Attachments through Warm, Consistent and Nurturing Care-giving (Educarer 1)

#### Module 6

• Integrate Respectfulness, Responsiveness and Reciprocity within the Curriculum (Educarer 1)

#### Module 7

 Evaluate Teaching and Learning Approaches Aligned to Curriculum Frameworks

#### Module 8

Inculcate the Core Values of Early Childhood Education through Classroom Activities and Programmes (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

- Young Children's Language and Literacy Education
- Young Children and Numeracy Development
- Discovery of the World: Science for Young Children
- Music and Creative Movement for Young Children
- Early Childhood Visual Arts
- Motor Skills Development for Children

## Entry Requirements

Applicants should have:

- 10 years of formal education in English and passed state exam with credits in 5 different subjects including a credit at least a C6\* in GCE 'O' level EL1 or English Language Acceptable Alternatives OR
- 10 years of formal education not in English and passed state exam with credits in 5 different subjects and at least a B4 in GCE 'O' level EL1 or English Language Acceptable Alternatives\* OR
- Degree with English as the medium of instruction from state-rec ognized university<sup>+</sup> OR
- Degree not in English as the medium of instruction from staterecognized university<sup>+</sup> and at least a B4 in GCE 'O' level EL1 or English Language Acceptable Alternatives\*

#### Malaysian Qualifications

- Completed SPM with credits in 5 different subjects and including
- 1119 English / CEFR C1 and above OR
- English Language Acceptable Alternatives\*

#### Module 9

 Guide the Development and Enhancement of Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Social Awareness and Confidence in Children

#### Module 10

• Set Up Quality Learning Environments (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

## Safety, Health, Hygiene and Nutrition (60 Hrs)

 Adhere to Health, Safety, Nutritional and Hygience Standards and Procedures (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

## Partnership with Families and the Community (60 Hrs) Module 12

• Establish Home-Centre Parthnerships (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

#### Module 13

- Engage in Collaborative Projects with Community Stakeholders (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)
- Engage in Centre Initiatives and Programmes

# Professional Development and Growth: The Reflective Practitioner (60 Hrs)

#### Module 14

Engage in Continuous Learning and Reflective Practice (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

- Professional Development, Reflective Practice and Continuous Learning
- Effective Communication Skills: Writing, Speech and Presentation

#### Module 15

• Demonstrate Ethical Behaviour and Professionalism (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

### Module 16

 Collaborate with Colleagues to Foster Positive Workplace Relations (Beginning Pre-school Teacher)

# **Supervised Teaching Practice (300 Hrs)**Module 17

• Supervised Teaching Practice

### Assessment

A range of individual and group projects, quizzes, presentations, role-plays and practicum.

Note: Some projects will include practical tasks such as observation of children and implementing activities in Early Childhood classroom settings.

<sup>+</sup>This applies to applicants with state-recognized PhD/Master degree with English as the medium of instruction.

\*Applicants with a C5 or C6 in EL1 are given 2 years from the point of teacher registration to obtain either a B4 or any acceptable alternative.

#### **Course Fees**

### International Course Fees \$18,508.20

All fees stated are inclusive of prevailing GST and are in Singapore dollars.

Course fees are subjected to changes without prior notice.

Note: Student pass holders are not permitted to engage in any form of employment or attend  $an\ industrial\ attachment/internship\ programme,\ whether\ paid\ or\ unpaid,\ without\ a\ valid\ work$ pass issued by Ministry of Manpower.

#### **Award of Certificate**

Upon successful completion of coursework and practicum, and a minimum of 80% attendance, students will be awarded the WSQ Professional Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education - Teaching.





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