

**Postgraduate Diploma**

**Early Childhood Education**

ACADEMIC YEAR

2023/2024



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**Kindly** **review** **this** **document** **at** **the** **start** **of** **each** **semester** **for** **any** **adjustments** **to** **the** **schedule.**



Kindly follow the prescribed course of study and sequence given for your programme as indicated in this document.

Please continue to follow the prescribed course of study given previously.

As per the Regulations, students who are working for more than 12 hours per week are considered to be part-time students and should usually take no more than two (2) courses per semester. The schedule of courses for part-time students is outlined in this guide. 



**IMPORTANT** **NOTE** **for** **New** **Students**

Orientation is the first step to achieving academic and personal success at the UWI Open Campus. It supports you by assisting with your transition to the online environment. It will equip you with the needed navigational skills to function successfully online and provide pertinent information about the available services, go to persons and responsibilities as an online student. It is imperative that you attend the online sessions offered by the Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD) as well as the session offered at your local site office.

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The **Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) Programme** seeks to develop individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree in ECE, or a related field and wish to improve their skills in teaching young children or are preparing to take on leadership roles in the field of ECE. The programme is delivered online using the Open Campus “Learning Exchange” environment (Moodle/Learning Management System).

The **Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education Programme** is a 22-credit graduate programme. The duration of the programme is a minimum 12 months. To qualify for the award of the **Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education** degree, students must attain credits and satisfy components as follows:

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| **Component** | Core | Concentration | Advanced Topics | Research Methods | Research Course Rooms | Total Credits |
| **Credits** | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |

**The Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education Programme** operates under a semester system.

● Semester 1 and 2 each, have thirteen (13) weeks of instruction.

● Summer session has seven (7) weeks of instruction.

Remember to check the programme-advising document before the start of registration and during the semester for any updates or additional information.





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Students are required to complete the **Graduate Introduction to Online Learning** course **(OOL6001)**.

**Technology** **Requirement:** Students will need to have access to a computer with Internet access.

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| OOL6001 | Graduate Introduction to Online Learning  |  |  | Should usually be completed before commencing the programme. No co-requisite  |
| EDEC 5000 | Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education | 1 | 4 | No co-requisite  |
| EDEC 5001 | Curriculum Design in Early Childhood Education  | 1 | 3 | No co-requisite  |
| EDEC 5002 | Language and Literacy Development | 2 | 4 | No co-requisite  |
| EDEC6406 | Current Developments in Early Childhood Education | 2 | 3 | No co-requisite  |
| EDEC 5003 | Diverse Needs & Inclusive Education | 3 | 4 | No co-requisite  |
| EDEC 5004 | Educational Management and Sustainable Practices  | 3 | 4 | No co-requisite  |

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