

Nurturing Happy Children

Course Outline

1. Overview on the developmental needs of young children
 - Language development & behavior
 - Cognitive development & behavior
 - Information processing (e.g. attention, memory, metacognition)
2. Developmentally appropriate practice in:
 - Creating a caring community of learners
 - Facilitation to enhance development and learning
 - Evaluating children's development and learning
 - Establishing reciprocal relationship with families
3. Overview on the moral developmental young children (Kohlberg's stages of moral development)
4. Strategies to manage behavioral issues
 - Lying
 - Defiance
 - Disrespectful behavior
5. Conflict management strategies:
 - Getting along with teachers
 - Getting along with classmates
 - Dealing with anger
6. Understanding social emotional development in young children and their resulting behavior
 - Developmental changes in emotions
 - Temperament
 - Self-esteem & self-concepts
7. Strategies to strengthen children's self-esteem
8. Strategies to promote children's prosocial behavior
 - Accountability for behavior
 - Empathy for other children
 - Managing bullies