



EARLY LEARNING AND EDUCATION IN MULTICULTURAL CONTEXTS

The programme consists of three content modules. In addition there are two optional modules, Project work and Internship in a Pre-school/ Kindergarten. The students may choose from the following modules and thus make their own personal study programme according to their preferences.

1. Finnish Context for Learning and Education, 2 ECTS, January - March

The study unit aims at giving an overview of Finnish society especially from the perspective of early childhood education and social policy.

2. Early Learning and Development, 3 ECTS, January - March

The aim of the study unit is to find out how a child develops and learns. The focus will be on the socio- cultural perspective of development and learning. We will discuss some specific topics such as the transition from preschool to school and Vygotsky's theory on child's development.

3. Culture and Education, 2 ECTS, January - March

The study unit aims at cultural awareness among early childhood educators. The content deals with similarities and differences in different cultures and societies in early childhood education in multicultural contexts.

Methods

Lectures, seminars, visits, WEB-based discussions, independent work

OPTIONAL MODULES

4. PROJECT WORK, 3 ECTS, April - May

The topic of the project work can deal with questions related to the course modules, practical work or early childhood pedagogy. Students can, however, choose the topic individually and write a research plan. The plan will be accepted by the teacher. Students present their project work in seminars.

5. INTERNSHIP IN A PRE-SCHOOL/ KINDERGARTEN, starting from 3 ECTS

Internship experience in English speaking (also Swedish speaking) Finnish early childhood programs will allow the students to explore, plan, experiment with, and apply theoretical knowledge into actual classroom situation.

The internship and its length can be planned individually according to the student's needs and wishes.

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