

## **MA Education (ECCE), School of Education Studies IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

### **School of Education Studies (SES)**

SES is envisioned to evolve as a community of professionals and scholars endeavouring to understand education in its historical and contemporary contexts, through engaged scholarship and practice. The School has two Masters programmes in Education: MA Education and MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education). The MA Education programme was launched in 2012. It aims to develop a deeper understanding of theories in and practice of education, through multiple disciplinary perspectives. The MA Education (ECCE) programme was launched in 2014 in collaboration with Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED). This programme aims to build a nuanced understanding about the field of early childhood care and education and developmentally and contextually appropriate practices.

### **Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED)**

CECED was established in 2009 as a resource centre with focus on evidence based advocacy and quality promotion and capacity building in ECCE. Its mission is to contribute towards the national goals of social justice and equity by promoting developmentally and contextually appropriate Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED), as every child's right to a sound foundation, and raising ECED to the forefront of policy formulation, and effective and universal programme implementation.

### **MA Education (Early Childhood Care & Education)**

MA Education (ECCE) is a two year programme. The two-year programme involves rigorous engagement with educational theory, practice and policies. The courses of the MA Education (ECCE) have been conceptualised with the aim of creating human resources to support professional upgradation of quality of planning, supervision and management of ECCE programmes for young children. The second year courses of MA Education (ECCE) move towards a more in-depth and scholarly understanding of ECCE as a discipline, anchored in interdisciplinary engagement with multiple disciplines including child development, sociology, history, critical pedagogy, psychoanalytic frame, anthropology, and management.

## **Structure**

**MA Education (ECCE):** 2 years (4 semesters + 1 summer internship, 70 credits; include taught courses, field attachments, workshops, internship & dissertation)

## **Features of the Programme**

- Two year programme with an exit option of PG Diploma after the first year.
- Interdisciplinary programme grounded in the theories of child development and education.
- Focus on building in-depth knowledge and skills for implementing developmentally and contextually appropriate practices in ECCE.
- A variety of course trajectories to choose from.
- Research leading to dissertation for MA.
- Continuous evaluation and feedback.
- Field attachments and internships with ECCE sites to build connections between theory and practice.
- Workshops and Seminars by experts in the field of education and ECCE.
- Low student-teacher ratio. Mentoring available to support & guide students.
- Opportunity to interact with faculty across different Schools at AUD.
- Faculty experienced and trained in ECCE, with commitment to professional rigour and reflective practice.

## **Careers**

After MA, students can work as curriculum developers, social entrepreneurs, teacher educators, programme evaluators, scholars and researchers in ECCE.

## **Eligibility:**

Essential: Bachelors/ Masters degree with minimum 45% marks (or equivalent grade) in any discipline.

Desirable: 1 year work experience in the field of Early Childhood Care and Education.

Candidates appearing for the final year examination of a graduate degree may apply. Relaxation in marks for reserved categories as per the Government of NCT of Delhi norms.

**Total seats:** 42

**Medium of instruction:** English

## **Fees:**

Fees are charged per semester based on semester credits. Semester I credit load of MA Education (ECCE): 18 credits

Tuition fee of Rs. 1570/- per credit (Rs. 28260/- First semester) + Rs.5000/- (one-time, refundable caution deposit) + Rs.500/- per semester for student welfare fund.

If a student opts for extra credits, an additional fee of Rs.1570/- per credit will have to be paid.

Partial/Full fee waiver and scholarships are available. Full fee waiver of tuition fee will be extended to students belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.

**Instructions for Entrance Examination:**

The written examination component of the entrance process will comprise:

1. questions related to a pre-selected reading which will be uploaded on the AUD website in the first week of June.
2. general awareness questions pertaining to the field of early childhood care and education in India and educational theory.

The reading and test will be in English.

The interview process will include viva and a written statement of purpose to be submitted by invited candidates on the day of the interview.