



Module 4 Curriculum and Learning Environments

power point 4



Objective

The student will plan developmentally appropriate activities for children in a variety of settings.

Discussion Qs with group

1. What does developmentally appropriate practice mean?
2. How do I determine if an activity or material is developmentally appropriate?
3. How do I write a lesson plan for young children?
4. How can I plan for activities that allow for differences, preferences and abilities?

Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)

Supports the belief that all children are unique and progress through predictable ages and stages at their own pace.

To engage children in active, meaningful learning it is important that you:

- Foster positive self-identity and a sense of emotional well-being
- Develop social skills and knowledge
- Encourage children to think critically, reasons, question and experiment.
- Enhance physical development and skills.
- Encourage and demonstrate sound health, safety, and nutritional practices.
- Encourage creative expression, representation and appreciation for the arts.

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- Develop a sense of belonging to the natural environment.
- Ensure the materials and practices of your program reflect the backgrounds and current practices of the children and families enrolled.
- Respect and celebrate cultural diversity.

While you are asked to plan for groups of children, it is also important to think about the individual needs of children.

Things to keep in mind when planning

- The developmental range in your group.
- The children who have interests or skills outside the age range of the group.
- Children with special needs who require modifications to the activities
- The opportunity for children to repeat activities
- More small group activities

It is also important to consider:

- How to store and display materials
- What the daily schedule will look like and how to balance the routine.
- What is necessary to include in lesson plans for children
- If the planned activities are better suited for indoor or outdoor environments.