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Dear Student,

One of the objectives of the **Open University of Sri Lanka** (OUSL) is to facilitate Personnel Development. It caters to Individual Needs as well by providing Professional Education and Training, leading towards National Development.

This Institution provides Education Programmes through the Distance Mode, to persons who wish to continue their Formal Education, and to those who are interested in further Education.

Students need not leave their Professions, to study in this Institution. There is no age limit for most of the Study Programmes. The student is free to select any Educational Programme to suit his need, interest and qualifications.

The **Open University of Sri Lanka** is committed to assist students to derive maximum benefit through their own commitments.

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) established in 1980, is constituted under the Universities Act. No. 16 of 1978 and has the same legal and academic status as any other National University in Sri Lanka. It differs from other Universities, because it disseminates knowledge in the **Distance Mode.**

Academic Programmes of the University have been designed, to enable persons aged 18 and above to pursue courses leading to Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Post-graduate Degrees on their own time and from their own homes.

The Open University of Sri Lanka is the only University which provides Education Programmes by Distance Mode.

The Academic Departments of the University are grouped into six Faculties.
1. Faculty of Education
2. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
3. Faculty of Natural Sciences
4. Faculty of Engineering Technology
5. Faculty of Health Sciences
6. Faculty of Management Studies

The Central Campus and the Colombo Regional Centre of the Open University are situated in Colombo, Nawala. Several Regional and Study Centers are located throughout the country.

2.   SYSTEM OF STUDY

System of study in the Open University of Sri Lanka is based on a multimedia system.

2.1   Printed Study Material

The central element in the teaching system is a series of printed course materials that fulfills several purposes. They provide the student with the primary material for study and offer the equivalent of lectures that help the student to study the material. It also provides a series of carefully designed self-assessment questions (SAQs) interspersed through the text. These will also help the student to develop analytical skills and independent thought.

2.2   Day Schools / Discussion Classes / Workshops / Tutorial Classes

Although the printed material and audio-visual aids are designed for students to learn independently, **Day Schools**, Discussion Classes, Workshops, Tutorial Classes are conducted from time to time to enable the students to solve problems that they may encounter with the study material.

The academic staff of the university provides help and guidance to students in achieving their learning objectives.

2.3   Scheme of Assessment

A student's progress is assessed continuously throughout the course of studies by means of a specified number of assignments and at the end of the course by means of a final examination. The assignments form an integral part of the study system of the Open University and may also include tests, laboratory work, field work, projects and any other practical training, depending on the course.

Students are expected to submit a specified number of assignments for each course. It is the duty of the student to submit the completed assignments to the correct place at the correct time and should have obtained a pass grade Overall Continuous Assessment Mark (OCAM) to be considered for the final evaluation mark.

A set of Assignments for each course will be given to the students at the beginning of the course.

The final grade for each course will be determined by an appropriate combination of the continuous assessment mark and the final examination mark, provided the final examination mark is above a specified mark.

A candidate shall acquire the course credit requirement as specified in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Regulation within a minimum period of two (2) academic years and a maximum period of six (6) consecutive academic years from the date of his/her first registration considered for the award of the Degree in Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary Education.

3.   REGIONAL SERVICES

3.1   Location of Regional Centers and Study Centers

Regional Centers

Location	Code	Address	Telephone Nos.
Colombo	WP10	OURC, Nawala, Nugegoda	011- 2853930
Kandy	CP20	OURC, Polgolla, Kandy	081-2494495-97
Matara	SP30	OURC,Nupe, Matara	041-2222943
Jaffna	NP40	OURC, Browns Rd, Kokuvil, Jaffna	021-2223374
Anuradhapura	NC50	OURC, Jayanthi Mawatha, (Depot Area), Anuradhapura	025-2222871
Batticaloa	EP60	OURC, 23, New Road, Batticaloa	065-2222264
Kurunegala	NW70	OURC, Negambo Rd, Malkaduwawa, Kurunegala	037-2223473
Badulla	UP80	OURC, No179, Keppetipola Rd, Badulla	055-2228842
Ratnapura	SG90	OUSC, Hidellana,	045-2228660

OURC - Open University Regional Centre

Study Centers

Location	Code	Address & Telephone Nos.
Ambalangoda	SP31	OUSC, No.80/1, Polwatta Road, Halwathura, Ambalangoda. 091-2258585
Ambalantota	SP33	OUSC, Rajasaranagama Rd, Lunama South, Ambalantota. 047-2225533
Ampara	EP61	OUSC, Iginiyagala Rd, Samapura, Ampara. 063-2222052
Bandarawela	UP81	OUSC, St. Thomas Road, Wewatenna, Bandarawela. 057-2222820
Galle	SP32	OUSC, Labuduwa, Galle. 091-2223784
Gampaha	WP11	OUSC, Gampaha Rd, Miriswatta, Mudungoda. 033-2234571 / 033-2234572
Hatton	CP21	OUSC, Thondaman Vocational Training Centre, Hatton 051-2225139
Kalutara	WP12	OUSC, No.66/2, Nagoda Road, Kalutara. 034-2223399 / 034-3949160
Kegalle	SG91	OUSC, Kumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha, Kegalle. 035-2222501
Kilinochchi	NP42	OUSC, 155th Mile Post, Kandy Rd., Kilinochchi 021-2283970
Matale		9, MC Road, Matale 0662058083
Monaragala	UP82	OUSC, Technical College Junction, Sirigala, Potuvil Road, Monaragala. 055-2277395
Polonnaruwa	NC51	OUSC, 24th Post, Bendiwewa, Jayanthipura. 027-2225776
Puttalam	NW71	OUSC,1/137, Colombo Road, Puttalam 032-2266822
Trincomalee	EP62	OUSC, No.26/A, Post Office Rd., Trincomalee. 026-3264813
Vavuniya	NP41	OUSC,No.366 Kandy Road, Thekkawaththai, Vavuniya. 024-2222995
Mannar		OUSC, RDS Building, Minor Seminary Road, Chavatkaddu, Mannar. 0232-251999
Mullaitivu	NP43	OUSC, Oddusuddan Rd, Puthkkudiyruppu Mullativu 0212-290868

OUSC - Open University Study Centre

4. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

This Faculty consists of four academic departments.

1. Department of Early Childhood and Primary Education
2. Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education
3. Department of Special Needs Education
4. Department of Educational Leadership and Management

4.1 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD & PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Department of Early Childhood & Primary Education functions under the Faculty of Education of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

4.1.1 The Programmes Conducted by the Department of Early Childhood & Primary Education

i   Short Course on Early Childhood Development

ii. Advanced Certificate in Pre-school Education Programme

ii. Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary Education

PART II

5. **INFORMATION OF THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION**

Duration	: Four Years (Level 3,4,5,6)
Medium	: Sinhala, English, Tamil
Academic Year	: 2023/ 2024

Students can obtain certificate of Higher Diploma in Early Childhood & Primary Education by completing Level 3 & Level 4

5.1 Objectives

The objective of the Programme is to improve the quality of Primary Education in Sri Lanka.

Specific objectives of the Programme are to enable the participants to perform effectively as teachers / care-givers in Primary Education (PE) by,

- Enhancing Knowledge and understanding related to child development.
- Becoming familiar with accepted Theories and Practices in PE.
- Developing positive attitudes in working with children.
- Developing skills needed, through Practical work.

- Sensitization to current issues related to the specific needs of institutions and groups placed in special circumstances.
- Strengthening the knowledge and skills related to selected academic disciplines.
- Enhancing organizational and management capabilities.
- Strengthening capability in interacting with parents and communities.

5.2   Admission Requirements

01   Applicant should be 18 years or over on the closing date of applications, and

02   At least three (**03) passes** at the General Certificate in Education (**Advanced Level**) Examination and **six (06)** passes at the General Certificate in Education (**Ordinary Level**) Examination including First Language & Mathematics,   **or**

03   Successfully completed the **Advanced Certificate in Pre-School Education Programme** conducted by the Open University of Sri Lanka,   **or**

04   at least pass grades in a minimum of thirty (30) course credits or granted exemptions at SLQF Level 2 of any Foundation programme conducted by the Open University of Sri Lanka and six (06) passes at the General Certificate in Education (Ordinary Level) examination including First Language and Mathematics,

or

05   Primary Trained Teachers' Certificate offered by Government Teacher Training Colleges,

or

an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.

All qualified applicants should sit for a selection Test to be conducted by the Open University of Sri Lanka on 26th August 2023.

5.3   Medium of Instruction

Students can select either Sinhala, Tamil or English as their medium of study.

Note: Students who have registered for the **English Medium** should write the **Assignments & Final Examination in English Medium**. If not, your answer scripts will not be marked and you may have to repeat the Assignments as well as the Final Examination of the relevant course.

5.4   Academic Activities in the Centers

This Programme will be conducted in

	Sinhala	Tamil	English
Colombo	√	√	√
Kandy	√	√	√
Matara	√	-	-
Jaffna	-	√	-
Anuradhapura	√	-	-
Batticaloa	-	√	-
Badulla	√	√	
Kurunegala	√	-	-
Ratnapura	√	-	-
Ambalantota	√		
Ampara	√	√	
Bandarawela	√	√	
Galle	√		
Gampaha	√		
Hatton		√	
Kalutara	√		
Kegalle	√		
Kilinochchi		√	
Matale	√	√	
Monaragala	√		
Nathandiya	√		
Polonnaruwa	√		
Puttalam		√	
Trincomalee	√	√	
Vavuniya		√	
Mannar		√	
Mullaitivu		√	

(If a sufficient number of students registered)

5.5   Study System

5.5.1   Credit

According to the University Vocabulary a credit rate does not mean a credit pass at O/L or A/L. or any other examination. **A credit is calculated on the basis of the number of hours spent in learning**.

The maximum number of credits a student is permitted to register for one academic year is thirty. (30)

This Programme of study is offered in the Distance teaching-learning system. Students are given Study Material at the beginning of the study Programme each year or in installments for each academic year. They can study the material at home.

In addition to supplying Study Materials, Weekend Day Schools will be held at the Open University. Any study problems faced by students when going through the Study Materials could be discussed for further clarification at these Day Schools. Day Schools are conducted by internal or external staff of the Open University. These Day schools are very useful for students who need support in understanding the Study Material and also for coming in contact with fellow students.

5.6 Curriculum of the Programme

The Curriculum organized and structured for the two Academic Years is given below.

1st year (Level 3)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Rating
Professional Courses (Compulsory Courses)		
EPU3530	Child Development I	5
EPU3331	Perspectives in Early Childhood and Primary Education	3
EPU3532	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Language Studies (Sinhala / Tamil / English)	5
EPU3533	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Mathematics	5
EPU3234	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Aesthetic & Creative Studies	2
EPU3235	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Environmental Studies	2
EPU3236	Curriculum Studies and Practicum – Health Nutrition and Safety Measures	2
EPU3337	Integrated Approach in Pre-Primary and Primary Teaching	3
EPU3338	Design and Planning of Early Childhood Institutions and Primary Schools	3
Total Credits		**30**
Continuing Education Courses		
LEE3410	English for General Academic Purpose	04
FDE3020	Empowering for Independent Learning	00
CSE3213	ICT Skills	02

2nd Year (Level 4)

Professional Courses (Compulsory Courses)		
Course Code	*Course Title*	*Credit Rating*
EPU4531	Perspectives in Teaching and Learning	5
EPU4232	Home-School- Community Relationship	2
EPU4533	Field practicum in Early Childhood &Primary Education	5
EPU4534	Adjustment Problems in Early Childhood & Primary Years	5
EPU4335	Reflective Learning	3
EPU4236	Professional Role of Early Childhood & Primary Education Teachers	2

Optional Courses

Course Code	*Course Title*	*Credit Rating*
EPU4337	Teaching Sinhala Language in Early Childhood & Primary Year or	3
EPU4338	Teaching Tamil Language in Early Childhood & Primary Years or	
EPU4339	Teaching English Language in Early Childhood & Primary Years	
LEU4540	Tamil as a Second National Language or	5
LEU4541	Sinhala as a Second National Language	
Total Credits		**30**

5.7   Exemptions from Courses

Exemptions may be granted for Professional Courses to those who join with Trained Teachers' Certificate / Diploma in Teaching of Colleges of Education up to a maximum of 5 credits, at each Level.

5.8   Assessment System

The **Assessment** consists of 02 components namely,

      i   Continuous Assessment
     ii   Final Examination

Continuous Assessment is conducted by means of Assignments. The number of Assignments to be submitted for the respective courses are given in the Programme Handbook, which would be available on the Registration day.

Assignments are compulsory and a percentage of marks given for the Assignments will be added on to the final examination marks for determination of the final award.

Practical Teaching in an assigned Primary School is a compulsory part of the final examination.

Please Note:
All applicants require bringing a letter from the employer to the effect that the Applicant can be granted leave for Teaching Practice when they are called for the Registration.

5.9 Final Awards

Pass marks (C Passes) in all the mentioned above are required to decide the final award of the Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary Education

The Certificate for the **Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary Education** will be awarded as per University regulations.

5.10 Registration and Payments

Registration will be conducted in relevant Regional & Study Centers.

Students who wish to drop or add courses or change the medium after registration will be permitted to do so only during the one month (01) period following the last date of registration.

Fees should be paid at the time of Registration or whenever as requested without delay. The mode of payment is indicated in the voucher. Registration to any course will not be permitted, after the declared closing date for any reason.

5.11 Fees

Registration Fee	Rs.	500.00
Facilities Fees	Rs.	2,500.00
Library Facility Fee	Rs.	100.00
Start @ OUSL Programme	Rs.	8,500.00
Tuition fee		
- Level 3 & 4 per credit	Rs.	1,980.00
- Level 5 & 6 per credit	Rs.	2,320.00

Note: - Tuition Fee/ (per Credit)

Level	Local Students	Foreign Students	
		Developed Countries	Developing Countries
3	1,980. 00	US$ 50.00	US$ 25.00
4	1,980. 00	US$ 50.00	US$ 25.00
5	2,320 .00	US$ 50.00	US$ 25.00
6	2,320 .00	US$ 50.00	US$ 25.00

Applicants may pay the tuition fee in four installments.

Those who fail examinations are required to re-register and pay for courses which they have to repeat.

5.12   Commencement of the Programme

The commencement of the Programme for the Academic Year 2023/ 2024 will be in November **2023.**

5.13   MY OUSL
You can log into Open University student portal **MY OUSL** with following URL:
http://myousl.ou.ac.lk/
Therein also a link from OUSL webpage at
http:// www.ou.ac.lk

User Name : [Student ID]
As found on personal information page of your Record Book and Password: [National ID number], including the letter at the end. Do not forget to change your Password at first login to protect your personal information

5.14   Applications and Registration

The students are required to apply online for the degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Education. You can fill the online application as per the instructions given in the Appendix 1.

Documents required for Registration

When you come for Registration you need to bring:

1. National identity card and a photocopy
2. Original Birth Certificate and a photocopy
3. Three passport size photographs (35 mm x 45 mm)
4. A letter from the employer to the effect that the applicant can be granted leave during the 10 weeks period of teaching practice Stage I.

Important Dates

Issue of online Applications	15.07.2023 – 15.08.2023
Closing date of Applications	15.08.2023
Selection Test	26th August 2023
New Registration	CRC – 20th 21st , 22nd , 23rd & 25th November 2023 All other RCs/SCs – 21st , 22nd , 23rd & 25th November 2023
Add/Drop **Drop**	19th November 2023 16th. January 2024
Commencement of Academic Activities	November 2023

Appendix 1

Instructions for ONLINE Application

APPLICATIONS for Degree Programmes have to be submitted online (via internet for the Academic Year 2023/2024. First you need to create an online login account. Then only you can proceed to submit your application online.

1. In the internet browser type: www.ou.ac.lk/
2. In the OUSL homepage, Click on the 'Online Application' to **obtain an online account login**

3. Register ONCE by creating a new account. In order to do this click on create new account as per the instructions given in the page.

   Note: You need to provide information considered as MANDATORY including an email address and a mobile number, both of which may be your own or of a family member/friend. The university may use them to communicate with you, to acknowledge receipt of your applications and to provide you additional information as and when necessary.

4 Once your account has been created you can proceed to submit your application online. For this you need to go to

"Online Application" and proceed by entering your username and password and then fill the online application form. Once you have filled all sections, submit the form.

Note: Select the payment method and proceed further by following the instructions given. Application fees is Rs. 750/=. (Inclusive of selection test fee) You can pay this amount by credit/debit card. Applicants who do not have a Credit/Debit card can make the respective payment by cash to any Regional or Study Centre of The OUSL.

5. Download the Admission Form for the Selection Test which will be generated for you after successful completion of the application process. Make a printout of the Admission as it is essential to produce the Admission at the selection test.

Those who need assistance with the online application process can call over at any one of the Regional or Study Centres with the following information: Full name of applicant with address, National Identity Card number, E-mail address, Mobile phone number, A/L results sheet.