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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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1. INTRODUCTION

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 five 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 Science

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

2. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

This Faculty consists of three academic departments.

1. Department of Early Childhood & Primary Education
2. Department of Secondary & Tertiary Education
3. Department of Special Needs Education

2.1 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.

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

- i. Certificate in Pre-school Education Programme
- ii. Advanced Certificate in Pre-school Education Programme
- iii. Diploma in Early Childhood & Primary Education Programme

3. INFORMATION OF THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Duration	:	One Year
Medium	:	Sinhala, English, Tamil
Academic Year	:	2020 / 2021

3.1 Objectives

This Programme is of one year's duration and it will help to:

- a. Assist those engaged in the education and care of young children to advance their knowledge in the Principles of Child Development.
- b. Create an awareness of the issues related to the early years of childhood with special emphasis on Sri Lankan children and to sensitize child care givers to Values and Ethics related to Child Development in the present socio-cultural context.

- c. Enhance skills in Child Study Techniques and in the Methodologies of educating the young child.
- d. Develop an understanding of individual differences, adjustment problems of young children and to encourage implementation of remedial measures.

3.2 Admission Requirements

Entry requirements for this Programme are:-

- a. Applicants should be 18 years on the closing date of application
- b. Successful completion of the Certificate Programme in Pre-School Education conducted by the OUSL.
- c. A good knowledge in both spoken and written in the medium of the language selected.
 - Applicants who wish to follow the programme in English medium should possess at least a Credit pass (Before 2001) or “B” pass (from 2001) for English Language in G.C.E (Ordinary Level).

3.3 Programme Contents

The Programme consists of **Compulsory** and **Optional Courses**. Each student has to follow the **four Compulsory Courses** and **one Optional Course**.

3.3.1 Compulsory Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credits
EPC2815	Early Childhood Development	8
EPC2816	Methods and Management of Teaching and Learning in Pre-Schools	8
EPC2517	Socio-Cultural Perspectives in Early Childhood Education	5
EPC 2518	Project	5

3.3.2 Optional Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credits
EPC 2419	Play in Early Childhood	4
EPC 2421	Adjustment Problems in Early Childhood	4
EPC 2422	Child Rights	4

3.4 Mode of Teaching

A **Distance Education Institution** such as the **Open University of Sri Lanka** differs markedly from a conventional University in its mode of teaching. At the OUSL the student on Registration receives a Course Pack, which is designed for Self-study and Self-learning. Students are therefore expected to work on their own. Assistance and

guidance however are provided by Day Schools conducted generally on a Weekend (Saturday or Sunday) and will take the form of Discussions, Workshops, Video Films and Guidance for Practical Work.

The main Educational Mode in the Teaching System of the Distance Learning System is a series of printed course materials. These printed course materials will assist the students to develop their Analytical Skills and independent thinking. The Carefully designed Self – Assessment Questions are included in the Print Materials.

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.** 01 credit is 50 study hours, Hence 30credits mean 1500 study hours.

The maximum number of credits a student is permitted to register for an academic year is Thirty Six (36).

3.4 Assessment

Assessment includes **Continuous Assessment** and **Final Evaluation.**

- i Continuous Assessment** - is conducted through a specified number of Compulsory Assignments. Students are required to submit these Assignments, which will be graded and returned together with the tutor's comments.
- ii Final Evaluation** - each course (other than the project) will be evaluated on the basis of a Written Examination of Three hours' duration.
- iii Project** – This is also a part of the Final Examination. You will be provided guidance during the Programme of Study.

3.5 Medium of Instruction

This Programme of study is available in **Sinhala, Tamil and English only**.

Note :

Students who have registered to English Medium should write the Assignments & Final Examination in English Medium. If not, your answer script will not be evaluated and you may have to repeat the Assignments as well at the Final Examination of the relevant course.

3.6 Regional & Study Centres

This Programme will be held in Colombo & Kandy in both English, Sinhala & Tamil medium.

The programme will be conducted in Sinhala medium at Matara, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Bandarawela, Ampara, and Rathnapura. Tamil medium only in Jaffna, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Vavuniya, & Hatton Centres.

. (If numbers of student registered only)

Location of Regional Centres and Study Centres

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
Anuradhapura	NP40	OURC, Browns Rd, Kokovil, Jaffna	021-2223374
Kurunegala	NW70	OURC, Negambo Rd, Malkaduwwa,	037-2223473
Bandarawela	UP81	OUSC, St. Thomas Road, Wewatenna, Bandarawela.	057-2222820
Ampara	EP61	OUSC, Iginiyagala Rd, Samapura, Ampara.	063-2222052
Hatton	CP21	OUSC, Thondaman Vocational Training Centre,	051-2225139
Jaffna	NP40	OURC, Browns Rd, Kokuvil, Jaffna	021-2223374
Batticaloa	EP60	OURC, 23, New Road, Batticaloa	065-2222264
Puttalam	NW71	OUSC, I/137, Colombo Road, Puttalam	032-2266822
Vavuniya	NP41	OUSC, No.366 Kandy Road, Thekkawaththai, Vavuniya.	024-2222995
Ratnapura	SG90	OUSC, Hidellana, Ratnapura	045-2228660

OURC - Open University Regional Centre

OUSC - Open University Study Centre

3.7 Awards

The **Advanced Certificate in Pre - School Education** will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Open University regulations.

3.8 Fees

The registration, tuition and facilities fees in the year **2020 / 2021** will be as follows:

Registration fee	Rs. 400.00
Facility fee	Rs. 1500.00
Tuition fee	<u>Rs. 36300.00</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 38200.00</u>

Applicants may pay the Tuition Fees in two installments.

The first installment should be paid at the Registration.

3.9 Registration and Payments

Registration will be conducted at the Regional Centres, Colombo, Kandy, Matara, Jaffna & Hatton

Students who wish to drop or add courses or change the medium after Registration will be permitted to do so only during the one (01) month 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.

3.10 Commencement of the Programme

The commencement of the Programme for the Academic Year 2020 / 2021 will be in **May 2020**.

Instructions for ONLINE Application

APPLICATIONS for Degree Programmes have to be submitted online (via internet for the Academic Year 2020/2021. 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 250/-. 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.

1. 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. The contact details of the OU Regional and Study Centres are given in the APPENDIX 02.

Appendix

Sample Online Application form

Online Application

Please fill the Application

Personal Details

Title	Mr. ▼
Initial	<input type="text"/>
LastName	<input type="text"/>
Name Denoted by Initials	<input type="text"/>
Address line 1	<input type="text"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
NIC/Passport No	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
E mail	<input type="text"/>
Telephone -Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Telephone -Fixed	<input type="text"/>
Country	Sri Lanka ▼

Programme Details

Programme	Please select ▼
Prefered Center	Please select ▼
Programme Medium	Please select ▼
Selection Test Medium	Please select ▼

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Contact Details - OUSL Regional/Study Centres

Centre	Centre Code	Postal Address	Contact No.
Regional Centres			
Colombo	WP10	OURC, Nawala, Nugegoda.	011-2853930
Kandy	CP20	OURC, Polgolla, Kandy.	081-2494083/ 084/495/ 496/ 497
Matara	SP30	OURC, Nupe, Matara.	041-2222943/ 041- 2229782
Hatton	CP21	Thondaman Vocational Training Centre, Hatton.	051-2225139
Jaffna	NP40	OURC, Browns Road, Kokuvil, Jaffna.	021-2223374