

Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania

Study program: Early Education and Primary School Psychopedagogy

Faculty: Psychology and Education Sciences

Study period: 2 years (master)

1st Year

Course title	Code	No. of credits	Number of hours per week			
			course	seminar	laboratory	project
Advanced Study of Education in the Community	SEC	4	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Social development of the community; Sources of social development; Educational policies as a source of social development in the community; The role of education in a community; The role of early education in and for the community, European objectives of education in the knowledge society; Educational strategies in Romania and their impact at community level.

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Didactics of Early Childhood and Primary School Education	DAE	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction in Didactics of Early childhood and Primary School Education. Teaching activities in Early Childhood and Primary School Education – European perspective. Teaching strategies of Early Childhood and Primary School Education. Making compatible the teaching strategies with the learning strategies as a way of achieving an effective and significant training-educational activity.

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Design and Management of Educational Programs	PMPE	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): **Unit 1. General concepts related to educational programs:** Educational programs: definition, characteristics, types; Advantages and disadvantages of educational programs; Structure of an educational program. **Unit 2: Designing an educational program:** Purpose, objectives, target group, activities, duration of the educational program, calendar of activities for the educational program, teaching methods, assessment methods; Human and material resources for the educational program „Different School" and Green Week – analysis of scientific research; Scientific poster – presentation of its elements.

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Advanced theories of developmental psychology	TAPD	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Dimensions of human development. Current challenges in human development; Current trends in human development research; Early childhood development (physical, cognitive, emotional, social development). The role of the environment in child development; Adolescence. Defining identity in adolescence. Challenges of the digital society for adolescence; Adulthood. Life stages and the specifics of human development; Human development and mental health; Cultural aspects of human development.

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Designing Educational Activities in Early Education, Preschool and Elementary School	PEETPP	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus) Unit 1: Curriculum: concepts, stages Curriculum management and development – **general approach:** The world we live in and the need for curriculum theory to evolve; The knowledge society – the learning society ;Theoretical aspects related to the concept of curriculum. Unit 2: Design – a stage of curriculum **management:** The process of curriculum. The place of design in the process. Design as a stage of curriculum management; Products of curriculum design; Curriculum design at the tactical-operational level; Design at the national level. Design at the local level. Curriculum at the school's discretion.

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Experiential Internship - Psycho-pedagogical Action Plan in the Group of Children or School Classroom	STE1	4	-	-	-	28h

Course description (Syllabus): Structured observation of groups/classes; Development of a psycho-pedagogical action plan; Implementation of the plan through concrete educational activities; Monitoring and evaluation of interventions; Reflection and reporting on activities (learning journal, portfolio).

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Ethics and Academic Integrity	EIA	2	-	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): What does academic ethics entail and why is it necessary to promote integrity in the scientific field? Ethical principles of psychopedagogy; Between truth and falsehood: selecting relevant information and verifying its accuracy. The phenomenon of fake news and its implications; Analysis and synthesis of information from documentation. Preparation for substantiating a research topic; Writing a scientific paper: principles of documentation and rules of writing; What is plagiarism and how can we avoid it? Rules for writing and citing sources in a paper, Products of documentation efforts: defending an academic paper on a topic of professional interest, in compliance with specific writing and citation rules.

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Parental Education – Current Trends in Childcare and Education	EP	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): What is parenting? The effective parent- Ways to listen to children. Ways to communicate between parent and child, Managing parent-child conflicts; Parental intelligence – Rethinking discipline; Emotional intelligence in children's education;The five love languages of children;The risks of competitive parenting;Parental resilience.

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Qualitative Research Methods	MCC	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Fundamentals of qualitative research; Applications of qualitative research in education; Methods of generating qualitative data; Qualitative research design; Methods of qualitative data analysis; Writing and presenting qualitative research.

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Management of Psychological Processes of Learning in Childhood	MPPI	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Theories of learning relevant to early childhood education – principles, applicability; Specifics of learning in early childhood education – types, models, learning resources; Factors influencing early learning; Learning experiences in early childhood; Psycho-pedagogical approach to learning in early childhood – Fundamental landmarks in early learning. Psycho-pedagogical strategies for improving learning efficiency in early childhood.

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Individualized Curriculum Management toward a Personalized Curriculum	MCP	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): **Unit 1: Strategic planning - detailed analysis:** Educational planning of activities in early childhood, preschool, and elementary education – review; Individualization and personalization; General aspects related to school curricula (characteristics of school curricula, fundamental requirements for drafting school curricula, methodological requirements, components of curricula) **Unit 2. Workshop-type application - Building a curriculum for remedial learning-** Stages of curriculum development; Developing a remedial curriculum (needs analysis, assessment-development tests, application, analysis, evaluation, objectives, content, methods, tools, assessment).

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Experiential internship—Observation, Action, Evaluation in the Experiential Field	STE2	5	-	-	-	42h

Course description (Syllabus): Observation of teaching and educational activities; Active involvement in activities (planning and implementation); Application of assessment tools. Case study, practical exercises; Writing a reflective journal and portfolio.

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Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Education and Training	AIAEF	5	1	1	-	

Course description (Syllabus): The fundamentals of artificial intelligence and its potential in education; Artificial intelligence for personalizing learning and tutoring systems; Artificial intelligence in educational assessment and feedback; Artificial intelligence in behavioral and emotional analysis; Ethics, bias, and the social implications of artificial intelligence; Human-artificial intelligence collaboration and the future of AI in education and psychology; Artificial intelligence in the psychopedagogy of early education and primary schooling: Impact and perspectives.

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Entrepreneurship in Education	AEd	5	1	1	-	

Course description (Syllabus): Entrepreneurial thinking and action; Design thinking; Opportunity assessment; Business models; Market testing; Sales; The art of pitching.

2nd Year

Course title	Code	No. of credits	Number of hours per week			
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Methodology of Pedagogical Intervention and for Special Education	MIPES	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Study unit 1: Conceptual foundations. Psycho-pedagogical intervention in kindergarten/school - Psycho-pedagogical assistance – concept, areas, levels. The counselor and counseling - competency profile; conceptual clarifications, characteristics, specific methods; Psycho-pedagogical intervention in kindergarten and school.

Unit 2 – **Psycho-pedagogical intervention in various risk situations:** Disorders that may require psycho-pedagogical intervention: adjustment disorders, behavioral disorders, affective disorders, speech disorders, reading and writing disorders; Gifted children – a defined category of children with special educational needs; Psycho-pedagogical intervention at the family level (situations and methods of intervention).

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Docimology - Comparative Perspectives	DOC	5	2	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction to docimology; Specifics of assessment in early childhood education; Assessment methods and techniques in early childhood education; Psycho-pedagogical aspects of grading and school assessment in early childhood education; Assessment in educational alternatives; International assessment – comparative studies; Professional ethics in assessment; Competency profile of the evaluator in early childhood education.

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Pedagogical Models of Communication	MPC	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Conceptual clarification; Elements of the communication process; Interpersonal perception and attitudes in interindividual communication; Models of communication in the context of early education; Barriers to communication; Assertive communication; Techniques for clarifying and enriching communication.

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Sociology of School Organizations. School Networks	SOS	5	1	2	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Social capital - Conceptual approach and formation; Functions and role of social capital; Forms and influences of social capital; Sociology of school organization management; Importance of work-life balance in school organizations.

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Experiential Internship— Action Plan in the Group of Children or School Classroom	STE3	5	-	-	-	42

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction to experiential training; Analysis of the needs and characteristics of the group/class; Development of the action plan; Implementation of activities; Evaluation and reflection on activities; Presentation of the final action plan and conclusions.

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Management of Psycho-pedagogical Intervention Strategies and Special Education	GSIP	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Unit 1: Management and implementation of intervention programs

Deficiency – disability – handicap; Children with special educational needs. Psycho-pedagogy of the mentally disabled; Complex assessment process for children with SEN; Multidisciplinary team; Integration process. Itinerant teacher; Specific intervention programs for children with SEN. **Unit 2: Crisis situations and their management-** Crisis situations; Crisis management.

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Methods of Complex Evaluation of the Child and Group / Class	MEC	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Critical analysis of the concept of childhood/early education; Comprehensive assessment of the child – specifics and contexts of assessment; Methods, techniques, and tools for assessing children; Assessment through play; Drawing as a method of assessment; Assessment of creativity; Methods for assessing a group/class of children.

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Management of interpersonal relationships in childhood	MRIC	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Contemporary issues regarding interpersonal relationships in childhood: (specifics of social contacts and characteristics of interpersonal relationships); Interpersonal relationships within the family; Interpersonal relationships with peers; The role of the educator in managing psychosocial relationships in the educational group(nursery, kindergarten, school).

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Quality Management at the Educational Institutions	MCI	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction to educational quality management; Quality standards and indicators in education; Quality assessment tools and methods; Implementation of quality management systems; Quality monitoring and control; Continuous improvement strategies.

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Applied Research in Experiential Field-dissertation	CADE	5	-	4	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introductory elements: Justification for choosing the topic, Purpose of the research, Research objectives, Work plan; Analysis of specialized literature; Citation rules. Research design and methodology elements; Data analysis and interpretation; Conclusions and implications.

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Mentoring in Education	ME	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): The professional identity of teachers – challenges in a digitalised society; Teaching mentorship – models of teaching mentorship. Current trends in teaching mentorship; Stages and conditions of

mentorship; Mentorship strategies. Best practices in the mentorship process; Mentor competency profile – critical analysis; Mentoring and institutional development; Values and ethical principles in mentoring; Open issues in mentoring in education; Course summary – The role of the discipline "Mentoring in education" in professional development

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Folklore and folk Traditions in Early Education and School Age	FTP	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction to folklore and folk traditions; Folk songs and poems. Traditional games and dances; Folk tales and legends; Holiday traditions and customs; Creation of educational materials based on folklore; Implementation of folklore activities.

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Management of Didactical Career for Early Childhood and School Age Education	MCD	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Teaching career – challenges and dilemmas in a digitalized society; Professional standards and qualification levels in the teaching profession; Types of teaching skills – critical analysis; Specific teaching skills for early childhood and primary school educators; Competence profile for early childhood and primary school educators; Assessment of teaching skills; Course summary – self-assessment of competence profile.

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Formative and educational facets of children's literature	VFLC	5	1	1	-	-

Course description (Syllabus): Introduction to children's literature; Classic stories and fairy tales. Poems and songs for children; Contemporary children's literature; Literature and the development of social and emotional skills; Creating teaching materials based on literature; Implementing literary activities.