

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

1.0 **Name of Series**

EDUCATION SERIES

2.0 **Name of Course**

Observation and Assessment of Young Children

3.0 **Synopsis of Course (60-word limit)**

This course introduces students to the theory and practice of observation and assessment in early childhood (0-6 years old). It helps students to understand various observation techniques and how to interpret the observed data for improving the educational curriculum and young children's learning and development. This course also emphasises on ethics, objectivity and professionalism in observation and how to share assessment result with parents.

4.0 **For Whom?**

- Parents with young children
- Kindergarten teachers
- Principal/ Manager of Early childhood centres
- Teacher assistant / Care giver
- SPM graduates

5.0 **Course Outcomes (100-word limit)**

At the end of the course, students will be able to :

1. Explain the importance and the purpose of observation and assessment young children.
2. Apply various methods of observing young children in early childhood settings
3. Compare and contrast the effectiveness of observation and assessment methods in terms of characteristics, strengths and limitations
4. Interpret the observational data objectively and use the results effectively in planning instructional strategies/ activities for young children

6.0 **Delivery Mode**

Blended / Full online learning

7.0 **Duration of Course**

42 hours

8.0 Level of Course & Micro credential Credit Value, if any

Diploma Level (3 credits)

9.0 Course Outline

Topic 1	Introduction to Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
Topic 2	Guides to Observation
Topic 3	Observing Using Checklists and Rating Scales
Topic 4	Observing Using Narratives
Topic 5	Interpretation and Evaluation
Topic 6	Observing Using Event Sampling
Topic 7	Observing Using Time Sampling
Topic 8	Ethical Issues Surrounding Observation
Topic 9	Formative and Summative Assessments
Topic 10	Standardised Tests
Topic 12	Portfolio Assessment
Topic 13	Sharing The Assessment Results With Parents

10.0 Short Bio of Trainer/s (50-word limit)

Ms Elis holds a Masters in Education (Preschool Education) from UKM and currently pursuing her PhD in Early Childhood Education, UPSI. Ms Elis has 17 years of experience in early childhood education industry, during which she has played various roles as a teacher, principal, operator and manager of an ECCE centre. For the past ten years, she has been dedicated to lecturing in ECE for both conventional and online programmes. Her research interests is in the area of parental involvement and science for young children.