



Department of Education

University of Karachi

Bachelor of Education B.Ed.(Hons.) Secondary,5 Semester Program

DTE-532

Contemporary Issues and Trends in Education

Objectives

After studying this course, Student Teachers will be able to:

1. Examine the social implications of the MDGs and the EFA goals
2. Identify different issues pertaining to diversity as well as their impact on student learning
3. State the nature and scope of the factors affecting the quality of schooling
4. Explain how different kinds of schooling affect the quality of schooling
5. Analysis the changing role of the teacher in contemporary society
6. Critically evaluate the roles of peace, conflict, and education in the development of human society.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Globalization, the Millennium Development Goals, and Education for All

1. Globalization
2. The role of globalization in education
3. The effects of globalization in the education sector
4. MDGs: General description and indicators
5. Implementation of the MDGs
6. Challenges and further strategies in the local context
7. EFA: General description and indicators
8. Implementation of EFA
9. Challenges and further strategies in the local context

Unit 2: Issues of diversity

1. Diversity
2. The impact of diversity on education
3. Approaches to addressing diversity issues:
 - Learning difficulties
 - Language
 - BsReligion
 - Gender
 - Culture
 - Social and Economic status
4. The role of education in addressing issues of diversity
5. Strategies and examples of diversity-inclusive pedagogy

Unit 3: The role of peace education at the micro and macro-levels

1. Introduction to peace education
2. Societal factors affecting peace in the Pakistani context
3. Conflicts in schools: Tolerance
 - Bullying
 - Violence
4. Conflict resolution at the school level
5. The impact of peace issues on education
6. Peace education: A strategy for conflict resolution
7. Projects on selected conflicts Presentation of the projects

Unit 4: The role of school in addressing contemporary issues

1. The relationship between school and society
2. Schools as social agents and social critics
3. The need for schools to create active citizens
4. The role of schools in producing workers and professionals
5. The role of schools imparting democratic education
6. The importance of character education and skills development
7. Factors affecting the quality of schooling
8. Issues faced by schools

Unit 5: The changing role of teacher

1. The various roles of a teacher
2. The teacher's responsibility to value all learners
3. Teachers as world change agents
4. External issues affecting teacher's performance
5. Interpersonal and social issues in education
6. Internal issues affecting teacher's performance
7. Teacher's strategies to tackle the issues

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