Course Description

MEDD7038 Counselling, Career Education and Talent Development in Schools

Course description

The content in this course enables participants to compare theories and practices of counselling, career education and talent development programmes in schools in Hong Kong and other parts of the world. Topics include: life career perspective; comprehensive school guidance and counselling programs; identification of students for talent development programmes; assessment of life career and talent development; individual development planning; student advisory and mentorship schemes; theories of career development; career awareness among children; career exploration among adolescents; career decision making among senior secondary school students and college students; career development of talented students and students with special needs; talent development in schools; theories of talent development; career counselling of the exceptionally gifted; family influences; multicultural perspective; gender issues; life-wide learning; career-related experiences; services learning; programme evaluation and enhancement.

The course is relevant to all teachers and guidance personnel who wish to enhance students' career and talent development through subject teaching and co-curricular activities. Case studies of good practice in Hong Kong and elsewhere will be introduced. Course participants are expected to work in collaborative learning groups to integrate practices and theories.

Coursework / Examination ratio: 100 % Coursework, 0 % Examination

Course objectives

The primary aim of the course is to equip educators with sound knowledge regarding theories and practices in counseling, career education and talent development in schools. The key objective of the course is to acquaint participants with the basic concepts, principles, practical strategies and research data applicable to counseling, career education and talent development in educational settings.

Course learning outcomes		Aligned programme learning outcomes (PLOs)
1.	Ability to apply some of the basic concepts and principles of counseling, career education, and talent development in the regular classroom and beyond	PLOs 1, 2
2.	Ability to plan, implement and evaluate counseling, career education and talent development programmes	PLOs 1, 2, 3, 5
3.	Appreciation of the need to develop the appropriate attitudes and skills of counseling, career education and talent development programmes	PLO 2

Course assessment methods

Assessment method	Type of assessment (e.g. description of assignment)	Weighting (%)	Aligned course learning outcome(s)
Moodle task	Individual	25	CLOs 1, 2, 3
Group Presentation	Group	25	CLOs 1, 2, 3
Individual assignment	Individual	50	CLOs 1, 2, 3

Course content and topics

Counseling, career education, and talent development programs for whole-person development

Adlerian approach, Life career development perspective

Life skills development model; Autonomous Learning Model (ALM)

Comprehensive school guidance and counseling program in the US

Career guidance and school counseling in HK

Individual student planning

Career awareness among children

Life skills training and leadership education

Talent development in schools

Career development and counseling of the exceptionally gifted

Gender issues in life career and talent development

Program evaluation and enhancement

Service learning

Theories of career development

Assessment for life career and talent development

Identification of students for talent development program

Career exploration among adolescents

Theories of talent development

Career development of exceptional children/students with special needs

Career decision making among senior secondary school students

Student advisory and mentorship scheme

Family influence on life career and talent development

Required / recommended readings and online materials

Key References and Resources*highly recommended

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Coleman, H.L.K. & Yeh, C. (2008). Handbook of school counseling. New York: Routledge. LB 371.4 H23

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Gysbers, N.C., Heppner, M., & Johnston, J.A. (2014). Career counseling: Holism, diversity, and strengths (4th ed.). Alexandria, VA: American Counseling. 158.7 G998 c27

Mendaglio, S. & Peterson, J. S. (2007). Models of counseling gifted children, adolescents, and young adults. Waco, Tex.: Prufrock Press. 371.95 M6

*Niles,S.G., Amundson, N.E., & Neault, R.A. (2011). Career flow: a hope-centered approach to career development. Boston: Pearson. 650.1 N71

*Niles, S.G. & Harris-Bowlsbey, J. (2014). Career development interventions in the 21st century.

Essex, UK: Pearson Education. 650.14 N711 c27

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Other additional course information

Impermissible: MEDD8884 Career Counselling and Talent Development in Schools