

Early Childhood Care and Education Teacher Education

Knowledge and Practice Standards

The following 10 Core Competencies must be considered in the development of programmes for ECCE teacher education.

1. Becoming a professional by paying attention to **mindset, roles and responsibilities**
2. Understanding and promoting child **development and learning** in different contexts
3. Building **family and community relationships**
4. Ensuring effective health, **safety and nutrition practices**
5. Creating **effective learning environments** including managing behaviour
6. Planning and facilitating learning through **play and other transformative pedagogies in appropriate ways (developmentally, culturally, linguistically etc.)**
7. Using **curriculum and relevant content knowledge to** build meaningful learning opportunities (the six Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs) in the ***South African National Curriculum Framework for children from birth to four***: Well-being, Identity and belonging, Communication, Exploring mathematics, Creativity, Knowledge and understanding of the world)
8. **Observing, documenting and assessing** to support young children's development and learning.
9. Understanding and addressing **diversity, inclusion and equity** to act in the best interest of all children, families and communities
10. Showing **basic leadership, management and administration skills**