

Lesson **Qualities and Roles**
No 17 **of an ECCE Teacher**

SUMMARY

You have learnt in previous lessons that early childhood is the most important period in children's lives. The influence of this period lasts and affects the whole life of a human being. After the home, an ECCE centre is a place where children are nurtured to attain abilities in different domains. In the process of early childhood development and learning; ECCE teachers at the centre own the responsibility of providing positive inputs to children for their holistic development.

In this lesson, you learnt about qualities and roles of an ECCE teacher.

QUALITIES OF AN ECCE TEACHER

Loving Caring	and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children need love, care and affection to open up and get along with others. So they need an affectionate teacher on whom they can rely for their needs. ▪ Helps in children's sound social and emotional development. ▪ Helps in solving classroom problems with mutual understanding and belief.
Energetic, Enthusiastic Motivated	&	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teachers full of positive energy energise the classroom and children. ▪ Motivated teachers mingle well with children in various activities which lead to a sense of belongingness.
An Active Empathetic Listener	and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To understand and feel the problems/situation of another person, one has to put oneself in that person's shoe which is called 'empathy'. ▪ To understand and feel children's pleasure and pain, teachers have to be active and empathetic listeners. ▪ Empathetic teachers have the ability to recognize children's thoughts and emotions despite of children have different ways to express their emotions
Cheerful Committed	and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The personality of teachers directly influences children. ▪ Teachers with positive personality create a positive emotional environment. ▪ Teachers receive cooperation and positive responses from children
Patient Persistent	and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To address different needs, ECCE teachers have to be patient and persistently strive for positive outcomes.
Flexible Adjusting	and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teachers have to manage a classroom full of children with diverse needs and potentials. ▪ Teachers who are flexible and adjusting may help in bringing out positive outcomes from adverse circumstances

Creative and Innovative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children want to explore the environment around them and find reasons for various phenomena. ▪ Creative and innovative teachers can nurture these unique ways of thinking and learning in children from the very beginning to help them bloom to the fullest.
Organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being organized is another quality as ECCE teachers have to accomplish many things such as organizing the classroom, creating teaching learning materials, designing bulletin boards, conducting parent teacher meetings etc.
Effective Communicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECCE teacher should have good communication skills as it help them to build a rapport with students, parents and other stakeholders to support children's holistic development.
Effective Building Rapport with Parents and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Home and ECCE centers are two important places where young children grow, develop and learn. ▪ Building rapport with parents and community members is essential for optimum development of children by reducing the gap between the two environments.
Self-Confidence and High Self-Esteem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECCE teacher must display Self-confidence and high self-esteem in order to create a healthy and positive environment in the classroom.
Well Trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECCE teacher must be well trained in teaching skills and in teaching. ▪ This requires them to understand the significance of the early years of life, the fundamentals of growth and development, diversity and how to practice inclusion, how to support children with disabilities, how young children learn, knowledge of a variety of teaching learning approaches, teaching methodology etc.
Research Skills and Lifelong Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECCE teachers also need to engage in research as it enables them to solve immediate problems faced in the classrooms, revisit their teaching methodology and improve upon the teaching learning process.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ECCE TEACHERS

ECCE teachers play a major role as follows in supporting the overall development of children.

Ensuring Safety and Security of Children

An ECCE teacher must ensure that the ECCE centre is a safe place for children to move freely by continuous observation and supervision.

Planning Activities

ECCE teacher required to plan a number of activities including curriculum, time table, age appropriate indoor and outdoor learning activities, assessment procedures, parent teachers meeting, workshops etc.

Designing and implementing ECCE Curriculum

Teachers understand the needs and developmental levels of children. Hence, they should actively contribute in designing the curriculum which encompasses all the experiences provided to children.

Creating an Enriching Teaching Learning Environment

ECCE teachers own the responsibility of creating a supportive and nurturing environment for young children as each child has an individual learning style and pace of learning. One teaching approach might not be effective for all children.

Organizing Programmes and Events

Scheduling and organizing Parent Teacher Meetings (PTM) is another important responsibility of ECCE teachers. Apart from PTM; ECCE teachers are required to organize orientation programmes and workshops for parents and community members as well, special talks/interaction for children, celebrate special days and ensure active participation of children in these events.

EVALUATE YOURSELF

Q1. Explain the qualities of an effective ECCE teacher.

Q2. Discuss the roles and responsibilities of an ECCE teacher.

PRACTICE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Being an ECCE teacher; discuss different strategies to create an inclusive classroom to provide children with equal learning opportunities, experiences and exposure irrespective of their varied differences.