

## **ECE519 Bilingual Education**

**Level:** 5

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JAN

### **Synopsis:**

Bilingual Education has been an ongoing key interest of the education system in Singapore. This course discusses the basic principles, concepts and debates that underpin bilingual education and bilingualism. It also discusses the linguistic view as compared with the socio-cultural view, as well as issues that influence perspectives on bilingual education. The emphasis is to distinguish aims and outcomes of different types of bilingual education and the essential approaches of fostering bilingualism in early childhood settings.

### **Topics:**

- Bilingualism: Historical introduction, definitions and distinctions
- Types of bilingual education
- The early development of bilingualism
- The later development of bilingualism
- The measurement of bilingualism
- Bilingualism and cognition
- Cognitive theories of bilingualism and the curriculum
- Education for bilingualism and biliteracy in early childhood
- The effectiveness of bilingual education for young children
- Bilingualism in the home
- Effective schools and classrooms for bilingual children
- Bilingualism and bilingual education in the modern world

### **Learning Outcome:**

- Examine theories, principles and concepts of bilingual education and bilingualism
- Evaluate the different types of bilingual education and how they contribute to the development of bilingualism
- Appraise effective classroom approaches and strategies in bilingual education
- Solve issues relating to bilingual education in early childhood settings
- Propose recommendations to address the needs of different groups of learners
- Formulate appropriate programmes that would support bilingual education in early childhood

### **Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	30
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	20
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50

<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>
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**Weightage Total** **100**