
Section 4

ROLE OF THE GUIDE AND THE COUNSELLOR

The Guide is the person from whom you are going to imbibe the skills of working with young children. This is the person who will help you to translate into practice the principles and knowledge that you would have acquired through the first three Courses of this Diploma.

How much you learn from your Guide depends on you, of course. Observe her closely and carefully as she works with children. Ask her questions about her method of work and clarify your doubts without feeling hesitant.

Listen to her suggestions and critical appraisal of your work with an open mind. It is for your benefit. There will be much to learn about working with children even after you complete the Diploma, and there will be others you will come in contact with later during the course of your work, from whom you will continue to learn. But this may be your first exposure to field work and so, make the most of it.

The Guide will

- help you to develop the understanding, attitudes and skills that are necessary for working with young children
- help you plan and conduct the activity sessions that are part of your Project Work
- evaluate your Activity Plan and conduct of each activity session and give marks and comments
- give you a feedback on how you carried out the activity/activities and handled the children during the activity session
- help you in writing the Report of the activity session
- evaluate the Report and give marks and comments
- verify on the form given at Annexure 1 (Section A & B) of this Manual that bonafide work has been done by you for the required duration in the nursery school. The Principal/Incharge of the nursery school too would need to countersign this form.
- consolidate the marks for your Activity Plan, conduct of activity session and Reports on the sheet given at Annexure 3, Section A of this Manual and sign it.

The norms which the Guide will follow while evaluating your work are specified at Section A, Annexure 2. The principal too would be evaluating some of your work as explained in Section 5.

Besides the Guide, there is the Project Counsellor to assist you, with whom you can interact with regard to the Project Work. This person will be available on the dates as would be communicated to you in the counselling schedule by your Study Centre/Regional Centre. However, interacting with the Counsellor is optional. You may wish to go to her/him for further guidance or if there are some problems which neither you nor your Guide are able to solve.