History and Philosophy of Education

Course Syllabus

Course Description

The purpose of this professional development course is to explore the educational philosophies, theories, and practices that have developed from the past to the present. It covers the contributions of key philosophers and reformers, examining how they have influenced educational systems and other institutions. Educators will also learn about the pivotal moments of education in history and the underlying ideologies that have shaped education throughout the ages. Some major topics will include the purpose and scope of philosophy throughout history, classical education, Medieval and Renaissance education, Enlightenment educational philosophies, Industrial & Progressive Era education, 20th Century educational theories, contemporary issues challenging the history and philosophy of education, and the future directions of education. This course is ideal for educators, administrators, and anyone interested in the history and philosophy of education, aiming to apply these insights to enhance their professional practice and influence future educational developments.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in the history and philosophy of education, exploring key educational theories, influential philosophers, and the evolution of educational practices from past to present.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the purpose and scope of philosophy education through historical contexts.
2. Explore foundational ideals and theories in classical educational philosophy.
3. Analyze the evolution of education from Medieval times to the philosophies developed in the Renaissance.
4. Examine the impact of Enlightenment thinking on educational philosophy and key figures.
5. Investigate the Industrial Revolution and how progressive education came about to develop the modern era.
6. Evaluate 20th-century educational philosophies and their contributions to modern education.-20th Century Educational Theories
7. Determine the contemporary issues in education and discuss how they influence practices in modern education.
8. Predict emerging issues and their impact on future educational models, practices, and philosophies.

Modules

- Module 1: Intro to the Philosophy of Education, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Classical Philosophies of Education, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Medieval and Renaissance Education, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Enlightenment Educational Philosophies, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Industrial & Progressive Era in Education, Quiz 5
- Module 6: 20th Century Educational Theories, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Contemporary Issues in Education, Quiz 7
- Module 8: The Future of Education, Quiz 8

Grading:

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.