

Certificate in Preschool Mother Tongue Language Teaching - Tamil (CPMTLT-T)

Modules	Synopsis
Grammar for Effective Communication in Tamil	This module reinforces in students their core skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Tamil. They will also learn the technicalities of the language like Tamil word classification and formation of words, grammar, syntax, phonology and semantic, enabling them to speak effectively. The module will also introduce students to the different styles of writing, allowing them to communicate effectively with parents and other stakeholders.
Introduction to Tamil Culture & Children's Literature	This module introduces the Tamil heritage and culture and in particular, the practices that influences the Tamilians' way of life in Singapore & Tamil Nadu. Students will learn how to create suitable learning opportunities for children to learn more about the Tamil heritage, culture and society and help them see its relevance. Students will also explore, select and analyse different genre of Tamil children's literature (stories, poems, songs and rhymes) from Tamil Nadu, Singapore and Malaysia. Designing literature materials such as picture books introduces students to visual literacy which can be used to support children's learning of the language, culture and values.
Teaching Tamil through the Arts for Young Children	This module will introduce students to the use of art, music and drama with young children to develop interest, reinforce and extend their learning of Tamil language, culture and heritage. Art and craft inspired by traditional art forms such as Tanjore painting, folk and tribal art; music and dance such as the Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi will be included to instill creative expressions. Students will also study the relationship between these folklores and the arts with heritage and cultural practices of Tamilians. Folklore and stories unique to the Tamil and Indian community, suitable for young children will be introduced through music, movement and drama with the use of props.

<p>Developing Tamil Language Literacy for Young Children</p>	<p>This module introduces students to the components of language and literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading, and pre-writing, in the learning of the Tamil language. Students will be taught to scaffold children's learning in a fun and interactive manner including the use of play, show-and-tell, word games and singing. Reading strategies for young children such as the Shared Book Approach, PEER and CROWD and Sight Words. as well as different types of pre-writing skills activities will be introduced. Taking reference from the NEL Framework for Mother Tongue Languages, the creative use of local stories, audio, visual and tactile materials are to support literacy for young children.</p>
<p>Practicum - Tamil Language</p>	<p>This practicum is for students to apply their knowledge and skill gleaned from the modules of CPMTLT-T that relate to Tamil Language learning, for children from three plus to six years of age, in early childhood settings. The focus is on instilling a love for learning the Tamil Language by creating a fun and yet purposeful learning environment for play, as well as small group and large group activities. Students will also plan a series of structured and unstructured sequential learning experiences and engage in reflective writing on their roles and interactions with children.</p>