
4. BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (B.ED.) PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) programme of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been designed with the aim to develop an understanding of teaching-learning process at upper primary/secondary and senior-secondary level among student teachers. It focuses on enabling student-teachers to reflect critically on perspectives of education and integrate holistically the theory and practices to facilitate active engagement of learners for knowledge creation.

Programme Objectives

The B.Ed. programme will focus on:

- developing an understanding of context of education in contemporary Indian Society,
- appreciating the role of context and socio-political realities about learners in facilitating learning in inclusive settings,
- creating sensitivity about language diversity in classroom and its role in teaching-learning process
- developing an understanding of paradigm shift in conceptualizing disciplinary knowledge in school curriculum,
- identifying, challenging and overcoming gender inequalities in school, classroom, curricula, textbook, social institutions, etc.,
- enabling student-teachers to acquire necessary competencies for organizing learning experiences,
- developing competencies among student-teachers to select and use appropriate assessment strategies for facilitating learning,
- engaging student-teachers with self, child, community and school to establish close connections between different curricular areas,
- enabling student-teachers to integrate and apply ICT in facilitating teaching-learning process and in school management,
- systematizing experiences and strengthening the professional competencies of student teachers, and

- providing first-hand experience of all the school activities through engaging student-teachers as interns in upper primary/secondary/senior secondary schools.

DURATION

The **minimum duration** of the programme is **two years**. However, the **maximum period allowed** for completion of the programme is **five years**.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) programme is offered in English and Hindi medium only.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates with:

- a) at least fifty percent marks either in the Bachelor's Degree and/or in the Master's Degree in Sciences/ Social Sciences/Commerce/Humanity. Bachelor's in Engineering or Technology with specialization in Science and Mathematics with 55% marks or any other qualification equivalent thereto,
- and**
- b) The following categories are eligible to be students of B.Ed. (ODL):
 - (i) Trained in-service teachers in elementary education.
 - (ii) Candidates who have completed a NCTE recognized teacher education programme through face-to-face mode.
 - The reservation and relaxation of 5% marks in minimum eligibility will be provided to SC/ST/OBC (Non creamy layer)/PWD candidates as per the rules of the Central Government.
 - Reservation to Kashmiri Migrants and war widow candidates will be provided as per the University Rules.
 - Masters' Degree awarded without a first degree is not accepted for purpose of Academic Studies in IGNOU.

Important Instructions

- Only those candidates whose results are declared and qualified at the time of submitting the entrance form are eligible.** The applications would not be considered even though they appear and qualify in the entrance test, if they are not fulfilling minimum eligibility at the time of submitting the application form for entrance test.
- The candidates are also advised to carefully read the instructions given under 2.1 and 2.2 in particular about the Educational Qualifications awarded by the Private and other Universities on the matters related territorial jurisdiction, duration of degree etc. and other rules before submitting the application form.
- Trained Teacher:** As per NCTE, (Recognised Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Frequently Asked Questions on ODL Programmes (available at www.ncte-india.org/ncte_new/pdf/faq_odl.pdf), **'The trained teacher means a person who has completed NCTE recognised teacher education programme through face to face mode'**.
- In-service Teacher:** As per NCTE, (Recognised Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Frequently Asked Questions on ODL Programmes (available at www.ncte-india.org/ncte_new/pdf/faq_odl.pdf),

‘An in-service teacher means who is employed as a teacher in elementary school or elementary stage of education’.

- e. Diploma in Elementary Education (DEEd) Programme, Diploma in Education (DPE) through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or any other teacher education programme completed through ODL will not be considered as a teacher education programme for admission to B.Ed. (ODL). **NCTE has mandated completion of a teacher education programme through face-to-face mode only for admission to B.Ed. (ODL).**
- f. Along with other requisite certificates, a candidate should also submit Marksheet and Certificate of completion of a teacher education programme through face-to-face mode duly recognized by NCTE.
- g. OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) Central List will be considered.
- h. At the time of counselling, the candidate needs to submit a certificate to provide facilities for Practical Work including the Internship as per the format given at Page No. 61

Admission

Admission shall be done on the basis of the score obtained in the on-line entrance test conducted by NTA all over India. The candidate will be required to submit online entrance form. The original documents are to be verified later after receiving offer letter for admission at concerned regional centres.

No change of category code shall be entertained from the candidate after the submission of Entrance form.

Online Entrance Test

The Entrance Test will be held on **27th July, 2019**. Hall tickets will be uploaded on IGNOU-NTA website; www.ntaignou.nic.in for appearing in the Entrance Test.

Mere allowing candidates to take Entrance Test would not amount to acceptance of their eligibility for admission to B.Ed. **The final admission to the programme shall be subject to their rank in the merit list in the Entrance Test and production of proof of their eligibility at the time of last date of submission of application for admission to B.Ed. programme alongwith original certificates and programme fee.** The number of seats of each PSC is limited to 50 only. The university reserves the right to conduct the examination at different centres/change the examination centre of the candidates without assigning any reason thereof.

Programme Fee

Programme Fee is Rs. 50,000/- for the entire programme.

Candidates seeking admission to the B.Ed. programme are advised not to pay the programme fee along with the online entrance form. They will get a separate communication about their admission and payment of fee.

The programme fee should be paid only by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of IGNOU payable at the city where your Regional Centre is situated. Please write in capital letters your name and the programme to which admission is sought, i.e., B.Ed., on the back of the Demand Draft to ensure proper credit of your fee to the relevant account.