

# Early Childhood Education Training Program for the Jewish World

Oranim College of Education in Israel invites you to a program that will provide you with tools and knowledge for early childhood education in the Jewish world. Oranim College prepares Israel's finest educators by combining theoretical and practical studies as well as diverse pedagogical approaches, with an emphasis on developing the personal and educational identity of the future educator.

## ■ Program Rationale

This educational program focuses on developing educators with a humanist worldview and understanding of the developmental needs of each child. Studies include: child development theory; best practices including creating a developmentally appropriate educational environment; curriculum planning; intervention of educators to encourage optimal development; building relationships with parents and the community; and teaching Jewish and Israeli culture and identity through Biblical stories, children's literature, and Jewish holidays. We will discuss how to integrate this content in a developmentally appropriate way in early childhood educational frameworks throughout the Jewish world. We strive for our graduates to become educators who combine theoretical and practical knowledge, self-awareness, and sensitivity to their culture and surroundings.

## ■ Educational Goals

Students will acquire knowledge regarding:

- Up-to-date early childhood education theory
- Best pedagogical practices for early childhood educational frameworks, from an Israeli, community-focused, Kibbutz orientation
- Israeli, Jewish, and Kibbutz culture
- Best pedagogical practices for integrating Israeli and Jewish culture into early childhood education frameworks in the Jewish world

## ■ Target Audience

This course is for people who are interested in early childhood educational work in the Jewish world.

## ■ Program Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Hebrew (reading, writing, and speaking)

## ■ Program Details

This is a two-year program, of 300 study hours total, including:

### Online courses

Course topics:

- Developmental psychology
- Language development
- Relationships with parents and community
- Sensory and motor development
- Early identification of children with special needs
- Jewish holidays
- Stories of our ancestors
- Bible in early childhood education
- Ceremonies in early childhood education
- Children's literature
- Nature and science

### A one week seminar at Oranim College in Israel

Topics of seminar in Israel:

- Educational approach
- Israel
- Music and movement
- Using art in early childhood education

\*It is possible to participate in particular courses and receive a document confirming completion of those courses, without receiving a certificate of completion for the entire program.

At the end of the program, Oranim College will grant graduates a certificate of completion, as well as credit for certain courses, on the condition that graduates successfully complete course and program requirements.

## ■ Program Staff

- Senior academic faculty from Oranim College's Early Childhood Education Department
- Senior staff from Oranim College's International School with experience in training educators from across the Jewish world.

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