



PATNA UNIVERSITY
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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (CC-12)
TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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- Educational Psychology is the branch of Psychology which is concerned with the scientific study of human learning. It is the study of the experience and behavior of the learner in relation to the educational environment. Also, this branch of Psychology tries to utilize the theories and principles of Psychology within the field of education to solve different problems regarding learning and teaching.
- Educational Psychology involves two main concepts- Teaching and learning. Educational Psychology consists of two words Psychology and Education. While General Psychology is a pure science, Educational Psychology is its application in the field of education with the aim of socializing man and modifying his behaviour.



- Educational psychology is concerned with an understanding of:- The child (his development, his need and his potentialities), The learning situation (group dynamics and its effect on learning) and The learning process (its nature and the ways to make it effective).
- **Six major areas covered by Educational Psychology are:**
- The Learner
- The Learning Process
- The Learning Situation
- The Teaching Situation
- Evaluation of Learning
- Performance of The Teacher



NATURE OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

- It combines two fields i.e. education and Psychology.
- It is the scientific study of human behavior in educational situations.
- It selects and organizes the subject matter or the learning experience.
- It suggests art and technique of learning and teaching.
- It is concerned with these factors, principles and techniques which relate to the various aspects of a child's growth and development.
- It arranges learning environment.
- It studies the effect of heredity and environment on the learning process.
- It solves classroom problems.
- It motivates teaching and learning.



- It is a science of education dealing primarily with how, when and what of education.
- It helps in maintaining discipline.
- It recommends guidance services.
- It helps in evaluation and assessment.
- It helps in development of personality.
- It gathers knowledge about group behavior.
- It provides development among children.
- It improves the techniques of teaching and learning.
- It studies individual differences in learning.

