- 1. To understand and describe the stages of physical, cognitive, and social emotional development from pre-natal to 8 years of age in order to have appropriate and reasonable expectations of children in early childhood settings.
- 2. Explain and compare a range of theories on child growth and development.
- 3. To understand and plan for the psychological differences in the child in order to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which each child's needs are met.
- 4. To explore and plan the developmental task of a child in all areas of development in order to provide developmentally appropriate activities to foster growth and a sense of accomplishment.
- 5. To develop approaches and techniques in working with young children in order to be responsive to their developmental level and encourage exploration and discovery
- 6. To understand the cultural, economic, political, psychodynamic, and historical influences and contexts in early childhood development
- 7. To recognize and plan for the child's individual differences in order to measure and nurture each child's skills and progress.
- 8. To understand the work and learning of a child's play in order to provide meaningful play activities as a major vehicle for learning about his/her world .