

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

I have always been curious about how a human being develops right from the time of conception until the time of death. I personally believe that childhood is the most important stage in a human lifespan and everyone deserves a happy childhood for holistic development. I took an instant liking to the subject of child development during my graduation and ultimately realized during my masters that I want to pursue a career in the field of child development. The most concrete realization came in the form of my experience during internship at National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), New Delhi. I was placed in the Child Guidance Centre (CGC), wherein I learnt the intricacies of the Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment carried out to screen and diagnose children suspected of, at risk of or showing learning, behaviour, attention and developmental difficulties. Due the level of interest shown by me and my performance assessment done by the mentors, I was granted the chance to conduct the sessions independently. This aspect gave a fillip towards my interests and confidence and further gave an impetus in my belief of making a career in this field. I learnt that the development of a child is shaped by his or her unique biological, psychological and social environment and providing right intervention strategies such as therapeutic intervention and life skills training can bring about vast difference in a child's future endeavours.

In addition, during masters I built a broad foundation of essential child development knowledge in courses such as Early Childhood Care and Education, Curriculum during Early Years, Child in the family, Parent and Community Education, and Advanced Study in Human Development - Conception to Childhood. Along with Guidance and Counseling as my specialization, I also carried out a research work entitled, "Loneliness Levels of College Girls Residing in Hostel for the First Time". While carrying out the research I gained an insight into Research Methodology and various techniques used to develop tools, analyze and interpret the data. It was a very interesting experience, which will stand me in good stead in my future endeavours. I was extensively involved in extracurricular activities during my graduation and post graduation. I participated in Each One Teach One Programme organized by University of Delhi and I was the editorial head of my department at Banasthali University.

Now, having matured into a competent and confident adult with not only extensive academic experience related to child development but also considerable work and extracurricular experience, I believe that I am in an ideal position to begin my career. My goals include establishing a career in the field of child development wherein I can provide children with fruitful learning experiences and also learn and develop personally and professionally. If given the opportunity I shall make the best out of it. I assure you that I will measure up to the confidence reposed in me by your esteemed organization.