

Nature and Scope of Educational psychology

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Educational psychology

- Educational psychology is nothing but one of the branch of applied psychology.
- It is an attempt to apply the knowledge of psychology to the field of education.
- In other words , educational psychology is the study of the experience and behavior of the learner in relation to educational environment.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Crow and Crow put it as:** “Educational Psychology describes and explains the learning experience of an individual from birth through old age”.(1973)
- **According to Peel:** “Educational Psychology is the science of education.(1956)
- It is that branch of psychology which deals with teaching and learning **(by: Skinner)**

Educational Psychology with regard to Teaching & Learning

- To Know the learner**
- To select and organize the subject-matter or learning experiences**
- To suggest art and techniques of learning as well as teaching**
- To arrange learning situation or environment**

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- **To acquaint him with the mechanism of heredity and environment**
- **Helping in maintaining discipline**
- **Rendering guidance services**
- **Helping in evaluation and assessment**
- **Solving classroom problems**
- **Knowing about himself**
- **Motivation for Teaching and Learning**
- **Knowledge about group study and group behaviour**
- **All round development personality**

NATURE OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

- Its nature is scientific since it has been accepted that it is a science of education.
- The relationship between education and education psychology also throws light on its nature. We can summarise the nature of educational psychology in following ways.
 - ✓ By applying the principles and techniques of psychology, it tries to study the behaviour and experiences of the pupils.
 - ✓ Education Psychology limits its study to the behaviour of the pupils(learner) in relation to educational environment.

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- ✓ It gives the necessary knowledge and skill(technical guidance) for giving education to the pupils in a satisfactory way.
- ✓ It is applied positive science.
- ✓ Educational Psychology is not a perfect science.
- ✓ It employs scientific methods and adopts scientific approach to study the behaviour of an individual in educational environment.

