

# Contributions of Educational Psychology in the Teaching-learning Process

## ❖ Psychology:

- The word psychology has been derived from two Greek words— psyche means soul, and logos means science.

- Psychology is the science of soul.

- Psychology is the science of mind.

- Psychology is the science of consciousness

- Psychology is the science of behaviour.

“Psychology is the scientific study of the activities of the individuals in relation to his environment”.—Woodworth & Marquies.

- It is the scientific study of behavior and mind of both human being as well as animal being.

## ❖ Educational Psychology:

- Educational psychology is an applied branch of general psychology.
- It is the application of psychological findings in the field of education.
- It is the systematic study of the development of the individual within the educational environment/ settings.
- It is concerned with the scientific study of human learning.
- Skinner: “Educational psychology is that branch of psychology which deals with teaching and learning.”

## ❖ Contributions of Educational Psychology in the teaching-learning process:

Teaching-learning process exclusively depends on the knowledge of psychology among the teachers so, knowledge of educational psychology is also imperative for successful teachers. Educational psychology helps the teachers:

- To understand the developmental stages and characteristics;
- To understand the nature of child's as well as nature of class-room learning;
- To understand individual differences;

- To understand the problems of children;
- To understand the condition of mental health;
- To understand the effectiveness of teaching methods;
- To understand the group dynamics;
- Helps in evaluation of student's performance;
- Helps in maintaining discipline;
- Helps in moral development;
- Helps to provide proper guidance;
- Helps to prevent crime;
- Helps in self-evaluation of the teachers;

## Conclusion:

- Educational psychology has occupied a great place in present day educational field.
- Pestalozzi, a famous psychologist for the first time tried to psychologize education, and revolutionized teachers' training programme.
- Thorndike, Judd, Terman, Weschler, Hull and Skinner influenced immensely in the different areas of educational psychology.

*Thank You.*