SUGGESTED EXERCISES

Observing nap time routine in the nursery



Video: Baby napping

OBJECTIVES

- Analyzing the profession.
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle for children.
- Creating a safe environment in an educational childcare centre.
- Promoting children's holistic development.
- Building a positive relationship with children.
- Organizing the educational environment.
- Integrating the language and culture of belonging into educational practices.

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Approximate duration: 2 hrs



STEP 1

1.1 Watch the video clip as a group or individually.

STEP 2

2.1 Individually, check off any skills you can observe in the clip in the table below.

STEP 3

3.1 Individually, explain your answers in the space provided, and discuss the importance of each practical skill and soft skill.

QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF SKILLS

SKILLS	CAN IT BE OBSERVED IN THE CLIP?		DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THIS PRACTICAL OR SOFT SKILL.
	Yes	No	
PRACTICAL SKILLS			
Meeting the children's developmental needs			
Meeting the children's safety needs			
Meeting the children's affective needs			
Supporting the children in leaving their parents for the day			
Feeding the children and helping them eat			
Changing diapers			
Supporting the children in learning how to use a potty			
Getting the children dressed or helping them get dressed			
Helping the children at nap time			



Teaching a healthy lifestyle	
Fostering a stimulating environment	
Ensuring an appropriate pedagogical, physical and material planning of the space	
Building a relationship with the parents	
Establishing a partnership with the parents	
Performing interventions and planning tasks regarding the children's health and safety	
Following sanitary guidelines	
Building a meaningful relationship with children	
Meeting the parents' requirements	
Ensuring constant monitoring	
Planning everyday moments that meet the children's needs	
Observing the children's development and behaviour	
Performing interventions regarding the children's safety (screening and protection)	
Discussing their work with colleagues and management	
Respecting the pace of children and their parents	
Reassuring the children and their parents	



Honouring and respecting the transmission of family and cultural values		
SOFT SKILLS		
Caring		
Listening		
Being organized with the help of tools		
Working in teams		
Being calm		
Being creative		
Demonstrating professional ethics		
Being empathetic		
Being energetic		
Having self-control		
Being emotionally mature		
Being open-minded		
Having a good sense of humour		
Being responsible		

STEP 4

4.1 Share your answers with the group.

STEP 5

- **5.1** Expand your learning by answering the following questions:
 - What is your first impression when watching this clip?
 - Is it a professional or personal reaction? Why?



- Share some examples of elements you can observe in the clip that show how the environment supports the children's holistic development.
- Share some examples of things you can hear in the clip that show how the environment supports children's affective development.
- What role do the parents play in the planning of nap time in educational childcare centres?
- If you were in the same situation, what would you do differently? Why?
- What elements can you observe that show the educator's availability for the children in her group?
- What is your takeaway from this activity?

