**SCHOOL OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY**

**OPEN COURSE, SBEMIIIO1691, DISABILITIES**

Objectives: On completion of the course, the student will be able to develop:

1. Higher level awareness on various major childhood disabilities.
2. Greater understanding on causes, prevention and prevalence of childhood disabilities.
3. Greater understanding on characteristics of disabilities.
4. Comprehend the problems and needs of persons with disabilities
5. Favourable attitude towards persons with disabilities.

**Syllabus**

1. Intellectual Disability
   1. Concept of Impairment, Disability and Handicap.
   2. Concept, Definition and Prevalence.
   3. Causes and Prevention.
   4. Characteristics and Classification.
   5. Problems and Needs.
2. Hearing Impairment
   1. Concept, Definition and Prevalence.
   2. Causes and Prevention.
   3. Prevalence.
   4. Characteristics and Classification.
   5. Problems and Needs.
3. Blindness and Low Vision
   1. Concept, Definition and Prevalence.
   2. Causes and Prevention.
   3. Characteristics.
   4. Classification.
   5. Problems and Needs.
4. Learning Disabilities
   1. Concept, Definition and Prevalence.
   2. Causes and Prevention.
   3. Characteristics.
   4. Classification.
   5. Problems and Needs.
5. Other Disabilities
   1. Autism.
   2. Cerebral Palsy.
   3. Orthopaedic disabilities.
   4. Emotional Behavioural Disorders.
   5. Multiple Disabilities.

Activities:

1. Observation visit to various special schools.
2. Interview with persons with disabilities and their parents.
3. Group Discussion on problems and needs of individuals with disabilities.

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