L.N. 112 of 1994

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

STATUTE I 16 – INSTITUTE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30 (5) and 31 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University has promulgated the following statute made by the Council of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 33 and 48 (3) of the said Act:

1. This statute may be cited as Statute I 16 – Institute for Child Development.

2. There is hereby established an Institute for Child Development at the University of Malta as an inter-Faculty and inter-agency institution.

3. The aims of the Institute shall be as follows:

(a) to organise multidisciplinary research and services in the field of child development;

(b) to organise, provide and research multidisciplinary habilitation/rehabilitation programmes for children with special needs and their families in co-operation with governmental and non-governmental Agencies;

(c) to set up certificate, diploma, degree and postgraduate courses in the field of childhood disabilities;

(d) to service Faculties and other institutions in the field of child development especially with regard to the area of children with special needs;

(e) to organise and promote multidisciplinary workshops, seminars and conferences on child development and childhood disabilities;

(f) to serve as a resource centre and offer consultative services in the field of child development to individuals, governmental and non-governmental agencies;

(g) to undertake any other activities in the field of child development in co-operation with governmental and non-governmental agencies;

(h) to promote the role of parents as equal partners with professionals and their empowerment for informed choices regarding their children and families;

(i) to promote the principle that every child has the same rights as other members of society to realise his individual capacity for physical, social, emotional and intellectual development; and

(j) to promote the rights of all children for integrated services within the community and mainstream systems.

4. The Institute shall be governed by a Board composed as follows:

Chairman: The Rector or his nominated deputy;

Vice-Chairman: The Director of the Institute;

The Chairman of the National Commission for the Handicapped or his nominated deputy;

The Chairman, or his nominated deputy, and the Executive Director of the Eden Foundation;

Five members nominated as to one each by the Faculty Board of Education, the Board of the Institute of Social Welfare, the Board of the Institute of Health Care, the Faculty Board of Medicine and Surgery, and the Department of Psychology;

Two members appointed as to one each by the Council and Senate of the University;

The same member may represent more than one interest.

5. The functions of the Board shall be the following:

(a) to determine the policy of the Institute with regard to the objectives stated above;

(b) to ensure the proper financial administration of the Institute; and

(c) to ensure collaboration with other bodies, local and foreign, necessary for achieving the aims of the Institute.

6. (1) The Institute shall have a Director and Staff.

(2) The Director shall be appointed by the Council of the University for a period of three years following a call for applications.

(3) Academic and other members of staff shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Board, provided that the Board may itself appoint non-academic staff for periods not exceeding one year.

7. The Finance Officer of the University of Malta shall be the Treasurer of the Institute. The Director shall prepare the annual budget of the Institute and submit it to the Board for approval. The Director shall also submit to the Council a financial statement and to Senate an Annual report on the activities of the Institute.

8. Amendments to this statute may be proposed by the Board for approval of the council of the University.

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