

THEATRE EDUCATION

UNIT TITLE	Theoretical Foundations and Practical Applications of Theater Didactics
GENERAL GOAL	Provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical basis of theatre teaching and equip them with practical strategies for its effective application in educational contexts.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theoretical understanding: A critical examination of the key theoretical frameworks underlying theatre teaching, including constructivism, sociocultural theory, and experiential learning.• Pedagogical Scope Fostering the ability to design and adapt lesson plans integrating theoretical concepts with practical applications in theater education• Critical Analysis and Application To empower participants to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world teaching scenarios through interactive activities
ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION - METHODOLOGY	<p>Theoretical Seminar (1 hour): Participants engage in a seminar-style discussion on the theoretical foundations of theater didactics, referencing works by scholars such as Vygotsky, Dewey, and Bruner.</p> <p>Pedagogical Workshop (1 hour):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Practical exploration of pedagogical approaches such as problem-based learning and collaborative learning in the context of theater education.➤ Participants collaboratively design a sample lesson plan embodying the theoretical principles discussed in the seminar. <p>Critical analysis and Role-Playing (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Analysis of successful theater education programs as case studies, referencing theoretical frameworks.➤ Participants engage in role-playing exercises, applying theoretical knowledge to address

	<p>practical challenges (e.g., participants with disabilities) encountered in the case studies.</p> <p>All in all (with no specific methodology followed, just interactive lectures, activities, and workshops), the process is participant-centered, fostering an environment that promotes active participation and peer learning, like a training of trainers seminar targeted for YWs</p>
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