

# Philosophy of Education

## Introduction

Education and philosophy are two sides of the same coin, they are interdependent on each other and go hand in hand.

## Philosophy

The term 'philosophy' has been derived from two Greek words, 'Philos' means love and 'Sophia' means wisdom.

Philosophy means love for knowledge or passion for learning.

## Education

In literary sense, education owes its origin to the two Latin words:

'Educare' and 'Educere'.

'Educare' - means 'to nourish', 'to bring up', 'to raise'; 'Educere' - means 'to bring forth', 'to draw out', 'to lead out'. 'Educatum' - means - 'the act of teaching and training'.

## Philosophy of Education

Philosophy of education may be defined as the application of the fundamental principles of a philosophy of life to the work of education.

Philosophy of education offers a definite set of aims and objective

## Definitions

1. John Dewey- "Philosophy may be defined as the theory of education in its most general phase".
2. Spencer- "True education is practicable only to true philosophers".
3. Gentile- "Education without philosophy would mean a failure to understand the precise nature of education".
4. Dewey- "Education is a laboratory in which philosophical distinctions become concrete and are tested".
5. Fichte- "The aim of education will never attain complete clearness without philosophy".

## **Interdependence of philosophy and education**

Philosophy and education are closely interrelated.

Education is application of philosophy or philosophy of education is applied philosophy.

It is the application of philosophy to study of the problems of education that is known as philosophy of education.

According to Ross, "Philosophy and education are like the sides of a coin, presenting different views of the same thing, and that one is implied by the other".

Education is the strongest instrument for the realization of the ideals of life and a civilized attempt to bring about the desired development of human personality.

This indicates the fact that plant of education draws its nourishment from the soil of philosophy.

Philosophy answers all the ultimate questions of education.

## **Conclusion**

From the given statements and views we can easily conclude that philosophy and education are closely interrelated.