



**University of West Attica**

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### **Purpose**

The Early Childhood Psychopedagogy laboratory was created to promote research and education in the fields of Pedagogy and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Pedagogy, which promote the development of 21st century skills.

Pedagogical Communication and Guidance Counselling

Psychopedagogical and emotional development

Psychopedagogy and relationship dynamics

21<sup>st</sup> century Skills for citizenship (Character, Communication, Collaboration, Citizenship, Critical Thinking, Creativity)

Museum Education

Pedagogy through art (visual arts, theatre, music, kinetics)

Pedagogy and Technological Literacy

Pedagogy and Lifelong Development

In particular,

contribute to meeting teaching and research needs at undergraduate and postgraduate level, supporting doctoral and postdoctoral research,

promote research collaborations with academic institutions and research centres,

collaborate with agencies of the wider public sector, local authorities, scientific, social and professional entities, international organisations or organisations and productive private sector entities in the relevant scientific fields,

provide expert advice, providing services to individuals and organisations,

attract and promote funded research, organise scientific lectures, workshops, seminars, conferences and other scientific events,

publishes researches,

develops early childhood education programmes for professional educators and parents of pre-school children,

provides scientific support to students in the development of academic and interpersonal skills,

informs the academic community on issues of early childhood education and care,

promotes volunteerism on various issues in the university or wider community,

promote the education of children from vulnerable and disadvantaged social groups,

provide counselling to parents and guardians on issues related to the education of pre-school children,

raise awareness in the local community on issues of education and care of young children,

train professionals in early childhood education and care,

conducting psycho-educational research.

## **Current projects**

### **1. InTra-EduCare (Innovative Transformation in Early Childhood Education and Care)**

- The project focuses on active and democratic pedagogical praxis in early childhood.
- 2021-2022 year focuses more on pre-school centers in rural areas and in suburbs of the city of Athens where population with low income and limited opportunities resides. Basic idea: The voice of these population

### **2. PIN-ICOM-ICH (Pathways to Inclusion through Intercultural Communication and Intangible Cultural Heritage)**

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