

BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education

4 years 240 credits

Code: TBC

Who is this course for?

Are you interested in understanding children, how they learn, grow and develop as unique capable individuals? This course is for students who wish to work with young children in an early childhood education environment including crèche, play school, pre-school, early start and after-school programmes.

This is a level 8 Honours degree however students have the option of exiting at Year 3 with a Level 7 qualification in Early Childhood Care and education.

Garda Vetting is required for ALL students on this programme

Entry Requirements- Who can apply?

Applications for the part-time Honours Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education are made directly to the college using the application form which is on the college website.

Please make sure that you state in your application any relevant experience or qualifications that you have in Early Childhood Education.

The number of places is limited so a shortlisting process may apply. Candidates who are shortlisted will be invited for interview. The interview process may also include a written component where applicants are asked to write on a given topic. We strongly advise people to apply only if they have

- Relevant work experience (paid or voluntary)

- Where possible, a previous qualification such as a QQI Level 5 or equivalent in Early Childhood Care and Education or a related discipline
- A high level of fluency in English, both written and oral.

Course Timetable

This course runs on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-10pm. Students will also be required to attend some Thursday evenings from 6-10pm. and some Saturdays each semester for full-day workshops. A detailed timetable is provided at the start of each semester.

This is a 4 year course which runs over 8 semesters. Students are required to complete 2 practice placements over 2 semesters in year 2 and 3.

Course Information

This course is four years in duration and requires a significant commitment to attending lectures as well as independent study. Students are trained through academic learning, practice based modules and work placement to become professional Early Childhood Educators who will be able to work to the highest standard of expertise with young children.

Students do a series of continuous assessments each semester which include essays, reports, presentations projects and group-work and they have some exams at the end of each semester. We recommend that students be in a position to commit to 15 hours independent study in addition to lecture attendance.



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Total cost of course is €2550 per year

Course content

Child Development	Sociology of Childhood
Child Centred Practice	Drama and Movement
Health & Wellbeing in the Early Years	Early Childhood Curriculum
Literacy and Numeracy	Language Acquisition
Children's Rights	Professional Practice & Child Protection
Family Studies	Legal Studies for Early Childhood

Please Note

You will be required to pay €100 application fee with your application. If you are not offered a place on the course your application fee will be refunded. If you are offered a place on the course your fee will be put towards your full course fee. If you do not accept the offered place you will forfeit the application fee.

Payment of the balance of fees due is as follows:

On acceptance of place €550

Half of full fee due by 31st October 2018

Full Fees due by 31 January 2019

Career Opportunities

Our graduates go on to work in many ECCE settings including pre-schools, early start, homework clubs as well as support services such as County Childcare Committees, Better Start and AIM. Graduates could also practice in more specialist areas such as special needs services or early intervention projects.

ECCE is a profession with growing opportunities for graduates. Graduates may obtain jobs with private, community and statutory agencies, such as the HSE and TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency. Graduates may also go on to open their own service.

Graduates may also go on to do Masters Degrees in areas such as Child and Family Studies, Primary School Teaching, Speech and Language Therapy. So the range of professional and education opportunities are really broad for graduates of our Early Childhood Care and Education degree programme.

How to Apply

Please apply through www.it-tallaght.ie

KEY DATES

Please note that these dates are provisional and are subject to change.

INDUCTION	1/8 th September TBC
CLASSES BEGIN	Mid-September
CLASSES FINISH	End of April 2019
EXAMS	January and May 2019
RESULTS	June 2019

For further information

Course specific

Please contact helena.doody@it-tallaght.ie

For queries on the application process

Please contact LLL@it-tallaght.ie or phone the Lifelong Learning Team @ 4042101