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Bachelor of Education (Honours) in **Early Childhood Education**





About us

Hibernia College is a nationally recognised leader in teacher education. Hibernia College has engaged extensively with educators and practitioners in the Early Learning and Care sector (ELC), and responding to their professional development needs, created this Bachelor of Education (Honours) degree programme.

Hibernia College has a reputation for pioneering new teaching methodologies and embracing change in the ever-evolving world of education.

A philosophy of care is exemplified across our interactions with our future students — we lead by example.

The Programme

The Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Early Childhood Education aims to provide the early childhood sector with holistic, highly competent and research-engaged practitioners. This is a **240 credit** (NFQ Level 8), QQI blended learning programme where students participate in a variety of face to face and online engagements.

Through professional practice placement and the provision of a well-structured mentoring professional support team (PST) across the 4 years of the programme, students engage in opportunities to act and reflect on their emerging understanding of knowledge, practice and values and critically examine their commitment to quality in diverse early childhood settings and situations.

This degree programme is distinctive because it offers the current ELC workforce a flexible professional development opportunity that is innovative, creative and focused on career progression.

Graduates of the programme will have engaged in special education, inclusion and diversity in early intervention and early education, and explored research methods that enhance research-informed practice across all 4 stages of the programme.

'There is no education without care'



Entry Requirements

Applicants must be 18 years of age on 1 January in the year of entry.

Leaving Certificate or equivalent in the following subjects:

- ◆ Grade H5 in 2 subjects
- ◆ Grade O6 or H7 in 4 additional subjects - including:
 - Grade O6/H7 in Maths
 - Grade O6/H7 in English

Qualifications other than Irish Leaving Certificate will be assessed for equivalency using *entry requirements criteria for EU/EFTA Applicants*. View the **Agreed Entry Requirements for EU/EFTA**.

Note: Applicants who will be 23 years of age or over on 1 January on the year of entry meet the criteria for mature student entry and are not required to meet the Leaving Certificate entry requirements.

- ◆ **English Language Proficiency**
Applicants whose first language/primary mode of expression is not English, must provide evidence of English proficiency at B2+ or higher (CEFR).

Online Tutorials

You should expect to have approximately 3 online tutorials each week (Mon.–Fri.) that are 1 hour in length typically between 5-8pm. Classes are live and you will be expected to attend at the times stated.

Professional Practice Placement

There are 12 weeks of professional practice placement at the end of each of the 4 stages of the programme. You will be supported in specified work placements by a Placement Educator and a Peer Mentor. 35% of the programme is reserved for professional practice placement.

Tutor Support

Students are afforded opportunities to engage with their tutors via email and discussion forums at all times.

Reflection

Reflective practice is a core element of the programme. Reflective activities include writing blog posts, keeping a reflective journal and building a digital portfolio.

Face-to-Face Days

Face-to-face days take place at the weekends for 5 hours over Zoom. There are 3 in-person days each semester, which are highly practical and interactive, simulating practice and modelling play-based learning.

Required Study and Attendance

It is recommended that you set aside approximately 23 hours per week for study, including online tutorials and face-to-face days. The programme is 4 years with short breaks at Christmas, Easter, July and August. The programme is full-time, delivered through a blended learning model and requires full attendance.

Assessments

Feedback is provided throughout the programme in a timely, regular and individualised manner, helping students build confidence to succeed. A wide variety of assessment activities are added to a digital portfolio - over the 4 years of the programme as you develop your professional identity. Assessment methods include creating resources, answering short questions, essays, reports, placement assessment and a research project.

‘On-demand lectures and self-study are available at any time.’

Application Process

The application process is carried out primarily online. You will be required to complete a personal statement and upload some supporting documents to your application, which are outlined below. Note: All documents must be uploaded in PDF format and must be under 4 Mb. We cannot accept images, Word documents or other formats.

The following documents must be uploaded as part of your application:

- ◆ Leaving Certificate: official transcript from the State Examinations Commission (SEC) - If over 23, proof of age (passport copy).
- ◆ Be sure to review the Application Guide and documentation samples on the Hibernia College website before starting an application. View our **Application Guide**.

Interview

After your online application has been reviewed and deemed to meet the minimum entry requirements, you will be called for an interview.

The interview will assess your:

- ◆ motivation and professionalism
- ◆ suitability to work with very young children
- ◆ educational experience to date
- ◆ communication, interpersonal, organisation and planning skills
- ◆ knowledge of Hibernia College and the programme.

Recognition of Prior Learning

For information on Recognition of Prior Learning please visit **qualityframework.hiberniacollege.com** or email **advisor@hiberniacollege.net**

Fees

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee is €3,950 per academic year.

- To confirm acceptance of a place on the programme: €550 (includes €50 Garda Vetting fee)

Balance

- Year 1 fees (paid before the programme begins): €3,450
- Year 2 fees (paid before Year 2 begins): €3,950
- Year 3 fees (paid before Year 3 begins): €3,950
- Year 4 fees (paid before Year 4 begins): €3,950

Tax Relief

Hibernia College is an approved college for the purposes of s.474 of the *Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997*. This programme is approved for tax relief. For more information, please visit our **website**.

Programme Learning Outcomes

To review the programme learning outcomes, please visit our **website**.



Structure of BEd (Honours) Degree in Early Childhood Education

This is a 4 year honours bachelor degree, which allows students to complete 60 ECTS credits per stage.

Stage 1

Professional Identity 1	5 ECTS
Early Childhood Education Policy and Legislation 1	5 ECTS
The Playful Pedagogue and Curriculum 1	10 ECTS
A Holistic Approach to the Developing Child 1	5 ECTS
Leading Dialogue 1	5 ECTS
Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education 1	5 ECTS
Research Methods for Early Childhood Education 1	5 ECTS
Professional Practice Placement 1	20 ECTS

Stage 2

Professional Identity 2	5 ECTS
Early Childhood Education Policy and Legislation 2	5 ECTS
The Playful Pedagogue and Curriculum 2	10 ECTS
A Holistic Approach to the Developing Child 2	5 ECTS
Leading Dialogue 2	5 ECTS
Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education 2	5 ECTS
Research Methods for Early Childhood Education 2	5 ECTS
Professional Practice Placement 2	20 ECTS

Stage 3

Professional Identity 3	5 ECTS
Early Childhood Education Policy and Legislation 3	5 ECTS
The Playful Pedagogue and Curriculum 3	10 ECTS
A Holistic Approach to the Developing Child 3	5 ECTS
Leading Dialogue 3	5 ECTS
Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education 3	5 ECTS
Research Methods for Early Childhood Education 3	5 ECTS
Professional Practice Placement 3	20 ECTS

Stage 4

Research in Practice Capstone	20 ECTS
Neuro-Developmental Disabilities and Specific Interventions	10 ECTS
Professional Practice Placement (0-3 years)	10 ECTS
Professional Practice Placement (3-6 years)	10 ECTS
Elective Modules	
Music in Education	10 ECTS
An Introduction to Play Therapy	10 ECTS
Citizen and Community Education	10 ECTS
Deaf Education and ISL	10 ECTS

The BEd is designed for Leaving Cert students who wish to work in early childhood education and practitioners currently working in the sector who are looking to develop their skills, competencies and qualifications to progress. The Level 8 programme satisfies the degree entry requirement for the PME in Primary Education. The programme does not provide a route to registration with the Teaching Council.



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