

LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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Subject: Bachelor of Education (Hons) – Applications for October 2021

Course Delivery: 4 Years Part-Time (Blended)

Applications Open: 4.30pm (CET) 19/05/2021

Application Link: [BEDU/01/2021](https://bedu/01/2021)

Application Deadline: 02/06/2021

Tuition Fee: Home/EU/EEA Applicants: €950 per annum

Non-EU/EEA - €15,200 – Full Price

The Institute for Education is accepting applications submitted online as **from 4.30pm of 19th May 2021** for the part-time blended course *Bachelor of Education (Hons) (MQF 6, 180 ECTS)* starting in **October 2021**. While applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, persons engaged as supply educators in the subject applied will be given first preference¹.

Course Details:

This degree programme provides course participants with a strong foundation in pedagogy, assessment, inclusive practices and educational theory. It aims to provide those within or wishing to join the education sector with the necessary tools and competences to teach effectively in the classroom whilst fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. It also serves as a pathway to further studies.

Subject specialisations currently on offer include:

- Primary Education (maximum 25 participants)
- Religious Education (maximum 7 participants)
- Social Studies (maximum 7 participants)

¹ Experience is to be supported by; GP47/ Jobsplus Employment History/ Declaration from employer confirming the years of experience

- European Studies (maximum 7 participants)
- Agribusiness (maximum 7 participants)
- Engineering Technology (maximum 7 participants)
- Hospitality (maximum 7 participants)
- Fashion and Textiles (maximum 7 participants)
- Physical Education (maximum 12 participants)
- Biology (maximum 7 participants)
- Hairdressing and Beauty (maximum 7 participants)

Newly offered stream:

- Health and Social Care (maximum 7 participants)

The successful completion of the qualification may not be the only requirement for employment and therefore applicants are responsible to contact the appropriate departments to be informed of additional requirements for the desired employment.

Get Qualified Scheme

This course falls under the Get Qualified Scheme, an initiative supporting the achievement of qualifications and certifications required by industry. Upon successful completion of the qualification the student may be entitled to benefit from a tax credit to recover part of the costs incurred throughout their studies.



For further information, application and procedures kindly follow:

<https://education.gov.mt/en/get-qualified/Pages/Student.aspx>

This Scheme is administered by the Ministry for Education and is independent from the Institute for Education.

Minimum entry requirements

Applicants interested in following the degree programme are required to satisfy the eligibility criteria as indicated in the Annex at the end of this circular. Higher full qualifications in the relevant subject areas may also be considered by the Admissions Board.

Maturity Clause

This clause permits an applicant who satisfies the following conditions to apply for consideration to participate in a course as a mature student. Apart from any additional eligibility requirements, the applicant must:

- i. be in possession of the School Leaving Certificate / Secondary School Certificate and Profile;
- ii. be in possession of an MQF Level 3 in Mathematics, Maltese and English Language (Grades 1-5, or equivalent);
- iii. be 23 years old by the date of application.

Applicants who apply under the maturity clause have to demonstrate academic potential and that they have gained academically relevant knowledge and work place experience. Applicants are required to sit for an interview where they will need to present a portfolio including; an updated CV and motivational letter, full details of their career, a document outlining their knowledge development, employment record, certificates, documents, and references. The portfolio has to also include past academic assignments or documents/reports written by the applicant during employment. Following the interview, the Admissions Board may require candidates to undertake additional studies within a stipulated timeframe as a condition for their acceptance. The Board may even recommend an alternative programme where it considers appropriate.

Language Requirement for International Applicants

In addition to the above requirements, international applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency with an Academic IELTS score of 6.0, or an equivalent score from another recognised international proficiency examination.

Fees

Upon receiving the acceptance letter by the Institute, applicants from countries in the European Union (EU), Switzerland and countries in the European Economic Area (EEA) are required to pay €950 on an annual basis.

International applicants who are not from the EU, Switzerland or from a country within the EEA are required to pay in full the total cost of the course; €15,200. For further details kindly refer to the

Institute's [Tuition Fees Policy](#). Modes and methods of payment will be communicated to the accepted applicants.

Submission of applications

Interested applicants are kindly asked to submit an online application by following the [link](#). Deadline for submission of applications is **Wednesday 2nd June 2021**. Eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come first served basis. However, supply educators teaching the area or subject they are applying under will be given first preference².

Disclaimer: The running of all programmes are subject to a minimum number of participants and subject to availability of resources.

Thank you.

Joanne Grima
CEO Institute for Education

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Annex – Entry Requirements

Participants applying for the *Bachelor of Education (Hons)* are required to be in possession of the following:

Subject Area	Entry Requirements
Primary Education	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) including a grade C or better at Advanced Level in one of the subjects taught in the primary curriculum; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum 120 ECTS in Early Childhood Education and Care; OR c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including two subjects with a grade C or better, one of which must be a subject taught in the primary curriculum, and a third subject with a grade D or better; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including one of the subjects taught in the primary curriculum and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.

<p>Religious Education</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge at Advanced Level; OR b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Religious Knowledge and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.
<p>Social Studies</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in at least ONE of the following subjects: Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History, or Philosophy at Advanced Level; OR b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including two subjects with a grade C or better, one of which must be in Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History, or Philosophy and a third subject with a grade D or better; OR <p>Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History or Philosophy and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>

<p>Agribusiness</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum 120 ECTS in Agribusiness or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least a Grade D in the third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Biology and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.
<p>Hospitality</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a Grade C or better in Home Economics at Advanced Level; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Hospitality or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR

	<p>c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Home Economics and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Home Economics and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
<p>Fashion and Textiles</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Art at Intermediate level; OR</p> <p>b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Fashion and Textiles or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR</p> <p>c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in two subjects, preferably including Art, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better in two subjects preferably including Art and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p> <p>3. In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sit for an interview and present a portfolio illustrating their work and training in relation to the subject area prior to acceptance on the programme.</p>

<p>Physical Education</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Physical Education at Intermediate level; OR b) An MQF Level 4 qualification with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Sports, Coaching or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR c) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) together with a signed reference from the respective sport's association or MOC providing evidence of a minimum of three (3) years active participation in a particular sport; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better, with an intermediate in Physical Education at grade C and two intermediates with a minimum grade D.</p>
<p>Biology</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese , English Language and Mathematics; AND 2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level; OR b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Biology and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>

<p>Hairdressing and Beauty</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Biology or Chemistry or Home Economics at Intermediate level;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in two subjects, preferably including Biology or Chemistry or Home Economics, and at least a grade D in a third subject;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D. Preference will be given to those with Biology, or Chemistry or Home Economics at grade C or better at Intermediate level.</p> <p>3. In addition to the above, all applicants will be required to sit for an interview and present a portfolio illustrating their work and training in relation to the subject area prior to acceptance on the programme.</p>
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<p>Health and Social Care</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Biology or Chemistry or Physics or Home Economics or Sociology or Psychology at Intermediate Level; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum 120 ECTS in Health and Social Care, Nutrition, Childcare or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in Biology or Chemistry or Physics or Home Economics or Sociology and another subject, and at least a Grade D in the third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including Biology or Home Economics and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.
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<p>European Studies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in one of the following subjects: European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics; OR b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including two subjects with a grade C or better, one of which must be European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics, and a third subjects with a grade D or better; OR c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better including European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.
<p>Engineering Technology</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An MQF Level 3 (Grade 1-5, or equivalent) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum 120 ECTS in Engineering Technology or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) including a grade C or better in two of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication;

	<p>and at least in Grade D in the third subject;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>d)Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) at grade C or better in two of the following subjects Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
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