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Subject: Bachelor of Education (Hons.) – Applications for October 2019

Course Delivery: 4 Years Part-Time (Blended)   **Applications Open:** 3pm (CET) 13/05/2019

Application Link: https://bit.ly/2VgOGAo   **Application Deadline:** 26/05/2019

Tuition Fee: Home/EU/EEA Applicants: €450 per annum

Non-EU/EEA - €4,500 – Full Price

The Institute for Education is accepting applications submitted online as **from 3pm of 13th May 2019** for the part-time blended course *Bachelor of Education (Hons.) (MQF 6, 180 ECTS)* starting in **October 2019.** While applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, persons engaged as supply educators in a licensed school for the area applying shall be given first preference.

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 10 participants)

- Social Studies (maximum 10 participants)

- European Studies (maximum 7 participants)

- Agribusiness (maximum 7 participants)

- Engineering Technology (maximum 7 participants)

- Hospitality (maximum 7 participants)

- Textiles and Fashion (maximum 7 participants)

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.

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;

    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 be need to present a portfolio including; 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 Academic 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 €450 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; €4,500 (80% of which is non-refundable except under exceptional circumstances). For further details kindly refer to the Institute's Tuition Fees Policy 2019-2020 which can be accessed via the following link: https://bit.ly/2JkN1qU. 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: https://bit.ly/2VgOGAo. Deadline for submission of applications is **Sunday 26th May 2019.** Eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come first served basis. However, supply educators engaged in a licensed school for the area they are applying will be given first preference.

Thank you.

Joanne Grima
CEO Institute for Education

Annex – Entry Requirements

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

Primary Education	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: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with 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 diploma with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Early Childhood Care and Education; **OR** c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with two at grade C or better including one of the subjects taught in the primary curriculum, and another with a grade D or better.
Religious Education	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: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge at Advanced Level; **OR** b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject.

Social Studies	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:
	
	   a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with 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) with a grade C or better in at least **ONE** of the following subjects: Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History, or Philosophy. In addition, applicants should also be in possession of a grade C or better in another subject and a grade D or better in a third subject.

European Studies	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:
	
	   a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better at Advanced Level in **ONE** of the following subjects: European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics;
	   OR
	   b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in **ONE** of the following: European Studies, History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics. In addition, applicants should also be in possession of a grade C or better in another subject and a grade D or better in a third subject.

Agribusiness	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:

    a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level;
       OR

    b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Agribusiness or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education;
       OR

    c) 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 the third subject.

Engineering Technology	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:

    a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in **TWO** of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication;
       OR

    b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 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) with a grade C or better in **TWO** of the following subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing or Graphical Communication; and at least a Grade D in a third subject.

Hospitality	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:
	a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) with a Grade C or better in Home Economics at Advanced Level; **OR**
	b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification (MQF 4 with a minimum of 120 ECTS) in Hospitality or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; **OR**
	c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF 4) with a grade C or better in Home Economics and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject.
Textiles and Fashion	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:
	a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Art at Intermediate level; **OR**
	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**
	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.
	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.