



LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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From: Joanne Grima – CEO, Institute for Education

Subject: Bachelor of Education (Hons) – Applications for September 2023

Course Delivery: 4 Years Part-Time (Blended)

Applications Open: 4.30pm (CET) 17 May 2023

Application Link: [BPRI/01/2023](#)

Application Deadline: 14 June 2023

[BSEC/01/2023](#)

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

Non-EU/EEA - €15,200 – Full Price

The Institute for Education (IfE) is accepting applications submitted online **as from 4.30pm of 17 May 2023** for the part-time blended course Bachelor of Education (Hons) (MQF 6, 180 ECTS) starting in September 2023. While applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, persons engaged as supply educators in the subject applied will be given first preference. **Work experience is only verified against: GP47 or Jobsplus Employment History. CVs and letters of reference are not considered as proof of experience.**

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)
- Agribusiness (maximum 5 participants)
- Engineering Technology (maximum 5 participants)
- Fashion and Textiles (maximum 5 participants)



- Hairdressing and Beauty (maximum 5 participants)
- Health and Social Care (maximum 5 participants)
- Hospitality (maximum 5 participants)
- Biology (maximum 6 participants)
- European Studies (maximum 5 participants)
- Religious Education (maximum 5 participants)
- Social Studies (maximum 5 participants)
- Physical Education (maximum 10 participants)
- Business Education and Retail (maximum 5 participants)

Newly opened stream:

- Media Literacy (maximum 5 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 the 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://www.maltaenterprise.com/support/get-qualified-2017-2023>

This Scheme is not administered by 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.



Applicants are required to submit certificates as well as transcripts to corroborate claims of qualifications currently in their possession.

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 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education;
- 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 background knowledge and workplace experience. This will be assessed through an interview in which applicants need to present a portfolio with a list of requested documents. Following the interview, applicants may also be required 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.

Technological Requirements

All accepted course participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection and a working microphone and camera for synchronous (live) online sessions.



Teaching Practice

Important information about the Teaching Practice may be accessed through ife.gov.mt

Student Agreement

Accepted applicants who will be enrolled in a qualification programme will be required to endorse a Student Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to define the conditions of acceptance to undertake studies at the IfE. By signing the agreement both the IfE and the course participant will be agreeing to the stipulated conditions defining the relationship for the duration of studies.

Fees

Upon receiving the acceptance letter by the IfE, 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 IfE'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 this [link](#) for Primary and this [link](#) for Secondary/Vocational. Deadline for submission of applications is **Wednesday 14 June 2023**. 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 preference.

Work experience as a supply teacher in the area is only verified against; GP47 or Jobsplus Employment History. CVs and letters of reference are not considered as proof of experience.

Disclaimer

The running of all programmes is subject to a minimum number of participants and subject to availability of resources.



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Applicants awaiting results for qualifications requested under the minimum entry requirements (with the exception of MQF Level 3 qualifications) may be accepted as Probationary Course Participants.

These applicants will be required to provide proof that they are currently awaiting first-sitting results and consequently provide proof of successful attainment of these results.

Thank you.

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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 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education*;

AND

2. A minimum of one of the following:

a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 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 Level 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 Level 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.

* Applicants not in possession of an MQF Level 3 may also present a Grade D or better at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) or a Grade C or better at Intermediate Level (MQF Level 4) for the mentioned subjects.



Agribusiness	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 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 Level 4) including a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least in Grade D in the third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Biology and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
Engineering Technology	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) including 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 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 Level 4) including 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; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 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>



Fashion and Textiles	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) preferably including a grade C or better in Art at Intermediate level; OR b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification 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 Level 4) including a grade C or better in two of the subjects, preferably including Art, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 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 may 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 to the programme.</p>
Hairdressing and Beauty	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) preferably with a grade C or better in Biology or Chemistry or Home Economics at Intermediate Level; OR 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; OR c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) with a grade C or better in two of the subjects, preferably including Biology or Chemistry or Home Economics, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 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 may 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 to the programme.</p>



<p>Health and Social Care</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 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 Level 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 Level 4) at grade C or better including Biology or Home Economics and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
<p>Hospitality</p>	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND 2. A minimum of one of the following: a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 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 c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better in Home Economics and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Home Economics and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>



Media Literacy	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) including a Grade C or better in English or Maltese at Advanced Level; OR</p> <p>b) An MQF Level 4 vocational qualification with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Creative Media and Production, Photography, Film Studies, Art and Design or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR</p> <p>c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better in English or Maltese and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including English or Maltese and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
Biology	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) with a Grade C or better in Biology at Advanced Level; OR</p> <p>b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better in Biology and another subject, and at least with a grade C or better in a third subject; OR</p> <p>c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Biology and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
European Studies	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better at Advanced Level in one of the following subjects: History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics; OR</p> <p>b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including two subjects with a grade C or better, one of which must be History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics, and a third subject with a grade D or better;</p>



	<p>OR</p> <p>c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including History, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies or Economics, and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
Religious Education	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) with a Grade C or better in Religious Knowledge at Advanced Level;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better in Religious Knowledge and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Religious Knowledge and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>
Social Studies	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 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;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>b) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 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;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>c) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Social Studies, Sociology, Economics, History or Philosophy and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>



Physical Education	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) with a Grade C or better in Physical Education at Intermediate Level; OR</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) An awarded MATSEC Certificate (MQF Level 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</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better, with an intermediate in Physical Education at grade C and two intermediates with a minimum grade D.</p>
Business Education and Retail	<p>1. An MQF Level 3 (minimum Grade 5 or C) in Maltese, English Language and Mathematics awarded by MATSEC or an equivalent examination body recognised by the Institute for Education; AND</p> <p>2. A minimum of one of the following:</p> <p>a) An awarded MATSEC Certificate or equivalent (MQF Level 4) including a Grade C or better in Economics, Marketing or Accounts at Advanced Level; OR</p> <p>b) An MQF Level 4 qualification with a minimum of 120 ECTS in Business Studies, Marketing, Commerce, Accounts, Finance, or Economics or a cognate area deemed relevant by the Institute for Education; OR</p> <p>c) Three subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) including a grade C or better in Economics, Marketing or Accounts and another subject, and at least a grade D in a third subject; OR</p> <p>d) Two subjects at Advanced Level (MQF Level 4) at grade C or better including Economics, Marketing or Accounts and three intermediate subjects with a minimum grade D.</p>