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Subject: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Early Years, Learning and Care (Top-Up)– Applications for January 2024

Course Delivery: 18 months Part-Time (Blended)

Call 1 Applications Open: 09.00hrs (CET) 17/07/2023 **Deadline:** 16.00hrs (CET) 21/08/2023

Call 2 Applications Open: 09.00hrs (CET) 06/11/2023 **Deadline:** 16.00hrs (CET) 17/11/2023

Tuition Fee: Home/EU/EEA Applicants: €4,000 Full Price

International Students: Kindly contact us for further information.

The Institute for Education (IfE), a Further and Higher Education Institution licensed by MFHEA (Licence number: 2016-006) together with the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST), a Vocational Higher Education and Training institution, is offering a joint top-up programme titled: *Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Early Years, Learning and Care -Top-up (MQF 6, 60 ECTS)* starting in **January 2024**. MCAST are accepting applications submitted online for this part-time blended course (please refer to application periods above).

Course Details:

This joint-degree programme provides Early Years Educators with the opportunity to advance their skills and practices in providing a supportive environment for the holistic development of the child. The modules are designed in a manner that link educational theory with hands-on practice. The programme of studies includes a six-week practice placement and a dissertation. Lectures and workshops will focus on empowering course participants to make learning for young children stimulating and fun whilst safeguarding the rights and well-being of the child. Further areas to be

explored within the programme include critical engagement and inclusion in the early years, enriching learning through digital tools, learning through nature and educational leadership. 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://www.maltaenterprise.com/support/get-qualified-2017-2023>

This Scheme is administered by the Malta Enterprise and is independent from the MCAST and the Institute for Education.

Minimum entry requirements

Applicants are required to be in possession of the following minimum requirements:

- a) A Higher Diploma in Advanced Studies in the Early Years (MQF Level 5, 120 ECTS), or equivalent
OR
- b) MCAST-BTEC MQF 5 Early Years Learning and Development, OR
- c) MCAST-BTEC Higher National Diploma in Advanced Studies in Early Years

While applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, persons in full-time employment as Early Years Educators will be given first preference. Applicants are required to provide an **updated GP47 and / or Jobsplus employment history** as proof of their employment status.

Applicants are to ensure that all required documentation are submitted upon application. Incomplete applications or missing documentation will render the application incomplete.

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 access to a personal computer where they can follow the online sessions and complete assignments. A strong internet connection and a working microphone and camera are essential to follow synchronous (live) online sessions.

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Interested applicants are kindly asked to submit an online application by following this [link](#).

Deadline for submission of applications as indicated above. Eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come first served basis. Preference will be given to applicants in full time employment as Early Years Educators.

Applicants who over the past years have been assigned an MCAST email address as part of an MCAST course being followed, are kindly asked to ensure that they have at hand all the necessary credentials (such as an active password) for same email address. Applicants requiring a new password are kindly asked to access the following [link](#).

All other applicants applying for the first time for a course at MCAST are kindly advised that they will need their active and valid Maltese e-ID in order for them to create their account and application during the application time windows.



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

Applicants are to note that since the programme is being jointly delivered and awarded by MCAST and the Institute for Education, data will be shared between both institutions.

Thank you.

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