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From: Christine Grech - Head of Admissions

To the attention of: Child Care Centres, Assistant to the Childcare Educator

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Application Link: [ACE/01/2025](ACE/01/2025)   **Application Deadline:** 26th September 2025

Course Delivery: Blended

Tuition Fee: EU/EEA National - €80

           Non-EU/EEA - €750 – Full Price

The Institute for Education is opening applications for the Award in **Assisting the Childcare Educator (MQF 3, 30 ECTS)** commencing in **October 2025.**

Course Details

This programme is intended to prepare applicants for the role of Assistant to the Childcare Educator. This is aimed to be achieved by giving course participants an education in child development (0-3 years), including best practices in providing physical care to babies and toddlers. The programme also includes aspects of Health and Safety in early years settings. Course participants will be taught how to create learning experiences that sustain children's progress, and how to maintain inclusive learning environments. Additionally, the course will educate participants about Children's Rights, Positive Behaviour, Parental Involvement and issues of Sustainability. Course details can be found [here.](here)

Minimum Entry Requirements

Applicants interested in following this programme are to satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

1. Be at least 23 years of age; **AND**
2. Currently employed within in a licensed childcare setting

Schedule

Delivery of sessions will be on a blended-learning basis. Any unforeseen changes in session dates will be communicated at the earliest.

SCHEDULED SESSIONS			
Session	Date	Time	Mode of Delivery
Introductory Session	Thursday 30th October, 2025	15:30 – 16:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Tuesday 4th November, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	St Clare College – Health and Social Care
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Thursday 6th November, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Thursday 13th November, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Tuesday 18th November	15:30 – 18:00	St Clare College – Health and Social Care
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Tuesday 25th November, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Tuesday 2nd December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Thursday 4th December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE01 – Understanding Child Development and Caring for Children's Physical Needs	Tuesday 9th December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	St Clare College – Health and Social Care
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Wednesday 10th December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Oline Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Thursday 11th December, 2025	15:30 - 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Wednesday, 17th December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous

ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Thursday 18th December, 2025	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Wednesday 14th January, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Thursday 15th January, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Wednesday 21st January, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE02 – Creating Learning Experiences that Sustain Progression	Thursday 22nd January, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Face-to-Face
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Tuesday 24th February, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Thursday 26th February, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Tuesday, 3rd March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Thursday 5th March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Tuesday 10th March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Thursday 12th March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Tuesday 17th March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE03 – Sustaining Inclusive Learning Environments in the Early Years	Wednesday 18th March, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Tuesday 28th April, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Face-to-Face
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Thursday 30th April, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous

ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Tuesday 5th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Thursday 7th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Tuesday 12th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Thursday 14th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Tuesday 19th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE04 – Health and Safety in the Early Years Settings	Thursday 21st May, 2026	15:30-18:00	Face-to-Face
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Tuesday 26th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Thursday 28th May, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Tuesday 2nd June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Thursday 4th June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Tuesday 9th June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Thursday 11th June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Tuesday 16th June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Synchronous
ACE05 – Core Themes in Early Years Education	Thursday 18th June, 2026	15:30 – 18:00	Online Asynchronous
ACE06- Practicum Tutorials	Wednesday 28th January, 2026	15:30 – 18:15	Online Synchronous
ACE06 – Practicum Tutorials	Thursday 29th January, 2026	15:30 – 18:15	Online Synchronous
ACE06 – Practicum Tutorials	Wednesday 4th February, 2026	15:30 -18:15	Online Synchronous
ACE06 – Practicum Tutorials	Thursday 5th February, 2026	15:30 – 18:15	Online Synchronous

Fee

Upon receiving acceptance confirmation by the IfE, the applicant is required to pay the applicable fee for the course. Modes and methods of payment will be communicated to accepted applicants. For further details kindly refer to the IfE Tuition Fees Policy.

Language Requirement for Students from countries other than Malta

In addition to the above requirements, applicants whose mother tongue is not English, and who have never followed a full qualification taught in English language 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.

Submission of Applications

Interested applicants are kindly asked to submit an online application through following the link. Places are limited to twenty (20) eligible applicants.

For more information, kindly contact us on **ife.admissions@ilearn.edu.mt** or **25982038.**

Thank you.

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