



BA Early Years Education & Care Flexible Learning Level 7

Information Session

21st May 2024– 7pm



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Course Description

- The aim of this flexible, blended learning programme is to provide students with the opportunity to enhance and develop their overall professional early years practice.
- The programme encourages the development of one's knowledge to lead and manage quality inclusive early years education and care practice.
- There is an emphasis on the enhancement of **play both within the indoor and outdoor learning environments.**
- A specific focus of the programmes includes fostering a comprehensive understanding of partnership working with children, families and communities.
- Students will be encouraged to critically reflect on their own professional practice throughout the programme.



Programme Team

- The Programme Team have a broad range of experience and skills in areas of Early Years Education and Care , Education , Community Development, Social Care and Pedagogy
- Head of Department – Dr. Orlaith Borthwick
- Flexible Learning Team – Maureen Ryan
- Programme Team
- Aoife Prendergast
- Ashling Sheehan Boyle



Entry Requirements

**A Level 6 QQI Award for
Level 7**

**Recognition of Prior
Learning including LINC
Programme**

Some examples

QQI Level 5 Early Years Education and Care (or equivalent) & LINC – RPL process

QQI level 6 Early Years Education and care – Application process

Previous Qualification need to check DCEYI Website to check for equivalent

See Website for qualifications details



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Application Process

- **Application Form** — currently available on the course webpage TUS | Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education & Care (Flexible Learning Version)
- Deadline for applications – **applications will close as soon as maximum number is reached.**
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) including submission of all qualifications (transcripts)
- *Must be working in an early years environment for the duration of the programme- 400hrs of professional practice to be completed in Year 1 and Year 2 of Level 7 programme*
- Level 7 runs for two academic years
- Academic Year (Sep – May)
- **14th Sep 2024** – Induction in Thurles Campus

Course Fees

- The full fee for this two year programme is €4,800 (€2,400 per annum).
- This programme is eligible for 80% funding under the **Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)** initiative.
- The **Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)** will open to applicants in early May, to create an NSLF account and upload employment details.
- From 1st May 2024, **applicants should email Pobal**, at NSLF@pobal.ie to request a link to the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund Student Portal. Applicants will be required to complete a number of pre-requisite tasks prior to completing the NSLF application process.
- The full NSLF funding application process will open in early June.
- Applicants will be notified of a NSLF funding decision by early July.
- Please send all funding related queries to NSLF@pobal.ie

Assessment

- The assessment will include a variety of methods these include,,
- Written assignments
- Portfolios
- Reflections
- Essays
- Skills demonstration and possible an exam.



Expectations

- Commitment – evenings & weekends (approx. 2 evenings per week for live classes)
- 4 x Saturdays over the course of the academic year
- Intensity – 12-week Semester
- Continuous Assessment
- Support with Assessment & Submissions
- Time Management Skills

Delivery

- This programme will be run over the academic year Sep 2024 – May 2025
- The proposed commencement date is the **14th of September 2024** with a half day induction on Thurles campus.
- The programme will be delivered using a mix of online delivery and classroom based workshops.
- **There will be approximately 4 Saturday workshops per semester alternating between Thurles and Limerick.**
- **Semester 1 Saturday Workshops – 5th October 2024, 9th November 2024 & 30th November 2024.**



Saturdays

Include opportunities to meet class , lecturers and guest lectures to explore various elements of practice

Modules – Year 1

Semester 1

STEAM in Early Years

Professional Practice Placement (1)

Drama & Storytelling

School Age Childcare Provision

Semester 2

Creating Inclusive Environments

Professional Practice Placement (1)

Teaching and Learning through Play

Language and Literacy in Early Years



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Thanks

- Thank you for your interest and your time
- Questions
- **Remember applications are open**
- Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.
- The course will be closed once the maximum number of applicants is reached.
- Courses run subject to viable numbers.
- Contact: flexible.midwest@tus.ie relating to applications
- Course content/delivery – aoife.prendergast@tus.ie

