

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the minimum entry requirements?

Leaving Certificate Grade D3 at Ordinary or Higher level in 5 subjects including English or Irish.

**Note 1:** There is no requirement for Mathematics. A Grade B2 or higher in Foundation Level Mathematics is recognised as one of the subjects for entry.

**Note 2:** CIT uses the Garda Central Vetting Unit (GCVU) to help assess the suitability of all applicants on this programme. It is important to note that participation in or completion of this programme may be affected by subsequent disclosure/discovery.

### What are the most helpful Leaving Certificate subjects?

English and Business.

### Am I fully qualified to work in Early Years Education after three years study in CR 620?

Yes.

### Is there a pathway to primary school teaching from this course?

BA (Honours) graduates are eligible to apply for the Graduate Diploma in Education (which typically runs for 18 months) as long as they present with the minimum Leaving Certificate requirement in Irish or suitable equivalent.

The Department of Education & Skills recognises the Graduate Diploma in Education to teach in Primary Schools.

### Where can I find detailed module information?

<http://modules.cit.ie/cr620>

CIT has developed this website which gives full details of all modules for all courses. The website also has information on recommended textbooks, average weekly workload, assessments and exams.

### How many places are available in Year 1?

There are 60 places.

## BA IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

There is an ever increasing demand for quality Preschool services in Ireland today and the BA (Honours) in Early Years Education provides specialised training, support, advice and information on best practice for the education and care of young children from 0 to 6 years with a view to supporting the development of an Early Years workforce.



### ENQUIRIES TO

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# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

CAO Code CR 620



## EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

The course aims to train graduates to educate and meet the needs of children aged 0-6 years and to manage childcare facilities. The various biological, cognitive, emotional, and social stages of a child's development are studied.

The course offers the student the opportunity to study early childhood from differing perspectives – educational, psychological, social, and cultural. The course also includes tuition in Art, Music and Drama, which will provide an extensive portfolio of child-centred activities. Attention is also paid to practical skills needed in this type of work such as child health, exercise and nutrition, and the physical care of children.

## WORK PLACEMENT

Central to the Degree is the Professional Work Practice (PWP) i.e. placement which takes place in the second Semester every year. This involves supervised hands-on experience in centres approved by the Institute, for example, Preschools, Naíonraí, Creches, Primary Schools, and Centres for Children with Special Educational Needs.

### There is mandatory work placement as follows:

- Year 1: 6 week placement
- Year 2: 8 week placement
- Year 3: 8 week placement

There is an option of international placements in Year 2 and Year 3.

## FURTHER STUDIES

Suitably qualified graduates may apply for entry to the one year add-on

→ Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Years Education

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Early Years Education
- Early Years Childcare
- Children with Specific Learning Needs
- Children's Residential Care Centres
- Family and Community Support Centres

## GRADUATE PROFILE

### CLÍODHNA WALSH

myCIT  
myCareer



"My life has changed drastically in a very positive form since starting in CIT. I now own my own business, a Naíonra in Ballincollig (Irish speaking pre-school) with my sister Cairtriona (whom also completed this course in CIT). The Business Administration, Law in Early Years, and Business Modules contributed to this accomplishment. Work experience, Creative Arts, small classes and dedicated lecturers make this course the best of its kind. I believe to work with children you must keep in mind what it feels like to be a child. Our Naíonra is successful and I think it is down to the high quality education received from CIT. Graduates from this course have a new and different approach in my opinion.

From this course I learned a great deal about myself (Self-Awareness) which I think is vital in understanding child development. Group work and psychology played a major role in my personal and emotional growth as a childcare professional. The support from lecturers of this course is exceptional. They will go above and beyond their call of duty for their students. They are available for discussions, emails and feedback to help you along. I feel their support enabled me to attain my first class honours."

## BA IN EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

### COURSE PROGRAMME

<http://modules.cit.ie/cr620>

#### YEAR 1

**Semester 1 (Sept – Dec)**  
Creativity, Innovation & Teamwork  
Child Pedagogy (Introduction)  
Introduction to Creative Arts  
Personal & Professional Development 1  
Exercise and Play

**Semester 2 (Feb – May)**  
Work Placement 1  
Sociology  
Early Childhood Law  
Child Health and Development  
Developmental Psychology  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Theatre Production  
An Ghaeilge  
Free Choice Module

#### YEAR 2

**Semester 3 (Sept – Dec)**  
Early Education Legislation  
Personal & Professional Development 2  
Creative Arts 2  
Child Pedagogy 2  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Special Needs  
Free Choice Module

**Semester 4 (Feb – May)**  
Work Placement 2  
Health and Nutrition  
Childhood Behavioural Disorder  
Social Policy  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Teaching English to Young Learners (Intro)  
APA for the Young Child  
Free Choice Module

#### YEAR 3

**Semester 5 (Sept – Dec)**  
Experiential Group work  
Child Pedagogy 3  
Professional Development 3  
Educational Psychology  
Comparative Social Policy  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Research & IT  
Holistic Health

**Semester 6 (Feb – May)**  
Work Placement 3  
Research Skills (Introduction)  
Creative Arts 3  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Early Education and the Law  
Equality and Diversity  
Free Choice Module

#### YEAR 4

Add on Honours Degree: BA (Honours) in Early Years Education

**Semester 7 (Sept – Dec)**  
Early Years Education Research  
Design  
Business, Law and HR  
Therapeutic Application of Expressive Arts  
Multicultural Education  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Kodály-Inspired Education  
Early Childhood Intervention  
Free Choice Module

**Semester 8 (Feb – May)**  
Research Dissertation  
Social Psychology & Group Work  
Out of School Care  
Administration & Finance  
**Electives (Choose 1)**  
Literacy & Inclusion Practices  
Introduction to Play Therapy  
Free Choice Module