



# IIE Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education

School of Education

The IIE Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (HC in ECCE) is an entry level/ introductory qualification (at NQF Level 5) to the study of early childhood development (ECD) education from birth through to 4 years of age. It is intended to provide students with "basic introductory knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools and practical techniques to enable further study in ECD" (DHET, 2017: 24).

This one-year higher certificate is structured in accordance with The Department of Higher Education and Training's (DHET) Policy on Minimum Requirements

for Programmes Leading to Qualifications in Higher Education for Early Childhood Development Educators (2017), and with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for Children from Birth to Four Policy (2015). In addition, it is aligned to the HEQSF guidelines, and will provide students with the beginning knowledge, skills and applied competences identified to be critical for facilitation at this level. Graduates will be well prepared with insight and skills that are both employable and relevant to further specialisation study in support of the principles of life-long learning.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE

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1 YEAR FULL-TIME | NQF LEVEL 5 | MINIMUM 120 Credits | SAQA ID: 104532

## Curriculum

MODULES					
YEAR 1					
SEMESTER 1			SEMESTER 2		
Code	Module Name	Credits	Code	Module Name	Credits
DIAL5111	Digital and Academic Literacies	15	FMLP5112	Facilitating and Managing the Literacy Programme	15
HSNU5111	Health, Safety and Nutrition	15	FMLS5112	Facilitating and Managing the Life Skills Programme	15
ECLD5111	Early Childhood Learning and Development	15	FMNP5112	Facilitating and Managing the Numeracy Programme	15
COZU5112	Communicative Languages: IsiZulu	15	ECDX5112	ECD Experience	17
MDPE5111	Management, Development and Professionalism in ECD	15			

## Articulation Options

For the School of Education the following qualification allows you to articulate into the IIE Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching or the IIE Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching should you meet the requirements:

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For alternative articulation options within our other schools please contact your campus for further information

**NQF 5** Higher Certificate ✓

**NQF 7** Bachelor's Degree

**NQF 8** Honours Degree or Postgraduate Diploma

**NQF 9** Master's Degree

## Career Opportunities

- Beginner ECD Practitioner/Facilitator
- ECD/Preschool
- Teacher Aid

- Au Pair
- ECD/Preschool Aftercare Teacher

## Admission Requirements

There are prerequisites for this programme that must be met in order to progress through the qualification.

**National Senior Certificate (NSC)**  
HC pass with English 40%

**National Certificate (Vocational) (NC(V))**  
HC pass English 40%

**Senior Certificate (SC)**  
Endorsement - none with English 40%

**Senior Certificate (Amended) (SC(a))**  
HC pass with English 40%

**National Senior Certificate for Adults**  
English 40%

**International:**

A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC L4 equivalence with at least 40% or equivalent for English.

Refer to the International Admissions Spreadsheet.

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please contact a student advisor.

The programme is approved by the CHE/SAQA and pending registration with the Department of Higher Education and Training.

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## NOTES

Student's proficiency in The IIE's Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT), English, plus partial proficiency (sufficient for basic conversation; i.e. conversational competence) in one other South African official language (excluding Afrikaans) are required components of fundamental learning for this programme. For this, the following will be endorsed on your certificate:

### LoLT:

- This higher certificate is delivered in English and thus English is known as the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT).
- On successful completion of this Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (HC in ECCE), your certificate will be endorsed with LoLT (English).

### LoCC:

- If you have an African Language (excluding Afrikaans) as part of your NSC or equivalent, you may receive academic credit for this language.

- If you are claiming conversational competence in an African Language (excluding Afrikaans), you are required to pass competency test on NQF Level 5 in order to demonstrate conversational competence in such a language and receive academic credit for this language.
- Competency tests are offered in four (4) official languages only, namely, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi and Setswana on The IIE campuses.
- If conversational competence is claimed in another African language (excluding Afrikaans) other than the four listed above, the onus is on you to provide evidence of NQF Level 5, or higher conversational competence in that language.
- Once you have demonstrated conversational competence in an African language, and on successful completion of the HC in ECCE, your certificate will be endorsed, for example LoCC: isiZulu.

**SHAPE YOUR DEGREE. YOUR FUTURE. YOUR CAREER.**