

# MICROCREDENTIALS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

These short, online courses cover one or two modules, allowing you to focus on different aspects of early childhood home visiting while also providing a pathway to further qualifications in this area at NCI.

## CERTIFICATE IN CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING

The following microcredentials are currently available through our Centre for Education and Lifelong Learning. Learners who complete either of these courses may opt to progress on to NCI's BA Honours in Early Childhood Education and Care (pg 82).

### FACTFILE

**Application:** Apply online at [www.ncirl.ie](http://www.ncirl.ie)

#### Part-time Schedule

Start Date	Duration	Delivery	Indicative Timetable	Fees
Jan 2026	12 weeks	Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.	These courses consist of 12 sessions with a blend of virtual classroom sessions and directed online activities. Classes take place on Tuesday from 18:00-21:00.	€1,350 total fee (Fees revised annually)

### Entry Requirements

Candidates will be Early Childhood Home Visitors and those working in home-based learning environments or interested in pursuing a home visitor or home-based learning role. Candidates will typically have a Certificate (major award) at level 5 or equivalent in any discipline. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements will be considered based on relevant work and other experience.

For applicants whose first language is not English, an IELTS level of at least 6.5, with 6.5 in Speaking and no less than 6.0 in any other band is required, or equivalent. Applicants may be interviewed by the Programme Director or member of the programme team.

### Participation/Technology Requirements

Participants should have the ability to use ICT independently to find information, create and manage files, and communicate with others. For online sessions, participants will require administrator access to a personal computing device such as a laptop or desktop computer running Windows or MacOS (tablets are not appropriate) with a reliable internet connection of >1mbps, web browser software (i.e., internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari or Chrome), Flash Player, a headset with built-in microphone, and a webcam.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

A Laptop Loan Scheme is available for eligible students to assist them in completing their chosen course. See page 87 for more information.



### COURSE CONTENT

- Music, Movement, Art and Drama for Home Visiting (10 ECT Credits)
- Core Pedagogies and Curriculum for Home Visiting (10 ECT Credits)