



CHEVRON
COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care (Online*)



QQI
10 YEARS

About Chevron College

Chevron College is a leading provider of online higher education programmes in the Care sector. Established in 2005, over 50,000 students have successfully completed programmes with Chevron to date.

Supported by highly qualified industry professionals who have garnered substantial vocational and academic experience in their specific areas of expertise, the delivery team possesses the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical competencies to ensure that our students can maximise their potential within the care sector.

Furthermore, in recognising the need to remove access barriers to higher

education programmes in Ireland, Chevron College has ensured that the flexible delivery format of our online programmes and the availability of a range of affordable payment options, provides learners with a valuable opportunity to pursue and attain their respective educational dreams.

As the College that Cares, we look forward to welcoming you to Chevron College and helping you on your journey towards a most rewarding career within the Care sector.

Meet the Tutors



DONNA DOYLE - LECTURER

- MA Early Childhood Care, Education & Management
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education
- Diploma in Montessori teaching (3-6years)



GAIL CULLINANE - ASSISTANT LECTURER

- MA Early Childhood Care, Education & Management
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education



AOIFE BYRNES - LECTURER

- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education
- QQI level 5 & 6 Major award
- Diploma in TEFL

Key Facts

**START DATE:**

February & October 2023

**AWARDING BODY:**

QQI

**FORMAT:**

Blended

**DURATION:**

BA (Ord) Level 7 is 2 years*
BA (Hons) Level 8 is 3 years*

**AWARD:**

BA of Arts in Early Childhood
Education and Care level 7 or 8

**CREDIT VALUE:**

Level 7 180 ECTS credits
Level 8 240 ECTS credits

Why Choose our Course

Chevron College recognises that every childhood lasts a lifetime and acknowledges the significant role the Early Childhood Educator plays in shaping early childhood. Chevron, therefore, aims to ensure that graduates of this programme will emerge as highly qualified professionals who equally value their role, and the role of early childhood education and care.

The diversity of this programme will ensure that Early Childhood Educators are equipped with the competence to navigate the ever-changing landscape of early childhood education and care in Ireland. It aims to enable Early Years Educators to support the holistic care and development of all children within their practice, with an emphasis on supporting

children's rights, inclusion, diversity and collaborative practice.

Early Childhood Educators will emerge from the programme as highly employable, child-centred professionals and leaders, with the tools to positively impact the lives of young children. Graduates can work as Early Years Educators, take on leadership and management roles within the sector, and undertake further academic study and research.

Students will be supported through this journey of personal and professional development by a team of highly qualified and experienced Early Childhood Education and Care lecturers and support staff.

Entry Requirements

- ✓ QQI level 6 Childcare Major award (120 ECTS credits) or comparable
- ✓ If you don't hold QQI level 6 Childcare Major award (120 ECTS credits) you can enter Stage 1 or complete QQI level 6 to advance to Stage 2 or complete an RPL form (recognition of prior learning)
- ✓ English proficiency - If English is not your first language you must achieve one of the following scores in an English exam:
 - IELTS score 6.0 or above
 - Duolingo score of 95 or higher
 - Cambridge score of FCE or higher
 - Any assessment CEFR B2+ or higher
- ✓ Sufficient IT skills





Qualifications Awarded

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care



How Online Learning Works

Students can study from home through Chevron's Virtual Learning Environment and engage with weekly study resources at times that suit their own schedule.

There are weekly live webinars to further support students' learning, which students find extremely beneficial. These are recorded, therefore, if students cannot attend the content is accessible online after the live session.

Learners will be required to attend an in-house session at the start of each semester.

Following the completion of each module students will have developed and gathered the knowledge, understanding and weekly feedback to enable them to complete their final assessment.

Professional Practice Placement is a requirement at all 4 stages of this programme, with 35% of the programme allocated for placement.

Programme Content

Stage 2 & 3 (120 Credits)

Stages 2 & 3 will provide students with a broader and more reflective understanding of the key areas and concepts pertaining to the role of the Early Childhood Educator.

Students will evaluate current early years practice from a global and national context and will examine strategies and practices to ensure a high-quality early years environment, with an emphasis on promoting

children's rights, creativity, inclusion, equality and collaborative practice.

Students will further develop their professional practice and emerge as ethical and transformative leaders.

Stage 2 & 3 Modules

STAGE 2	SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
	Sociology and Social Policy	5 Credits	Literacy in the Early Years Environment	5 Credits
	Creative Play in the Early Years Environment	5 Credits	Advanced Early Childhood Learning and Development	5 Credits
	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	5 Credits	Supporting Community and Parental Involvement	5 Credits
	Professional Practice 2	30 Credits		
STAGE 3	SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
	Inspection, Regulation, Policies and Procedures	5 Credits	Inclusion and Children with Additional Needs	5 Credits
	Curriculum and Pedagogy 2	5 Credits	Children's Rights and the Voice of the Child	5 Credits
	Supervision, Mentoring & Leadership	5 Credits	Research Methods including a Research Proposal	5 Credits
	Professional Practice 3	30 Credits		

Programme Content

Stage 4 (60 Credits)

Stage 4 will provide students with a more comprehensive and complex understanding of ECEC in Ireland.

Students will examine the role of management in ECEC and understand the theory and processes involved in the management of high quality ECEC and School Age Childcare services.

Students will analyse existing research and engage in new research pertaining to the area of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Stage 4 Modules

SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
Quality in ECEC	5 Credits	Emerging Issues in Early Childhood	5 Credits
Advanced Pedagogical Practices	5 Credits	School Age Provision	5 Credits
Leading Management in Early Years	5 Credits	Law in ECEC	5 Credits
Professional Practice 4	10 Credits		
Dissertation	10 Credits		



STUDY

Course Support



Induction day at the start of each semester



Phone / E-mail support



Weekly Live Webinars



Highly Qualified full time in-house lecturers



Access to Study skills advisor



Interaction with other online learners through discussion forum



Access to e-library



Course Benefits

- ✓ Study in your own time and pace, no study required during Christmas, January & Summer
- ✓ Flexible easy pay instalments plans
- ✓ January and October intakes
- ✓ Gain the expertise to become a leader in an evolving sector
- ✓ Become part of a community of learning and gain expert knowledge of the ECEC sector
- ✓ Progress to post graduate education eg primary teacher training programme
- ✓ Obtain a free Microsoft education licence and a student card



Career Opportunities

Graduates of the programme undertake a variety of career paths in the education, health and social care fields.

- Gain employment as an Early Years Educator, Room Leader, Early Childhood Supervisor or Manager
- Open up your own practice
- Become employed with local authorities or government department
- Gain employment with education training providers e.g. ITs and Universities.
- Pathway to post grad teaching course

Testimonial

*"I have gained a lot of knowledge
and practical strategies
from this course"*



Chevron College's online BA programme was first recommended to me by a friend. The programme was a perfect fit as it suited my busy lifestyle; I am a wife and mother to three children and work full time in a Childcare setting.

The tutor support was excellent, I never felt isolated as phone and e-mail support was on hand throughout the programme. I found the online discussion forum very interactive, I was able to communicate with the tutors and fellow students to help support and guide me with my studies.

I have gained a lot of knowledge and practical strategies from this course and the experience has exceeded my expectations significantly, I would highly recommend the programme. I am currently thinking of progressing to my Masters in Childcare Management with Chevron College.

Angelina McDonnell-Mangan

How to Enrol

Call us today: **01 6855 300**

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*Please note this is a blended learning programme further details on page 7

