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DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications

List of Early Years qualifications recognised for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the Regulations and DCYA Childcare Programmes Contracts.

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1. Purpose of the list

This list has been developed by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA), in conjunction with the Department of Education and Skills (DES), and comprises awards that will be acceptable for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the pending Early Years (Pre-school) Regulations and (depending on all other conditions being met) the contractual requirements under the DCYA Childcare Funding Programmes.

The list will be converted into a searchable database in the near future and will be updated on a regular basis as other qualifications are approved.

2. Content of the list

The content of this list was developed through a review of those qualifications that have been presented to the DCYA by staff in Early Years settings since the ECCE Programme introduced qualification requirements in 2010. In preparing the list of DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications all such decisions have been reviewed, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Skills. The outcome of this review may have resulted in awards previously approved by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, for the purposes of the ECCE Programme, being removed from the approved list. A mechanism to allow ongoing review and update of the list of approved awards has been established and if you do not find your award on this list and feel that it should be included then you can apply under this process to have it reviewed.

The list contains **one** example of each award that has been deemed acceptable to the DCYA to meet both the regulatory and the contractual requirements to practice in Early Years services in Ireland.

Many awards, especially those that are in the further education category, are standardised in terms of their content, volume and level of learning and are delivered by a wide range of education and training providers. These programmes of learning are validated by the relevant awarding body (e.g. Quality and Qualifications Ireland [QQI]). It is not important as to which particular training provider delivered the course as long as the holder of the award has certification issued by the awarding body to prove they have achieved that major award. Thus these awards appear on the list once, as delivered by 'Various Providers'.

In Ireland, national accredited awards are usually assigned a specific code by the awarding body and it is this code that is essential to establishing the acceptability or otherwise of any qualification presented to DCYA. It should be noted that, even where award standards are common (e.g. 5M2009), there may be slightly different titles attributed to the course on offer to the learner. These usually reflect the fact that a particular specialism has been added to the mandatory components of an award e.g. Montessori or Special Needs. It does not change the nature of the award given.

It is also important to note that the inclusion of an award on this list does not confer any equivalence to any other award, or to any particular Level on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Each award has been reviewed on its own merit against agreed criteria; however this does not mean that they are all the same in how they have met these criteria. Further, the inclusion of an award title on this list does not confer any status on the individual holder of the award in terms of their professional competence to practice. Such a decision is usually the remit of a professional body.

3. How to use the list

The list of recognised qualifications has been organised into two sections:

- 1) Ireland and United Kingdom (UK) - Early Years Recognised Qualifications
- 2) International Awards - Early Years Recognised Qualifications

The list is arranged alphabetically by Training Provider, and includes the title of the award, and where information was available, includes the awarding body and an identifying code (for example this may be a QQI course code, a UCAS code, college code etc.). Please note that course codes may change over the years, as these courses evolve.

For each qualification listed there are three approval categories:

(The first of these refers to the new minimum qualification requirements to be introduced under the pending Regulations to be commenced.)

- A) Meets minimum Regulatory requirements to work with children in an Early Years service
- B) Meets contractual requirements to work as ECCE Room Leader in a Standard Capitation service
- C) Meets contractual requirements to work as ECCE Room Leader in a Higher Capitation service

Some decisions as to acceptability of a qualification were made on a case by case basis upon review of the particular course content; this is particularly relevant for international awards with generic titles e.g. Bachelor's or Master's degree in Pedagogy, which necessitated a review of the transcript of course content to determine that there has been sufficient focus on Early Years within the course of study as a whole. Thus the decision as to acceptability of a particular award will not automatically apply to another individual with a similar award. Each award must be reviewed on a case by case basis as to the particular course content for that award holder. This can be done by submitting an application for Early Years Qualification Recognition to the DCYA (please see Early Years (Pre-school) Regulations and DCYA Childcare Programmes Qualification Requirements and DCYA Qualifications Recognition Application document for details). The final column 'conditions / comments' includes further information or conditions, and indicates whether decisions about this award are made on the basis of a review of individual course content.

Ireland and United Kingdom (UK) - Early Years Recognised Qualifications

Where a qualification is **not published on this list of DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications** but the holder considers it to be an appropriate Major Award at Level 5 on the NFQ or equivalent, the holder can apply to have their qualification assessed for approval. Please refer to the **Early Years (Pre-school) Regulations and DCYA Childcare Programmes Qualification Requirements and DCYA Qualifications Recognition Application document** for information.

Ireland and United Kingdom (UK) - Early Years Recognised Qualifications								
Award Title	Education / Training Provider	Meets Minimum Regulation Requirement	Meets Contract Requirements for ECCE Room Leader (Standard Service)	Meets Contract Requirements for ECCE Room leader (Higher Cap)	Course Code	Award Body	Country	Comments or Further Information
Early Childhood Care and Education (FETAC/QQI)	Various Training Providers	Yes	No	No	5M2009	QQI	Ireland	
Early Childhood Care and Education (FETAC/QQI)	Various Training Providers	Yes	Yes	No	6M2007	QQI	Ireland	
Childcare Supervision (FETAC)	Various Training Providers	Yes	Yes	No	930306	FETAC	Ireland	Legacy Award (became 6M2007)
Childcare (FETAC)	Various Training Providers	Yes	No	No	920505	FETAC	Ireland	Legacy Award (became 5M2009)
Supervision in Childcare (FETAC)	Various Training Providers	Yes	Yes	No	DCXXX	FETAC	Ireland	Legacy Award (became 6M2007)
Childcare (FETAC)	Various Training Providers	Yes	Yes	No	DCHSC	FETAC	Ireland	Legacy Award (became 6M2007)
School Age Childcare (FETAC)	Various Training Providers	Yes	No	No	DSACX	FETAC	Ireland	Legacy Award (became 5M2009)

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AMI Montessori Diploma 3 to 6 years (one year postgraduate course)	AMI	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	AMI	Ireland	
AMI Montessori Diploma 3 to 6 years (2 year course)	AMI	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	AMI	Ireland	Where the certificate is unclear as to the duration of the course, the holder will need to have a course transcript from AMI showing that a 2 year course was completed.
AMI Montessori Diploma (3- 12 years)	AMI	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	AMI	Ireland	Where the AMI cert indicates age group 3-12 years, a 3-year course was completed, which is accepted for H Cap.
B.A Early Years Care & Education (FT)	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	AL764	AIT	Ireland	
B.A Early Years Care & Education (PT)	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	84872	AIT	Ireland	
Higher Certificate in Childcare Supervisory Management	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	No	AL665	AIT	Ireland	

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B.A. Childcare Management	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	54531		Ireland	
B.A (Hons) Childcare Management	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	65646	AIT	Ireland	
Special Supplementary Award in Early Years Educational Skills	Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes			Ireland	This course supplements 54531 BA in Childcare Management, to upskill for Higher Cap
MA in Therapeutic Child Care	Carlow College	Yes	Yes	Yes	26099	QQI	Ireland	
BA (ord) Childcare Supervisory Management	Cavan Institute with Athlone Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	79543	AIT	Ireland	
Postgraduate Diploma in Play Therapy	Children's Therapy Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	81718	QQI	Ireland	
B. Education - Primary Teaching	Church of Ireland College of Education & Trinity College	Yes	Yes	Yes	CE001		Ireland	

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Post Leaving Cert Course in Childcare Studies	City of Dublin VEC	Yes	No	No			Ireland	
Caring for Children 0- 6 with additional needs	Colaiste Mhuire Thurles	Yes	No	No	80285 (?)	FETAC/QQI	Ireland	
BA (ord) Early Years Education	Cork Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	CR620	CIT	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Montessori Education	Cork Institute of Technology & Cork College of Commerce	Yes	Yes	Yes	CR_HM ONT_8	CIT	Ireland	NB This is a 2 year add-on degree, applicants must already have full FETAC Level 6 Award in Montessori (3-6 years)
BA in Humanities	DCU	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	DC009	DCU	Ireland	This is a flexible degree and should be reviewed on case by case basis as to course content
B Ed. (Hons)	DCU /St Patricks College)	Yes	Yes	Yes	DC002	DCU	Ireland	

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Diploma in Childcare	Dublin College of Catering (DIT)	Yes	Yes	Yes			Ireland	
Certificate in Pre-school Care	Dublin College of Catering (DIT)	Yes	Yes	No			Ireland	
Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education	Dublin Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	No		DIT	Ireland	
Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (Pre 2004)	Dublin Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes		DIT	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education	Dublin Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	DT572	DIT	Ireland	
BA (Ord) Applied Early Childhood Studies	Dundalk Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK_NAE CS_7	Dundalk IT	Ireland	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Dundalk Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	DK 876	Dundalk IT	Ireland	

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Higher Dip. in Arts (Primary Teaching)	Hibernia College	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	QQI	Ireland	* Primary Teacher Qualification
BA (Ord) Early Childhood Care and Education	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	BN030	ITB	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	BN418	ITB	Ireland	This is a one year add-on to the L7 degree (BN030)
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care & Education	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	Yes	Yes	Yes	BN118	ITB	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow	Yes	Yes	Yes	CW748	ITC	Ireland	Full-time course
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow	Yes	Yes	Yes	CW-HXECE-B	ITC	Ireland	PT Evening course

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Higher Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow	Yes	Yes	Yes	CW-HRECE-H	ITC	Ireland	IT Carlow apply strict entry requirements: applicants must hold Level 7/8 award in Social Care or equivalent.
B.A. (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care - Wexford Campus	Institute of Technology Carlow - Carlow Campus and Wexford Campus	Yes	Yes	Yes	CW028	ITC	Ireland	
B.A. (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education	Institute of Technology Tralee	Yes	Yes	Yes	TL880	IT Tralee	Ireland	
B.A Early Childhood Care and Education	Institute of Technology Tralee	Yes	Yes	Yes	TL780	IT Tralee	Ireland	Ordinary Level degree.

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B.A. in Early Childhood Practice	Institute of Technology Tralee	Yes	Yes	Yes	TL_HERCH_D	IT Tralee	Ireland	Delivered with Mary Immaculate College (alternate semesters)
B.A. in Early Childhood Practice (online)	Institute of Technology Tralee	Yes	Yes	Yes	TL_HERCH_D	IT Tralee	Ireland	TL_HERCH_D is also delivered as 2 years PT
BA (Hons) in Social Care	Institute of Technology Tralee	See Comments	See Comments	No	54639	IT Tralee	Ireland	Award certificates dated 2015 or before this are accepted as meeting the Regulatory requirements and accepted for ECCE room leaders but not accepted for H Cap. Certificates dated 2016 or later will require additional qualification in Early Education. See also note in guidelines)

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Childhood Care and Practice (Higher Certificate)	Irish college of Humanities & Applied Sciences	Yes	Yes	No	C1008	HETAC/QQI	Ireland	
Steiner Waldorf Teacher Training	Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association (ISKA)	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	non accredited	Ireland	Accepted as a legacy award by DCYA for ECCE room leader, but not accepted for Higher Cap.
Community & Health Services (Classroom SNA)	Killester College of Further Education	See Comments	No	No	5M4468	QQI	Ireland	Case by case review of course content
BSC (Hons) Early Childhood Care, Health and Education	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	LY968	QQI	Ireland	
Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education	Letterkenny Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	No	LY906	QQI	Ireland	
Montessori Diploma Early Education 2.5-6	Liberties College	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	QQI	Ireland	
Advanced Montessori Diploma primary Education 6-12	Liberties College	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	QQI	Ireland	
Childcare Diploma CACHE/NNEB	Liberties College	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	Cache / NNEB	Ireland	

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Community Care: Care of the Special Child - SNA	Liberties College	See comments	No	No	5M2786	QQI	Ireland	This is L5 Community Care as delivered by Liberties does meet the minimum requirements as equivalent L5. If this course is delivered by another college the course content can be reviewed as to specific components completed.
B. Education - Primary Teaching	Marino Institute of Education & Trinity College Dublin	Yes	Yes	Yes	CM001		Ireland	
Master's in Education Studies (Early Childhood Education)	Marino Institute of Education & Trinity College Dublin	Yes	Yes	Yes	87842	TCD	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education	Marino Institute of Education & Trinity College Dublin	Yes	Yes	Yes	CM020	TCD	Ireland	

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BA Early Childhood Care and Education	Mary Immaculate College	Yes	Yes	Yes	M1007	University of Limerick	Ireland	
B. Education and Psychology - Primary Teaching	Mary Immaculate College	Yes	Yes	Yes	MI008	University of Limerick	Ireland	
B. Education - Primary Teaching	Mary Immaculate College	Yes	Yes	Yes	MI005	University of Limerick	Ireland	
Certificate in Inclusive Care and Education (Special Purpose Certificate)	Mary Immaculate College	Yes	Yes	No	74054	University of Limerick	Ireland	
Cognitive and Physiological development of the child 0-6 through the Montessori Method	Montessori Education Centre	Yes	See comments	No			Ireland	ECCE Room Leader accepted for those with Award dated before 2010 after which the Level requirements became clearly known.
Montessori Diploma	Montessori College	Yes	No	No		Montessori College	Ireland	

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Advanced Certificate in the Montessori Method of Education	Montessori Education Centre	Yes	Yes	No			Ireland	
Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	Yes	Yes	No		HETAC / NCIRL	Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes		HETAC / NCIRL	Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Childhood Education	National College of Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes		HETAC / NCIRL	Ireland	
National Certificate in Social Studies in Pre School Care	National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA)	Yes	Yes	No		NCEA	Ireland	

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National Diploma in Child Care	National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA)	Yes	Yes	Yes		NCEA	Ireland	
Advanced Certificate in Playgroup Practice	NCFE	Yes	No	No	N/A	NCFE	Ireland	This is Level 3 in the UK
Advanced Certificate in Playwork	NCFE	Yes	No	No	N/A	NCFE	Ireland	This is Level 3 in the UK
Post Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy	NUI Galway	Yes	Yes	Yes	85193		Ireland	

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PH.D Child and Youth Research - Structured	NUI Galway	Yes	Yes	Yes	GYG00 (GYG42)	NUI(G)	Ireland	This is a structured PHD, for decision on Case by Case basis as to content relevant to Early Years.
Certificate in Early Childhood Studies & Practice	NUI Galway	Yes	No	No		NUI(G)	Ireland	NB This is not a Major L 7 award.
Diploma in Early Childhood Studies & Practice (3rd yr)	NUI Galway	Yes	Yes	No		NUI(G)	Ireland	NB This is not a Major L 7 award.
BA Hons in Early Childhood Studies & Practice	NUI Galway	Yes	Yes	Yes	50795	NUI (G)	Ireland	
BA Hons in Early Childhood Teaching & Learning	NUI Maynooth	Yes	Yes	Yes	MH003 / MH801	NUI (M)	Ireland	

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B. Education - Primary Teaching	NUI Maynooth & Froebel College	Yes	Yes	Yes	MH001	NUI (M)	Ireland	

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BA Early Childhood Teaching and Learning	NUI Maynooth, Froebel College & Early Childhood Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes	MH003		Ireland	

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Nursing Degree	Registered Nurse	yes	See Comments	No			Ireland	This qualification is accepted as meeting the minimum Regulatory requirements to work in early years. Award certificates dated 2015 or earlier, will be accepted for ECCE room Leader. Award certificates dated from 2016 will require additional qualifications in Early Education to be accepted as room leader. NB this qualification does not meet the Higher Cap requirement.
B.A. (Hons) in Early Years	Open University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Q51	OUI	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Years (top-up)	Open University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Q60	OU	Ireland	

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BA (Hons) in Childhood & Youth Studies	Open University	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	Q23	OU	Ireland	Case by case review of course content, as to course components completed.
Foundation Degree in Early Years	Open University	Yes	Yes	Yes	X01	OUI	Ireland	
Certificate in Higher Education in Early Years Professional Practice	Open University	Yes	Yes	No	T19	OUI	Ireland	This is Level 4 in the UK
Early Childhood & Education	Portobello College	Yes	Yes	No	6M2007 FEYMOC T14	QQI	Ireland	
Diploma in Montessori Education	Portobello College	Yes	No	No			Ireland	
Early Childhood Education	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No	FLMUO CT14		Ireland	
Early Childhood Care & Education - Blended Learning Option	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No	BLMUO CT14 / ECC6AR S15	QQI	Ireland	

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Higher Certificate in Arts in Montessori Education	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No	PI201	QQI	Ireland	
Higher Certificate in Montessori Education	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No	FMT2OC T14/15	QQI	Ireland	
Montessori Part 2 - Early Years Care & Education - Blended Learning	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No	EYCP2FE B14	QQI	Ireland	
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies	Portobello Institute / London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	LMU20 CT15	LMU	Ireland	
Diploma in Montessori Teaching	Portobello Institute	Yes	Yes	No		QQI	Ireland	
Montessori Teaching Diploma	Portobello School of Further Education	Yes	Yes	No			Ireland	
Child and Community Care Certificate (City & Guilds)	School of Practical Childcare	Yes	No	No	N/A	City & Guilds	Ireland	
Advanced Certificate in Childcare Practice	School of Practical Childcare	Yes	No	No	N/A	SPCC	Ireland	
BA (hons) Early Childhood Education	Sligo Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	SG242	QQI/SIT	Ireland	

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BA in Applied Social Care - Level 8	Sligo Institute of Technology	Yes	See Comments	No		SIT	Ireland	This qualification is accepted as meeting the basic Regulatory requirements to work in early years. Award certificates dated 2015 or earlier, will be accepted for ECCE room Leader. Award certificates dated 2016 or after will require additional qualifications in Early Education. NB this qualification does not meet the Higher Cap requirement.

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BA in Social Care Practice - Level 8	Sligo Institute of Technology	Yes	See comments	No	SG243	SIT	Ireland	This qualification is accepted as meeting the minimum Regulatory requirements to work in early years. Award certificates dated 2015 or earlier, will be accepted for ECCE room Leader. Award certificates dated from 2016 will require additional qualifications in Early Education to be accepted as room leader. NB this qualification does not meet the Higher Cap requirement.
Master's in Leadership in Early Years Childhood Care & Education	Sligo Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	88370	SIT	Ireland	Entry requirement is ECCE L8 or cognate discipline, with at least 2 years post qualification experience.

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National Diploma in Childcare	Sligo Regional Technical College (Sligo IT)	Yes	Yes	Yes		SIT	Ireland	
National Diploma in Humanities in Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College	Yes	Yes	Yes		NCEA/HETAC	Ireland	
B.A (Hons) in Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College	Yes	Yes	Yes	NM13	QQI	Ireland	

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H. Dip. In Arts in Early Childhood Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College	Yes	Yes	Yes	PG2110 2	QQI	Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts in Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College	Yes	Yes	Yes	PG2011 1	QQI	Ireland	
BA in Early Childhood Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College	Yes	Yes	Yes	NM701	QQI	Ireland	
B. Education - Primary Teaching	St Patrick's College Drumcondra /DCU	Yes	Yes	Yes	PD101	DCU	Ireland	
Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood Education	St Patricks College Drumcondra / DCU	Yes	Yes	Yes	DC001	DCU	Ireland	
Diploma, Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education for Children of 2.5 yrs to 5 yrs	St Nicholas Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		St Nicholas Training Centre	Ireland	
Diploma Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education for Children of 2.5 yrs to 7 yrs	St Nicholas Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		St Nicholas Training Centre	Ireland	

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Diploma in Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education for Children Birth to 7 years	St Nicholas Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		St Nicholas Training Centre	Ireland	
Diploma in Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education for Children 2.5 - 12 years	St Nicholas Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		St Nicholas Training Centre	Ireland	
Theory and Practice of the Montessori Method of Education	St Nicholas Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		St Nicholas Training Centre	Ireland	
Advanced Certificate in the Montessori Method of Education	The College of Progressive Education	Yes	Yes	No		QQI	Ireland	Accepted as L6
BA (hons) Early Years & Childhood Studies	University College Cork	Yes	Yes	Yes	CK111	UCC	Ireland	
Diploma in Nursery Management	University College Dublin	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	UCD	Ireland	
BA (hons) Early Childhood Studies	Waterford Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes	WD149	WIT	Ireland	

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Certificate in Childcare 2	FAS/ City & Guilds	Yes	No	No		FAS /City & Guilds	Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Early Childhood Education and Care	Institute of Technology Carlow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	CW_HR ECE_D	ITC	Ireland	2015 and 2016 Certificates only will be accepted. Course under review.
Diploma in Crèche Management	School of Practical Childcare	Yes	Yes	No		UCD	Ireland	

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Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Limerick Institute of Technology	See Comments	See Comments	No		LIT	Ireland	Award certificates dated 2015 or before this are accepted as meeting the Regulatory requirements and accepted for ECCE room leaders but not accepted for H Cap. Certificates dated 2016 or later will require additional qualification in Early Education. See also note in guidelines)
Bachelor of Education	Our Lady of Mercy College of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes		Department of Education	Ireland	

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Suite of 6 Level 6 Components in Childcare as outlined in DCYA letter of 18/12/2014	Various Providers	Yes	Yes	No			Ireland	Please see suite of acceptable components as outlined in our letter dated 18/12/2014
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care	Waterford Institute of Technology	See Comments	See Comments	No		WIT	Ireland	Award certificates dated 2015 or before this are accepted as meeting the Regulatory requirements and accepted for ECCE room leaders but not accepted for H Cap. Certificates dated 2016 or later will require additional qualification in Early Education. See also note in guidelines)

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Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care)	Institute of Technology Carlow	See Comments	See Comments	No		ITC	Ireland	Award certificates dated 2015 or before this are accepted as meeting the Regulatory requirements and accepted for ECCE room leaders but not accepted for H Cap. Certificates dated 2016 or later will require additional qualification in Early Education. See also note in guidelines)
Certificate in Caring for Children (0-7 years)	City & Guilds	Yes	No	No			Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education	Dublin Institute of Technology	Yes	Yes	Yes		DIT	Ireland	

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Certificate in Child Care and Nursery Nursing	Portobello School of Childcare	Yes	No	No			Ireland	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice	Institute of Technology Tallaght Ireland	See Comments	See Comments	No		ITT	Ireland	Award certificates dated 2015 or before this are accepted as meeting the Regulatory requirements and accepted for ECCE room leaders but not accepted for H Cap. Certificates dated 2016 or later will require additional qualification in Early Education. See also note in guidelines)
Montessori Diploma	Killester College of Further Education	Yes	Yes	No		CDVEC	Ireland	
Certificate in Community and Child Care	Various Providers	Yes	No	No		CDVEC	Ireland	

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Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Studies	Chevron Training	Yes	Yes	Yes		University of East London	Ireland	
Diploma in Modern Montessori Teaching	Portobello School	Yes	Yes	No		FETAC	Ireland	
Master of Arts in Child, Family and Community Studies	Dublin Institute of Technology	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments			Ireland	Graduates must consult with DCYA as this course will be reviewed on a case by case basis; the module "Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood" must be completed.
Graduate Diploma in Humanities in Montessori Education	St Nicholas Montessori College, Ireland	Yes	Yes	Yes			Ireland	
Montessori Diploma	Killester College of Further Education	Yes	No	No			Ireland	
BTEC National Diploma in Early Years	BTEC Providers (various)	Yes	No	No	EDEXCEL	Edexcel	UK inc. NI	NB This is Level 3 in UK
BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development	BTEC Providers (various)	Yes	No	No	EDEXCEL	Edexcel	UK inc. NI	NB This is Level 3 in UK

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BTEC Higher National Diploma in Advanced Practice Work with Children and Families (Mandatory Units)	BTEC Providers (various)	Yes	Yes	Yes	EDEXCEL	Edexcel	UK inc. NI	NB This is L5 in UK
Diploma in Nursery Nursing (NNEB)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	
Certificate in Work with Children	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Certificate in Playwork	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Certificate in Work with Children (Playwork)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK

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Certificate in Childminding Practice	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Diploma in Preschool Practice (DPP)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Diploma in Home-based Childcare	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Diploma in Childcare and Education (L3)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK. NB there is also a Level 2 Certificate (same award title) that does not meet the Regulatory requirements.
Certificate in Managing Quality Standards in Children's Services	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 4 in the UK

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Diploma Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Studies (Early Years Educator)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 4 in the UK

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L5 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ)	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 5 in the UK

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NVQ Level Three Early Years Care and Education	CACHE: Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	Yes	No	No	N/A	CACHE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Postgraduate Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills	Canterbury Christchurch University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	CCU	UK inc. NI	
Diploma in Higher Education in Early Childhood Studies	Canterbury Christchurch University	Yes	No	No		CCU	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Diploma in Primary Teaching	Craiglockhart College of Education, Edinburgh	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Scottish Education Board	UK inc. NI	*Primary Teacher Qualification
Early Childhood Studies (Steiner) (L4 in UK)	Crossfields Institute	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	Crossfields Institute, UK	UK inc. NI	This is L4 in UK, and is accepted as ECCE room leader for Standard Capitation
Early Childhood Studies (Steiner) (L5 in UK)	Crossfields Institute	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Crossfields Institute, UK	UK inc. NI	This is L5 in UK, and is accepted for ECCE Higher Capitation room leader

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Higher National Certificate -Early Education & Childcare	Glasgow Clyde College, Langside campus	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	HNC	UK inc. NI	NB this is a Level 7 in Scotland, and is accepted as a Level 6 in Ireland
Bachelor of Education (Hons)	Liverpool Hope University	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	LHU	UK inc. NI	Case by case decision based on specific course content. Where the focus is second level teaching this would not be acceptable, however the specific course followed may include early education specialisation which would be acceptable.
Bachelor of Education (Hons) (with Specialisation in Early Childhood Education)	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies and Education Studies	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	

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BA (Hons) Advanced Study of Early Years with Music	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	
BA (Hons) Advanced Study of Early Years and Education Studies	Liverpool Hope University	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	
BA (Hons) Education Studies and Early Years	Liverpool John Moores University	Yes	Yes	Yes	XL30 (UCAS)	LJMU	UK inc. NI	
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Liverpool John Moores University	Yes	Yes	Yes	XL35 (UCAS)	LJMU	UK inc. NI	
BA (Hons) Childhood studies	Liverpool John Moores University	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments			UK inc. NI	Case by case review of course content as to early years/education focus.
Diploma in Early Childhood Education (Steiner Waldorf)	Emerson College	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	London & Emerson college	UK inc. NI	This is a Level 4 in the UK
Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Studies)	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	LMU	UK inc. NI	

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Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	X945 (UCAS)	LMU	UK inc. NI	This foundation degree is for qualified experienced practitioners, applicants must have L3 (UK) and 2 years' experience in early years
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes	X322 (UCAS)	LMU	UK inc. NI	
BA (Ord) in Early Childhood Studies	London Metropolitan University	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	Exit award granted from the BA (Hons) programme
Nursery Foundation Teaching Diploma	London Montessori	Yes	Yes	No		London Montessori	UK inc. NI	This is a Level 4 in the UK
International Diploma in Pre-primary Montessori (3-6)	London Montessori Centre	Yes	Yes	No		MEC	UK inc. NI	This is a Level 4 in the UK

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Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Early Years Education	London Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		London Steiner Waldorf ECTTC	UK inc. NI	This is a Level 4 in the UK
Early Childhood Training Course (Diploma)	London Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Training Centre	Yes	Yes	No		London Steiner Waldorf ECTTC	UK inc. NI	This is a Level 4 in the UK
Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy (0-7)	Montessori Centre International	Yes	See comments	No	601_448_1_6	CACHE	UK inc. NI	Nb There is a Level 3 and a Level 4 diploma in the UK (one and two years, respectively). The Level 3 (one year course) is not accepted for ECCE room Leader; the Level 4 (2 year course) is accepted for ECCE room Leader.
Advanced Certificate in Playgroup Practice	NCFE	Yes	No	No	N/A	NCFE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK
Advanced Certificate in Playwork	NCFE	Yes	No	No	N/A	NCFE	UK inc. NI	This is Level 3 in the UK

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Diploma in Nursery Nursing	Various Providers	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	NNEB	UK inc. NI	This has been accepted by DCYA for ECCE room Leader
Certificate in Nursery Nursing	Various Providers	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	NNEB	UK inc. NI	This has been accepted by DCYA for ECCE room Leader
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies	Nottingham Trent University	Yes	Yes	Yes	X390	NTU	UK inc. NI	
Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes		QUB	UK inc. NI	
BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Studies	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	X310 BA/ECSt	QUB	UK inc. NI	
MA Early Childhood Studies	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes		QUB	UK inc. NI	
Bachelor of Education (Primary Teacher Qualification)	Queens University Belfast	Yes	Yes	Yes	PGCS	QUB	UK inc. NI	*Primary Teacher Qualification
Diploma in Play Therapy	Roehampton - University of Surrey	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	

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Master of Arts in Special and Inclusive Education	Roehampton University (Froebel College Dublin)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	
BA(Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Yes	Yes	Yes		QUB	UK inc. NI	
MA in Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Yes	Yes	Yes		QUB	UK inc. NI	Case by case review of course content
Foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies	Stranmillis University College	Yes	Yes	No		QUB	UK inc. NI	
Foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies	The North West Institute of Further and Higher Education (Derry, NI)	Yes	Yes	Yes	D153	QUB	UK inc. NI	This is level 5 in the UK
BA (Hons) Children and Early Childhood (Top-up)	Teeside University, Darlington	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/S		UK inc. NI	This is a Bridging Module, progression from Early Years Sector Endorsed FdA, for experienced practitioners
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies	Teeside University, Darlington	Yes	Yes	Yes	X310 BA/ECS		UK inc. NI	

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Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Childcare & Education	Various Providers (UK)	Yes	Yes	Yes	HNC		UK inc. NI	
BA Philosophy (Special Education and Autism in Children)	University of Birmingham	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		UK inc. NI	Case by Case examine content
BA Hons Early Childhood	University College Northampton	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	
Post Graduate Certificate in Education with Qualified Teacher Status (5-11yrs)	University of Cumbria	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK inc. NI	*Primary Teacher Qualification (5 - 11)
Post Graduate Certificate of Education (Early Years 4-8)	University of East Anglia	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	*Teacher qualification (includes early years)
Post Grad Cert in Education/General Primary (Key Stage 1 /2)	University of East London	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	
Professional Graduate Diploma in Primary Education	University of Edinburgh	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	*Primary Teacher Qualification

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Post Graduate Certificate in Primary & Nursery Education	University of Hertfordshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK inc. NI	
BA Hons in Advanced Study of Early Years and History	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
BA(hons) Advanced Study Early Years & Education Studies	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Advanced Study of Early Years and Special Needs	University of Liverpool	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Teacher's Certificate	University of London Institute of Education (Coloma College)	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	*Primary teacher Qualification
BA in Care & Education of Very Young Children	University of Northumbria, Newcastle	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	
BA (hons) in Childhood Studies and Professional Practice Studies	University of Northumbria, Newcastle	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	

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HE Certificate in Steiner Waldorf Education	University of Plymouth	Yes	Yes	No	N/A		UK	
BA (hons) Steiner Waldorf Education	University of Plymouth	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	
Teacher's Certificate in the theory and Practice of Education (Junior School)	University of London Institute of Education (Digby Stuart College)	Yes	Yes	Yes		University of London	UK	
Post Grad Certificate in Education (Primary Teaching)	University of Manchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	*Primary Teacher Qualification
MA Early Childhood Education	University of Sheffield	Yes	Yes	Yes	EDUT08 1	University of Sheffield	UK	
PGCE Education Primary	University of Ulster	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	*Primary Teacher Qualification

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BA in Primary Studies	University of Wales, Newport.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	*Primary Teacher Qualification covers age 3-11 yrs
BA (hons) Education and Early Childhood Studies	University of West of England	Yes	Yes	Yes	X312	UWE	UK	
Professional Graduate Certificate in Early Years (Practice)	University of Winchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	University of Winchester	UK	This is a one year course for experienced practitioners to bring them to graduate level, entry requirements apply.
Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies	University of Winchester	Yes	Yes	Yes	X301	University of Winchester	UK	
BA Hons Early Childhood Studies	University of Wolverhampton	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	

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BA Hons in Education - Early Years	University of Worcester	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		UK	
Level 3 BTEC National Diploma, Caring Services (Nursery Nursing)	Edexcel	Yes	No	No		Edexcel	UK	
Master of Arts in Practice Based Play Therapy	Canterbury Christ church University, Canterbury, UK	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools	North West Regional College, Northern Ireland	Yes	No	No		Edexcel	UK	
Master of Arts in Integrated Provision for Children and Families in Early Years	University of Leicester	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Bachelor of Education in Primary Education	University of Gloucestershire	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	

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Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary)	University of Aberdeen	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Postgraduate Certificate in Early Years Pedagogue	University of Strathclyde	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Master of Education in Special Education (Autism in Children)	University of Birmingham	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	University of Worcester	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	
Higher National Diploma in Early Childhood Studies	University of Worcester	Yes	Yes	No			UK	
Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Primary Education	University of Strathclyde	Yes	Yes	Yes			UK	

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Where a qualification is **not published on this list of DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications** but the holder considers it to be an appropriate Major Award at Level 5 on the NFQ or equivalent, the holder can apply to have their qualification assessed for approval. Please refer to the **Early Years (Pre-school) Regulations and DCYA Childcare Programmes Qualification Requirements and DCYA Qualifications Recognition Application document** for information.

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Profesora Educacion Inicial (Elementary Education Teacher)	Instituto Superior de Profesorado de Education, Buenos Aires	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Argentina	
Diploma in Infant Teaching	Catholic Teachers College, Sydney, Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes		CTC	Australia	
B.Ed. in Early Childhood Education	Macquarie University, Sydney	Yes	Yes	Yes		Macquarie University	Australia	
BA in Early Childhood Teaching	University of Western Sydney	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Australia	

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Diploma of Children's Service (CHC50908 Early Childhood Education and Care)	Pragmatic Training, Victoria, AU	Yes	Yes	No		Australian Qualifications Framework	Australia	
Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood Studies)	Edith Cowan University, Western Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes			Australia	
Master's in Pedagogy (Childcare and Education)	Catholic University in Leuven	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	KU LEUVEN	Belgium	
BA Hons in Pre School Teaching	Institut Superieur de Pedagogie (Haute Ecole) Galilee	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Belgium	
Licenciatura Plena en Pedagogia (Honours BA Teaching)	Faculdade Frassinetti Do Recife	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	FAFIRE	Brazil	*teaching Diploma Case by case examine content to ensure either teaching qualification or early years

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Főiskolai Oklevél (Preschool teacher)	Budapesti Tanítóképző Főiskola	Yes	Yes	Yes			Budapest	
B.Ed. Primary School Pedagogics & Foreign Lang.	Plovdiv University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Bulgaria	*Primary Teacher
Pedagogue Master's degree / major in Preschool and Primary School Pedagogy Professional Qualification	Sophia University	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Sophia University	Bulgaria	Added from Catherine's List
Higher Education Diploma in Pre-school Pedagogy	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski) Faculty of Preschool and Primary Education	Yes	Yes	Yes			Bulgaria	
Diploma Bakalavar in Special Pedagogy: Pedagogue, Teacher in Special Schools	Sofia University (St. Kliment Ohridski) Faculty of Preschool and Primary Education	See comments	See comments	See comments			Bulgaria	Case by case review of course content

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Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, with a Primary Teaching Credential	California State University, Long Beach, USA	Yes	Yes	Yes			California	
Diploma in Early Childhood Education	Canada Durham College	Yes	Yes	No	ECE	Ontario	Canada	
BA in Early Childhood Studies	Ryerson University, Toronto	Yes	Yes	Yes			Canada	14CC0498
Preschool Education	Andrés Bello National University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Chile	
Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching (Diploma Odgojitelji Predškolske Djece)	University of Zagreb	Yes	Yes	Yes			Croatia	
Master's in Primary School Teaching	Faculty of Pedagogy, Ostrava University, Czech Republic	Yes	Yes	Yes			Czech Republic	

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Graduation Certificate, Pre- and Extra - Curricular Education (Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce, Předškolní a mimoškolní pedagogika)	Secondary Grammar and Vocational Pedagogical School, Znojmo	Yes	No	No			Czech Rep	
BA in Early Childhood Education	Helsinki Kindergarten college	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Finland	
Abschlusszeugnis Pre School Education	Justus-von-Liebig-Schule Göppingen	Yes	Yes	No	N/A		Germany	
State Recognised Childcare Worker	Specialist Academy for Social Education, Marienheim Lindau, Augsburg	Yes	Yes	No	N/A		Germany	
BSc in child psychology and social science	University of Social Paedagogik, Hamburg.	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Germany	Case by Case examine content
Diploma, Staatliche anerkannte Erzieherin	Catholic School of Social Education, Saarbrucken, Germany	Yes	No	No			Germany	This is a youth work qualification

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Ptychio in Early Childhood Care and Education (Hons Degree)	Alexandreio Technological Educational Institution of Thessaloniki	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Greece	
Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education	Technological Educational Institute of Athens	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	TEI	Greece	
B.A. Early Childhood Education	University Of Athens	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	UA	Greece	
Oklevel Pedagogy and Public Education Management & Pedagogy	Comenius Teacher Training College, University of Miskolc	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Hungary	*Primary Teacher Qualification
Honours Degree in Nursery School Teaching	Eötvös Loránd University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Hungary	
B.A. (hons) in Early Childhood Teaching and Education	University of West Hungary, Benedek Elek College of Pedagogy	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Hungary	

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BA (Hons) Foiskolai Oklevel (Nursery School Pedagogy)	West Hungarian University, Benedek Elek	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Hungary	
Bachelor Degree, Teacher of Pedagogy	University of Szeged	Yes	Yes	Yes			Hungary	
Bachelor's Degree (Hons) in Pedagogy, Nursery School Teaching	University of Debrecen	Yes	Yes	Yes			Hungary	
Laurea in Training of Nursey and Primary School Teachers	Free University of Bozen-Bolzano	Yes	Yes	Yes			Italy	
Preschool Teacher	Liepāja Academy of Pedagogy	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Latvia	
Teaching Diploma (Preschool Teacher Qualifications)	Liepāja University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Latvia	

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BA Hons Teacher of pre-school education	Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Latvia	
BA with Preschool Education Speciality	Kaunas College Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	
Diploma in Pre School Pedagogy and Psychology (BA hons)	Klaipėda University (Formerly K. Preschool Pedagogy and Psychology Institute, Siauliai)	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	KU	Lithuania	Case by case review of course content
Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood Pedagogy and Educology (BA hons)	Klaipėda University (Preschool Pedagogy and Psychology Institute)	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	KU	Lithuania	Case by case review of course content
Bachelor in Social Sciences with Primary Teaching	Siauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	
BA (Hons) in Educology (Social Sciences with Primary teaching)	Siauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	
BA Degree in Pre-school Education	Šiauliai University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	

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BA in special pedagogy and speech therapy studies	Šiauliai University, Lithuania	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Lithuania	Case by case review of course content
Bakalauro Diploma (Education with kindergarten teacher qualification)	Vilnius Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	
BA Hons in Pre School Pedagogy	Vilnius Pedagogy University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Lithuania	
Higher Education Diploma in Primary Upbringing Pedagogics, specialization - pedagogics of the English language	Klaipeda University, Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes			Lithuania	
Bachelor degree in Education, Special Education specialization Speech Therapy	Šiauliai University, Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes			Lithuania	
Licenciatura in Early Childhood Education	Instituto Nueva Galicia, Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes			Mexico	
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	University of Canterbury, Christchurch	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	NZ Teacher's Council	New Zealand	

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Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood)	The University of Waikato	Yes	Yes	Yes			New Zealand	
BTEC Childcare - Advanced Practice in Work with Children & Families	South Eastern Regional College - Lisburn	Yes	Yes	No	58277	BTEC	Northern Ireland	
Diploma Early Years care & Education	Southern Regional College UK	Yes	No	No	N/A		Northern Ireland	
Diploma, Early Childhood Education Teacher (Titulo de Profesora de Educacion Inicial)	HNO. Victorino Elorz Goicoechea Teacher Traing College	Yes	Yes	Yes			Peru	
MA Pedagogy of Care and upbringing	Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
MA Pedagogy (Custody and Rehabilitation Pedagoic)	Częstochowa University of Technology	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	To be decided on a Case by Case based on review of course content

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Licencjat in Social Rehabilitation Pedagogics	Faculty of Social and Pedagogical science, Katowice	See Comments	See Comments	No	N/A		Poland	Case by case decision based on course content
BA Pedagogy Specialisation in Guidance and Counselling	Institute of Pedagogics and Polish Language, Walbrzych	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments			Poland	Case by Case examine content
Magister in Early and Preschool Education	Jan Dlugosz University, Czestochowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Magister in Pedagogy: Specialising in Tutorial Pedagogy and Social Welfare Work	Jan Kochanowski university (formerly the Świętokrzyska Academy), Kielce	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Master's Pedagogy /Religious Instruction and Catechetic /Social & Special Education	Jesuit University of Philosophy and Education Ignatianum, Krakow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content

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BA in Preschool and Early Childhood Education	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy, Early School Education	Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Master's in Early Childhood Education	Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Early School Pedagogy (Licencjat award)	Nicolaus Copernicus University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	UMK	Poland	
Licencjat award (Pedagogy specialising in Early Childhood Education and Care)	Panstowowa Wyzsza Szkola Zawodowa	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
BA In Early Childhood Pedagogy	Pawel Wlodkowic University Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Care and Educational Pedagogy, with Pedagogical Diagnostics & Therapy	Pedagogical University of Cracow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	N/A	Poland	Case by case review of course content
BA in Pedagogy in Childcare	Pedagogical University of Cracow	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	

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Magister Pedagogy: Preschool and Early Elementary Pedagogy	Pedagogical University of Cracow	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Licencjat in Special Pedagogy (specialisation oligophrenopedagogy /Education of children with intellectual disability)	Pedagogical University of Cracow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Magister Pedagogy: Specialisation Special needs Education / oligophrenopedagogy	Pedagogical University of Cracow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Licencjat in Pedagogy (specialisation teaching: Social and Care Education with School Pedagogy)	Pedagogical University of Cracow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Licencjat majoring in Pedagogics	Poland, Higher School of Humanities and Economics in Brzeg	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	N/A	Poland	Case by case review of course content

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Diploma of Master of Arts in Social and Rehabilitative Pedagogy	Poland, Mazovian High School of Humanities and Pedagogy in Lowicz	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	N/A	Poland	Case by case review of course content
Licencjat in Pedagogy majoring in early school education	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Poland	
Master's in Pedagogy in the scope of social psycho prophylactics	Poland, University of Rzeszow	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Master's in Pedagogy specializing in preschool pedagogy	Poland, University of Szczecin	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Education Early Preschool Pedagogy (Degree)	Pomeranian Pedagogical Academy, Slupsk	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Magister Pedagogy (Majoring in guidance and Counselling Pedagogy)	Pomeranian Pedagogical Academy, Slupsk	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content

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Licencjat Primary Education & Language Therapy	Swietokrzyski University, Kielce	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
BA Hons in Early Childhood Education	Teacher Education School of the Polish Teachers Union, Warsaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
BA Early School and Preschool Education	The State Higher Voc. School in Gorzow Wielkopolski	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
BA Pedagogy Early Primary Education	The State Higher Vocational School in Konin	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Licencjat in Pedagogy of Care and Education	University Academy of Humanities and Economics	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content
Master's Degree in Childhood Pedagogy	University of Lodz Poland	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content
Licencjat in Special Education and Oligophrenic pedagogy	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content

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Magister in Educational Science, Preschool and Early School Pedagogy	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Magister in Educational Science (Pedagogical Counselling)	University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content
MA in Caring & Educational Pedagogy	University of Silesia, Katowice (Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology)	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content
Diploma in Integrated Early-School and Preschool Education	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Degree in Pedagogy: Social, Protective and Educational Work	University of Silesia, Katowice	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Poland	Case by Case examine content
Magister in Pedagogy (Integrated Early school and Preschool Education)	University of Silesia, Katowice	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
MA Pre-elementary School Pedagogy	University of Szczecin	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Master's in Pre-school Pedagogy	University of Szczecin	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	

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Majisterskie Pedagogika: Specialising in Caring Pedagogy and Preschool Education	Uniwersytet Zielonogorski	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
BA in Preschool Teaching and Integrated Education	University of Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	
Master's Studies with Pedagogical Preparation	University of Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Poland	Case by case review of course content
Magister in Pedagogy, specialization Education through Art	University Lodz, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Licencjat in Pedagogy specialization in Education of Mentally Retarded Children with Individual Therapy	University of Gdansk, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Post Graduate Studies in Early Education and Pedagogical Therapy of Children with specific difficulties in learning	University of Warsaw, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	

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Licencjat in Pedagogy, with specialisation in Elementary Education and Pedagogic Therapy	The Gniezno School of Humanism and Management - Millenium, Gniezno, Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Bachelor of Arts in Pedagogy with Preschool specialization	University of Wroclaw	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Master of Arts in Pedagogy, Early School Education and Kindergarten Education	University of Opole	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Master's Degree in Pedagogy, specialisation in the Pedagogy of Caring (Magister Pedagogika w Zakresie Pedagogiki Opiekunczej)	The Tadeusz Kotarbiński Graduate School of Education, University of Zielona Góra	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	

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Bachelor's Degree, Educational and Upbringing Pedagogy (Tutorial and Educational Pedagogics)	The Angelus Silesius State School of Higher Vocational Education in Wałbrzych	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Master of Arts (Magister) in Pedagogy	John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	Yes	Yes	Yes			Poland	
Degree in Early Childhood Education	Institute of Porto Polytechnic	Yes	Yes	Yes			Portugal	
BA in Pre-School Education	Lisbon University of Education (Escola Superior de Educacao de Lisboa)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Portugal	
Licenciatura em Educacao de Infancia (Degree in early childhood education)	Polytechnic Institute of Porto	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Portugal	
Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education	University of the Azores, Portugal	Yes	Yes	Yes			Portugal	

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Diploma De Licenta Pedagogy: Plastic and Decorative Arts	The West University of Timisoara	See Comments	See Comments	No	N/A		Romania	Case by Case decision based on course content
BA Psychology-Pedagogy (Primary School Kindergarten Teacher)	University of Bucharest	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Romania	
BA in Special Psychopedagogy and Social Assistance	University of Bucharest	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Romania	Case by Case examine content
BA Special Education Teacher/ Speech Therapy / Psychopedagogy Therapist	University of Budapest	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Romania	Case by Case examine content
Certificate of Qualified Teacher	University of Cluj Napoca	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Romania	*Primary Teacher Qualification

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Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	Faculty of Psychology & Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes			Romania	This course has enough education content to distinguish from a pure psychology degree
Bachelor of Education Primary School/ Kindergarten Teacher	Spiru Haret University, Brasov, Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes			Romania	
Diploma Pre-School Education	University of Oradea	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Romania	
BA in Pre-School and Primary Education and Pedagogy (Licențiat în Pedagogia învățământului primar și preșcolar)	Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca	Yes	Yes	Yes			Romania	

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Bachelor of Arts in Educational Sciences, specialising in Pedagogy of the Preschool and Elementary Education System (Diploma de Licență, Stiinte ale Educatiei, specializarea Pedagogia Invatamantului Primar si Prescolar)	Vasile Goldiș' Western University of Arad	Yes	Yes	Yes			Romania	
Bachelor's Degree in Pedagogy of Pre-School and Primary School (Licențiat, Pedagogia învățământului Primar și Preșcolar)	University of Oradea	Yes	Yes	Yes			Romania	
Diploma (Oligophrenopedagolist and Special Psychologist Teacher)	Russia Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A	Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University	Russia	Case by Case examine content

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Oligophrenopedagogics with Special Psychology	Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University	Yes	Yes	Yes			Russia	
Magister Degree: Teacher Training for First Stage of Basic schools and Preschool Pedagogy	University of Prešov	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Slovakia	
Master's in Teaching Children of Elementary School (6-10 yrs)	University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Slovakia	*Primary Teacher Qualification
BA in Pre-school and Elementary Pedagogy (Bakalár, Predškolská a Elementárna Pedagogika)	University of Prešov	Yes	Yes	Yes			Slovakia	
Bachelor's Degree, Early Childhood Education (Odgojitelj Predškolske Djece)	University of Rijeka	Yes	Yes	Yes			Slovakia	
Higher Diploma in Education, Junior Primary School	Natal College of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes			South Africa	
BA in Nursery Education	Cadiz University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	

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Maestro Specialising in Primary Education	University of Alicante	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	*Primary Teacher
Diploma in Teaching, Early Childhood Education	University of Almeria	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Elementary Education Teacher	University of Almería	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	*Elementary Teacher Qualification
Magisterio en Educacion Infantil (Pre Primary Education)	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Teacher -Specialised in Preschool Education	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
BA in Early Childhood Education	Universidad de Burgos	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Degree (ord) in Primary Education / Maestro	University of Cantabria, Santander	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	* Primary Teacher Qualification
Maestra Especialidad Educacion Infantil (Early Infant Education)	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	

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Maestra Especialidad de Educacion Infantil (Pre-Primary Education)	Universidad de Extremadura, Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Teacher specializing in Early Childhood Education	University of Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Licenciatura Psicopedagogia (Bachelor degree in Psychopedagogy)	University Of Santiago de Compostela	See Comments	See Comments	See Comments	N/A		Spain	Case by case examine content
Maestra, Especialidad de Educacion Infantil (Bachelor Degree in Early Education)	University Of Santiago de Compostela	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
BA in Early Childhood Education	University of Seville	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Maestra Especialidad de Educacion Infantil (BA Infant Education)	University of Valencia	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Maestra Primary Education	University of Valencia	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	*Primary Teacher Qualification
Maestro, Especialidad en Educacion Infantil (BA in Early Childhood Education)	Universidad de Valladolid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	*Primary Teacher Qualification

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Graduado en Educacion Primaria (BA (Hons) in Primary Education)	Universidad de Valladolid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	*Primary Teacher Qualification
Primary School Teacher, specialised in a Foreign Language (English)	University of Zaragoza, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor's Degree in Early Years Foundation Stage Education	University of Lerida, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor's Degree, specializing in Primary Education	Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Maestro specializing in special educational needs - Primary Teacher	University of the Basque Country, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education	Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor of Education, majoring in Pre-Primary	Teacher Training College, Donostia-San Sabastian, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Years and Childhood Studies	University of Leon, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	

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Título de Técnica Superior en Educación Infantil	Centro Formación Politécnica S.A., Pamplona, Spain	Yes	Yes	No			Spain	
Bachelor's Degree in Teaching with Specialization in Primary Education	Public University of Navarre, Spain	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Maestro en Educación Primaria	Complutense University of Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education	Camilo José Cela University	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Degree in Primary Education Teaching	University of Extremadura	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Graduate Qualification in Pre-School Teaching	University of Salamanca	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	

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Higher Technician in Pre-primary Education (Título de Técnica Superior en Educación Infantil)	María Madre Politecnos, Burgos	Yes	Yes	No			Spain	
Bachelor Degree (Hons) in Early Childhood Education (Graduada en Educación Infantil)	Universidad Católica San Antonio	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor's Degree (Maestro) in Early Childhood Studies	University of Cadiz	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Degree in Primary Teaching (Grado en Educación Primaria)	University of Murcia	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education (Maestra de Educació Primaria)	Catholic University of Valencia	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Bachelor Degree Primary School Education (Maestro, Especialidad de Educación Primaria)	University of Santiago de Compostela	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	

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Bachelor's Degree in Pre-School Education (Maestro en Educación Infantil)	The Public University of Navarra	Yes	Yes	Yes			Spain	
Magisterio en Educacion Infantil (Pre Primary Education)	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Spain	
Certificate of Competence as a fully qualified teacher	Rijks Pedagogische Acedamie, Holland	Yes	Yes	Yes			The Netherlands	
Hons. Batchelor Degree in Early Years	California State University	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		USA	
Basic and Advanced Core Program in Early Childhood Education (Child Development)	University of California, Los Angeles	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Univ. of California	USA	
Master's Degree in Early/Elementary Education	University of Massachusettes, Boston, Ma.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		USA	

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Preschool / Kindergarten Montessori Teaching Diploma	North American Montessori Centre	Yes	Yes	No			USA	Preschool / Kindergarten Montessori Teaching Diploma