

2026 Admission Requirements IIE Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education



Minimum		English	Notes
Admission			
Requirements	NSC: HC pass with	40%	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
	NC(V): HC pass	40%	
	SC: Endorsement -none with	40%	
	SC(a): HC pass with	40%	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 be exempted for this language. * If you are claiming conversational competence in an African Language (excluding Afrikaans), you are required to pass a competency test on NQF Level 5 in order to demonstrate conversational competence in such a language and be exempted 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. Note: Languages offered are campus dependent.
	NASCA - National Senior Certificate for Adults	40%	rivic. Languages onered are campus dependent.
	International:		
	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC L4 equivalence with at least 40% or equivalent for English.		

Senate Discretionary Admissions







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Mature Age Category 5: Mature Age Admission - 23 years and older	Candidates must have attempted the Senior Certificate or equivalent, attained the age of 23 before or during the first year of registration with three years' work experience and proven ability relating to the proposed programme as well as adequate communication skills.
Mature Age Category 6: Mature Age Admission - 45 years and older	Candidates must have attained the age of 45 before or during the first year of registration.
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	Where candidates do not satisfy the formal admission requirements for this qualification, The IIE may consider an admission application in terms of the Qualification Completion, Credit Accumulation and Transfer, Articulation and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy (IIE010). If applicant does not meet minimum admission requirements and there is no alternative (such as completion of NQP modules) but they have relevant experience, the following must be requested to consider admission via RPL: 1. Certificates for all formal (Accredited Higher Education qualifications) and/or informal qualifications/modules (SLP's, Microcredentials etc). SAQA certificates must be provided for any international qualifications. 2. CV to determine whether the following are related to the qualification that the applicant is applying for: a. Formal (Accredited Higher Education qualifications) and/or informal qualifications/modules (SLP's, Microcredentials etc) b. Relevant work experience
General Education Development (GED) - An USA qualification developed by the American Council on Education (ACE).	Candidates with a GED qualification may be admitted if they have a SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC L4 equivalence, a minimum score of 165 out of 200 for Reasoning through Language Arts and a minimum of 145 out of 200 for each of the other GED subjects (Mathematical Reasoning, Social Studies and Science).
OQSF Qualifications	Candidates with an OQSF Level 4 120-credit cognate qualification may be admitted once assessed and approved by the relevant Head of Faculty.
IEB International Secondary Certificate	Candidates must have achieved Higher Certificate pass and meet the additional admission criteria (where applicable). A SAQA Certificate of Evaluation with NQF L4 equivalence is required.
USAf Exemption Certificate	Candidates who have not yet obtained their SAQA Certificate of Evaluation for the school-leaving qualification but who have a USAf Exemption Certificate with at least 40% or equivalent for English, and meeting the additional admission requirements for a specific programme, may be







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considered for admission. These cases must be escalated to the OoR for approval.

