

## DEVELOP KEY SKILLS

### ON COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAMME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- document, recognise and reflect on your existing bank of knowledge, skills and experience
- critically assess and apply central theories of leadership and management from within and outside the sector, in an international context
- engage in effective professional advocacy communication, networking, use of social media and lobbying
- understand how contemporary ELC organisations work, how to effectively engage and change them, and why it can be so challenging to achieve this?
- engage critically in research, with an in-depth knowledge of crucial social issues related to children and the skills to conduct ethical research of your own.

I believe that my new role as EU Project Officer was as a direct result of my MA achievement with IT Sligo. This role involves a lot of research and academic writing and I feel that this course further developed those skills while also broadening my knowledge and enhancing my confidence.

**Fiona Kelleher,**  
EU Project Officer with Early Childhood Ireland

## CAREER PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

The programme is distinguished by its strong sectoral support. In this interactive, blended learning environment, you will experience a challenging developmental process that builds your leadership capacity, confidence and applied skills.

In every lecture, tutorial, keynote seminar and activity, you are asked not only to study leadership, but to demonstrate it.

Graduates of the MA programme may progress their careers into a variety of roles including leadership roles in ELC services; Inspection and Management roles in DCYA, DES, mentoring roles with Better Start; lecturing and tutoring roles and advocacy and research in ELC.

I found the lecturers very supportive and engaged. They were clearly experts in their given subjects. IT Sligo offered me the opportunity to study remotely through online classes, complimented by onsite classes every term. This suited my situation perfectly, as a mother to two young children and working full time.

**Lorraine Farrell,**  
National Aistear Coordinator,  
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)

## KEY BENEFITS

### PERSONAL APPROACH

The MA in Leadership and Advocacy in the Early Years is designed with small class sizes for greater individual attention.

- **Applied experiential learning** that examines today's complex leadership and advocacy issues in ELC
- **Practical real-world application** that can be applied in the context of your workplace
- **Individual strategy project** that addresses a specific challenge within your ELC organization
- **Sectoral networking opportunities** with peers across an array of countries and sectors

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## LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN THE EARLY YEARS



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