



Nitec graduates who are interested to apply for progression to the *Higher Nitec* in Early Childhood Education course should take note of the following points before applying:

- 1) Applicants must fulfill the following admission requirements for the course:
 - (i) Minimum final *Nitec* cumulative net GPA of 2.8 (including CCA bonus points); and
 - (ii) Have obtained Grade 1 or 2 for GCE 'N' (Academic) English Language, OR Grade A1 to C6 for GCE 'O' Level English LanguageApplicants are also required to pass a pre-admission medical examination.

- 2) *Nitec* progression students who enroll in the *Higher Nitec* in Early Childhood Education course, without Grade A1 to C6 for GCE 'O' Level English Language (C6L1), are required to obtain C6L1 or alternatives for English Language (see table below for listing of alternatives) upon graduation before they could be granted L1 Educator status.

- 3) *Nitec* progression *Higher Nitec* in Early Childhood Education graduates who did not manage to acquire the C6L1 or alternatives for English Language are eligible for employment upon graduation, but as Level 1 Conditional Certified Educators (L1C). These graduates:
 - (i) Will be given 2 years upon graduation to attain their C6L1 (or alternatives) grade. Upon attainment of their C6L1, they will be granted the L1 Educator status.
 - (ii) For graduates who did not manage to attain their C6L1 within 2 years, their L1C status would be invalidated. Centres can still deploy them as assistant teachers and they can continue to strive for the C6L1 or alternatives. Upon successful attainment, centres can submit a certification application for them.

Table on List of English Language Acceptable Alternatives

Assessment	Acceptable Alternatives
GCSE English	C
iGCSE English as First Language (Code: 0500)	C
iELTS (General)	Band 6.5 and any other C6 acceptable alternatives
iELTS (Academic)	Band 5.5
SPM EL 1119 (Cambridge GCE 'O' level EL1)	C6
TOEFL paper	At least 497
TOEFL computer-based test	At least 170
TOEFL Internet-based test	At least 59
International Baccalaureate Diploma Extended Essay in English	Satisfactory Score (Grade 4)
Accredited Degree where the medium of instruction is English	Successful completion of the degree programme
GCE 'AO' General Paper	C6
GCE 'H1' General Paper	D
English Proficiency Test administer by Singapore Examination and Assessment Board (SEAB) to establish	Pass