



# Universidade de Évora

## Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Educação Pré-Escolar (Preschool Education)  
Academic Year 2026/2027

### 1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências Sociais

### 2. Course Committee

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### 3. Program description

The Master's Degree in Pre-School Education provides a professional qualification for teaching in Pre-School Education, as a complement to the Degree in Basic Education. It is oriented towards the training of Early Childhood Educators with proven scientific and praxeological skills, with the ability to intervene in the ecology of childhood, especially in the education of children from 0 to 6 years old, and with a preparation that provides an investigative attitude, contributing to innovation in the field of pedagogical knowledge and educational practice in this age group. The Master's Degree seeks to promote the development of teaching performance competences contained in the General Performance Profile for Childhood Educators and Primary and Secondary School Teachers (DL 240/2001) and in the Specific Profile for Professional Performance of Childhood Educators (DL 241/2001), as well as to motivate solid educational training, with recourse to contributions from various areas of knowledge that will enable them to constantly question the challenges of a changing society and the role of the childcare worker. The UÉ offers students a rich scientific, cultural, and professional environment supported by partnerships with quality early childhood education institutions.

### 4. Career opportunities

Pre-school teacher (can work in public or private day cares or pre-schools, municipalities, after-school activities, hospitals, museums, libraries, toy libraries, child care centers, childminding services).

## 5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Cr 128/2015/AL02

## 6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2324/1401781

## 7. General conditions of access and admission

### i Legal conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the master degree

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the cycle of studies that leads to the master degree:

- Holders of the bachelor degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a foreign academic degree dully recognised as satisfying the objectives identical to the bachelor degree by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum vitae that is recognized as attesting to the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to.

### ii Conditions of access to the cycle of studies at the Universidade de Évora

On the application date, the undergraduate students must satisfy conditions that guarantee the conclusion of their undergraduate degree until the 30th of October of the admission year. The admission and enrollment of these students is conditioned on the conclusion of the degree until this date, and the enrollment is canceled if the student does not complete the degree within that period

During the first application phase, students who have a maximum of 6 curricular units or 36 ECTS missing for conclusion of their degree can apply for the 2nd cycle; in the 2nd application phase students can apply if they have at most 3 curricular units missing and in the 3rd application phase if they have at most one curricular unit missing

The previous condition does not apply to students with a curriculum that reveals professional or scientific experience, which can be recognized by the competent scientific body, as attesting the students ability to carry out the masters degree/post-graduation, provided that the student required that recognition in the application process

### iii Specific admission conditions

The specific conditions for admission to this cycle of studies are regulated by the provisions of nº 2 of Decree-Law nº 79/2014, of May 14th, in its current wording. Holders of a Bachelor's Degree in Basic Education or another degree that awards credits from the cycle of studies leading to a bachelor's degree, distributed across the training components in the following terms, may apply for the Master's Degree in Pre-school and Primary Education: i) teaching areas and specific didactics area - minimum of 90 ECTS, 12 ECTS in the specific didactics area and 78 ECTS in the teaching area, namely, 20 ECTS in Portuguese, 20 credits in Mathematics, 20 ECTS in Natural Sciences and History and Geography of Portugal and 18 credits in Art Education and Physical Education. ii) general educational area - 10 ECTS. The other specific conditions for entry into this cycle of studies are regulated in nº 7 and n.º 8 of article 18 of Decree-Law No. 79/2014, of May 14, in its current wording. A general admission condition is oral and written command of the Portuguese language and mastery of the essential rules of logical and critical argumentation, as stipulated by the legislation in force for this purpose. This condition will be certified by combining a written Portuguese language test with an interview. In both cases, the candidate must obtain approval. The written test and interview are mandatory for everyone,

regardless of their previous training or professional situation. The application can also be made by presenting a certificate of approval, issued by another institution of higher education, in which the candidate has taken tests for this same purpose, considering the conditions set out in the legislation in force for this purpose. The written test and interview to assess Portuguese language proficiency will take place on April 7th (1st phase), July 9th (2nd phase), and September 10th (3rd phase) at a location and time to be announced. In the application documentation, it is necessary to present the certificate of qualifications detailing the credits of each curricular unit, to verify compliance with the minimum ECTS of training established for entry into the Course, determined by the Legal Framework for Professional Qualification for Teaching in Pre-School Education and Basic and Secondary Education (Decree-Law nº 79/2014, of May 14th, in its current wording). The evaluation of the CV is based on the documents submitted with the application.

## **8. Selection Process**

- Academic Qualifications: 70%
  - Average grade in the highest qualification: 40%
  - Level of Specific Admission Conditions for a Master's in Teacher Education: 30%
  - Area of qualifications: 30%
- Curriculum Analysis: 30%
  - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 30%
  - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 30%
  - Participation in conferences and similar activities: 20%
  - Volunteering: 20%

## **9. Maximum number of admissions**

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 15
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 0

## **10. Minimum number of students**

Minimum number of students: 8

## **11. Tuition fee**

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 697,00 €

## **12. Organization / Duration**

- a. **Duration of the program:** 3 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 90

## **13. Language(s) of teaching**

- Portuguese

#### **14. Learning Type**

Presential

#### **15. Schedule type**

Labor

#### **16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)**

Monday to Friday, between 8 am and 6 pm.

#### **17. Program starting date**

September de 2026

February 12, 2026  
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar