



ASSESSMENT
SPECIALISTS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSES

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ABOUT

Founded in 2003, Éirim, meaning 'talent', is a team of highly experienced psychologists and professionals passionate about supporting children and others with learning needs. Our vision is to **enable every person to fulfill their potential and succeed with their education**. To achieve this we provide unrivaled professional development training courses for educators across the area of assessment, support & inclusive education.

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Éirim provides unrivaled professional development courses, for schools and special education teachers, in the area of educational assessment and testing. With many of Éirim's courses leading to professional qualifications, **Éirim has firmly established itself as a training leader in the field**. All of the courses featured in this booklet are led by highly experienced, practicing professionals in the field with a flare and passion for teaching. Our training courses will:

- ✓ Enable you to become a **registered and qualified test user**;
- ✓ Enable you to **purchase more and higher-level tests**;
- ✓ Provide **career opportunities** and enhance your CV with professional qualification(s);
- ✓ Increase your educational assessment skills, in order to **plan appropriate interventions** for students;
- ✓ Build your **confidence and competence**;
- ✓ Give you competence necessary to **excel in your assessment role**;
- ✓ Enable you to understand and confidently **write and interpret reports** to and from other professionals;
- ✓ Help you **analyse and select** valid and appropriate tests for use.

*"Really got so much out of the training course! **Hugely impressed by their knowledge and expertise**. I'm going to keep an eye on the website for upcoming courses- love the way so much packed into a few short days . Way to go!! Thanks guys"*

HELEN CASEY
Teacher & Guidance Counsellor

*"Highly recommend. Courses are **extremely useful and delivered in a professional, friendly and highly supportive manner**"*

MEABH MCGREEVY
Teacher Loreto College



CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IN EDUCATIONAL TESTING (CCET)

Our 'flagship' course is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), and this training leads to a professional certificate in educational testing & assessment. This training covers the A-Z of educational assessment and is sure to enhance the knowledge and wisdom of even the most experienced or advanced testers. The course covers all of the competencies deemed necessary for an individual to be considered competent at choosing, using and interpreting educational tests. All course participants are assessed both throughout and after the course before they are awarded certification. Holders of the certificate are eligible for placement on the BPS online register of qualified test users (RQTU). Furthermore the certificate is an essential component of the Level 7 equivalent ETAAC course, necessary for access arrangements assessors in the UK (see page 6).

"Excellent- Exceeded all expectations. The course broke down difficult concepts with ease and clarity- stats has never been so much fun!"

ASSISTANT PSYCHOLOGIST
CCET attendee

"Excellent! I have a much greater awareness of test selection and administration. I also have greater confidence in explaining the impact of these."

SENCo
CCET attendee



This is offered as both a 3-day face-to-face course and online.



A teaching qualification is recommended but not essential.



Assessed work both during and after the course will be required for this training course. Course content will include:

- **DAY 1** Introduction to assessment; Test administration & Scoring; Understanding and Interpreting Standard scores and the Normal curve; How to pick and choose 'good' tests.
- **DAY 2** Understanding error in tests & test scores (confidence bands); test validity; test administration & scoring.
- **DAY 3** Interpreting & comparing test scores; intelligence and intelligence testing; Data protection; Report writing.



Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing - Test User

Placement on the BPS Register of Qualified Test Users (RQTU)



This course is relevant to anyone who works in education, but particularly suited to special education teachers or anyone working within the educational setting administering or interpreting psychometric or educational tests.

BECOME A QUALIFIED TEST ADMINISTRATOR

BPS ASSISTANT TEST USER

Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) this training course focuses on test administration and scoring, and leads to a professional qualification in the field (BPS, Assistant Test User). It is ideal for schools carrying out standardised testing on large groups of students and seeking to ensure that staff are adequately equipped, trained and qualified in the area. It will also be of interest to special education teachers looking to gain a solid base in testing and can be used as an introduction to the more comprehensive Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (Test User) course. During this course participants will learn the core steps and skills necessary to confidently set up, administer and score all standardised tests. Time will also be spent reviewing and practicing a number of different tests available on the market. In order to gain professional certification of their competence participants will engage in a short assessment during the course and submit a short video of their test administration skills after the course.



This is offered as both a 3-day face-to-face course and online.



There are no prerequisites required for this course.



Course content and course work will include:

- *Introduction to assessment and testing*
- *Test administration*
- *Practice using and scoring a selection of different tests*
- *Introduction to understanding and interpreting test scores (e.g. standard scores)*
- *Data protection and Security*



Assistant Test User (ATU) qualification, verified by BPS



This course is relevant to teachers or anyone wishing to develop their testing skills.





ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS TRAINING (AAT) UK ONLY

This highly comprehensive course is packed with the information and resources necessary to empower all teachers processing access arrangements under the UK's Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). Participants will develop the key skills required to screen and assess students for access arrangements, as well as the skills necessary to collect and process student data fairly and accurately. Completion of this course alongside the Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (Test User) is equivalent to a Level 7 course in specialist assessment and will enable teachers in the UK to meet the JCQ's criteria to practice as the school's Access Arrangements Assessor.

ANNUAL ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS UPDATES AND REFRESHER TRAINING

Éirim hosts an annual mini event designed to refresh participants' knowledge on the JCQ access arrangement regulations, while also presenting all of the new changes and modifications to the regulations for that year. The course comprises of lecture, discussion, case studies, test reviews as well as Q&A.



This is offered as both a 3-day face-to-face course and online.



Ideally teachers will have completed the Certificate of Competence in Educational Training (CCET).



Coursework and a formal assessment will be required in order to gain certification. Course content will include:

- *Equality Legislation*
- *Purpose and rationale of access arrangements*
- *Roles and responsibilities of staff access arrangements*
- *JCQ regulations governing main access arrangements: readers, scribes and both learning difficulties and social/emotional/behavioural difficulties*
- *JCQ regulations covering all other JCQ arrangements*
- *Data collection & screening methods*
- *Completion of Form 8*
- *Using and interpreting tests for access arrangements*
- *Using access arrangements online (AAO)*
- *Training others*



Qualification earned is the Access Arrangements Certificate of Competence.



This course is relevant to UK post primary teachers / SENCOs that are processing access arrangements.

EDUCATIONAL TESTING AND ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS CERTIFICATE (ETAAC)

This postgraduate level 7 equivalent qualification in specialist assessment meets the JCQ requirements to practice as an access arrangements assessor in the UK. The course is a combination of both the Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET) - Test User and the Access Arrangements Training (AAT) course.



5 day face-to-face course, comprised of the 3-day CCET training program typically followed by the 2-day AAT course at a later date. Participants have 6 months to submit all follow up course work.



For qualified Teachers. Please contact us if you do not hold this qualification and wish to pursue the course.



Coursework, post-coursework and a formal assessment will be required for this training course.



Level 7 equivalent qualification in specialist assessment (part accredited by BPS). Eligibility to act as a JCQ access arrangements assessor.



This course is appropriate for qualified teachers and/or SENCOs.

*"Completing the CCET/AAT with Eirim, I would compare to a recommended tonic. **The support that I received was 100%, any anxiety or concerns that I had or a query was solved efficiently, feedback positive and encouraging.** Within the teaching profession, I have and will continue to recommend Eirim to colleagues who have been asked to undertake this course."*

KITTY
Éirim ETAAC Student

DARE /RACE

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) and the Reasonable Accommodations in Certificate Exams (RACE) Schemes are two schemes operating in the Republic of Ireland which are applicable to secondary school students with additional learning needs. This course will give teachers an insight into the schemes and share practical knowledge on how to process applications efficiently and competently as well as the know-how in how to effectively use assessment and testing methods to support the process.



This is offered as a half-day face-to-face course.



There are no prerequisites required for this course.



Course content and course work will include:

- *Rationale for the schemes and Equality legislation*
- *Regulations surrounding RACE & DARE*
- *Screening pupils for eligibility to RACE / DARE*
- *Using standardised tests for the schemes (including test practice and demonstration)*
- *General good practice guidelines*



Students will receive a certificate of attendance.



This course is appropriate for teachers processing or assessing RACE & DARE applications



“Excellent, clearly presented and explained. Very well planned. this course really met my needs. 5 (or 6!) out of 5!”

EMER O’RIORDAN
DARE Course Student

“Excellent. Our presenter knew what she was doing, gave great examples and very knowledgeable advice. More SEN teachers should have attended.”

JUANITA LOVETT
DARE Course Student



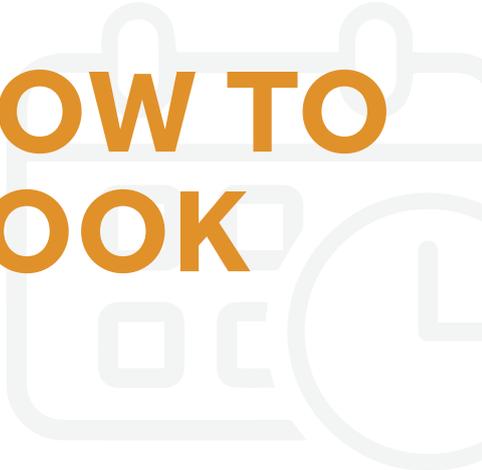
OTHER COURSES

Éirim enjoys offering an array of excellent specialty courses with high-quality trainers on topics such as:

- *Developing & Promoting Resilience in Students;*
- *Using Lego to Build Social and Emotional Skills in Children;*
- *Getting it right for Learners with Autism, Asperger Syndrome and ADHD.*

Please visit our website directly and find more information on current courses available, as well as course descriptions, duration of course, location, prerequisites and qualifications earned.

Visit us at www.eirim.ie for Terms and Conditions and Booking on all our courses.



HOW TO BOOK

Please note that from time to time we offer new courses that may not appear in this brochure. We are also happy to arrange bespoke courses to bring to your teams. Please contact us for further details with your requests. We look forward to answering your questions and welcoming you to our trainings. **We are delighted to work with you and your team members this year!**

Sincerely,

Rebecca Good
Director of Training