

## Helena O'Brien

Helena O'Brien has been an Associate Lecturer in Early Childhood Education and Care at IT Carlow since 2017. Helena graduated from IT Carlow with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Care in 2007 and completed her Masters in Applied Behaviour Analysis in Bangor University, Wales in 2012. She obtained her Board Certified Behaviour Analyst accreditation in 2013. Helena has worked in the field of early intervention in Jonix Educational Services since 2007. Jonix is a specialised pre-school for children with a diagnosis of Autism and Helena works part-time as their Senior Behaviour Support Specialist. Helena's research interests lie in the area of autism and alternative communication systems.