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DURATION

Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré
– One Year

COURSE OVERVIEW

This is the nationally recognised qualification for work as a Healthcare Assistant.

This programme is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in the caring profession and work as part of a professional healthcare team.

The candidate acquires the practical skills and knowledge necessary to work as a healthcare assistant.

AREAS OF STUDY

- Care Support
- Care Skills
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience*
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Challenging Behaviour
- Care of the Older Person
- Word Processing

* **Work Experience (25 days) is a mandatory part of this programme. Work placement must be in a healthcare setting eg Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Day Care/Special Needs Centres.**



CERTIFICATION

Healthcare Support Award (5M4339) – QQI Level 5

Safe Patient Moving and Handling,
Cardiac First Response, Hand Hygiene,
Recognising and Responding to Elder Abuse.

*"I am delighted I did the course. I met a lot of new people and made lots of friends. I gained the necessary knowledge and experience in the healthcare field and now work as a Healthcare Support Assistant."
Tommy Devereux*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate or equivalent, prior experience or a keen interest in the area.

The Garda vetting process must be completed in respect of all individuals working with children or vulnerable adults – work placements will require students be vaccinated against Hepatitis B virus.

FURTHER STUDY

Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré has Progression and Cooperation Agreements with Limerick Institute of Technology, Carlow Institute of Technology and Waterford Institute of Technology.

Candidates can use this qualification to progress, through the Higher Links Scheme, to further studies in Third Level Institutions and Colleges.

Waterford I.T. (WD 188) Applied Health Care

Athlone I.T. (AL 860) Social Care Practice

Limerick I.T. (LC 292) Applied Social Studies (Social Care)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An Award holder is qualified to work as a Healthcare Assistant in Hospitals and a variety of Health, Community and Agency settings.

FEES

If successful at interview:

- A booking fee of €25 (non-refundable) must be paid to secure a place on our PLC courses.
- Resource contribution fee €75 – payable on registration
- Additional course/service fees – payable on registration (these costs are outlined on the College website - www.cpr.ie)

Current medical card, VTOS, BTEA holders or candidates in receipt of the student grants scheme are exempt from the following fees:

- Department of Education and Skills Contribution fee €200 – payable on registration
- Exam fees €50 – payable on registration