



Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré

College of Further Education

Healthcare Support QQI Level 5



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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Module Name	Description
Care Support	This component examines the role and responsibilities of the care worker within the multidisciplinary healthcare team. Learners explore their own personal growth and development in care work.
Care Skills	Learners learn how to assess the care needs of individuals and groups, how to plan, deliver and evaluate care. The practical and technical skills required for care provision are also included.
Safety and Health at Work	This module helps the student understand the role of the HSA, health and safety legislation in relation to employers, safety statements, risk assessments, accident prevention and reporting, infection controls, disposal of hazardous materials, health and wellbeing at work, fire emergency procedures, safety signs, personal protective equipment and first aid.
Communications	Students gain the necessary skills to progress their vocational and personal development, by learning how to communicate accurately and effectively. Exploration of a wide array of written and oral communication methods.
Work Experience	Offers the knowledge, skills and capacity to participate in a work placement suitable to your vocational area, an invaluable introduction to the world of work.
Infection Prevention and Control	Throughout this component learners develop an understanding of the principles underpinning infection prevention and control in various healthcare settings. The practical skills required to implement the principles are practiced.
Care of the Older Person	The specific care needs of the older person are explored in this component. National guidelines, legislation and the specialised skills required for caring for older people are focused on.
Word Processing	Producing documents to a high standard of presentation with opportunities to apply creativity to layouts, while learning the value of accuracy and attention to detail. Includes numbering, borders, paragraphing, margins, enhancing text, etc.

Modules may be subject to change

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.

CERTIFICATION

Healthcare Support Award (5M4339) QQI Level 5
Safe Patient Moving and Handling
Cardiac First Response
Hand Hygiene
Safe Gaourding Vulnerable Adults

AREAS OF STUDY

- Care Support
- Care Skills
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience*
- Infection Prevention and Control
- 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, Community Nursing Units, Nursing Homes, Day Care or Additional Needs Centres.

FEES

If successful at interview:

- A booking fee of €50 (non-refundable) must be paid to secure a place on our further education courses.
- Resource contribution fee €50
- Additional course/service fees are outlines 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 fee:

- Department of Education and Skills Contribution fee €200

Medical Card holders and VTOS recipients are exempt from:

- Exam fees €50

FURTHER STUDY

Roscrea College of Further Education 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)

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