



Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré

College of Further Education

Early Childhood Care & Education with SNA

QQI Level 6



COURSE OVERVIEW

This Childcare and Education course with Special Needs Assistant is designed for learners who wish to progress from a QQI Level 5 to a QQI Level 6 qualification. The overall aim of the programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to work in an education setting as an autonomous practitioner, supervising the work of others in the provision of a quality early childhood care and education environment to promote children's well-being, development and learning. The course content is structured to give a broader, knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding learning difficulties. This award will also provide learners with opportunities to transfer and progress to programmes leading to higher education and training awards.

Module Name	Description
Special Needs Assisting	The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence in the theory and practice underpinning the education and care of those who present with special educational needs and to enable the learner to assist in the provision of this education and care.
Early Childhood Curriculum	The purpose of this module is to equip the learner with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide the best educational and developmentally appropriate curriculum for children in the setting. They will use their understanding of early childhood educational theories and the practical implementation of these theories into everyday life in the early childhood environment. The role of the adult in supporting curriculum delivery will be explored.
Child Development	This component is designed to equip the learner with the knowledge, skills and competence relevant to the theory and practice of child development when working independently, and with others in Early Childhood Care & Education settings. Learners will develop their understanding of the different theories in child development. They will identify the practical implementation of these theories to everyday events in the ECCE in order to support the holistic development of the children in their care.
Childhood Social Legal and Health Studies	This component will equip the learner with knowledge, skill and competence in relation to factors which influence all issues surrounding childcare. Child protection issues, the health and well-being of children, legislation, regulation and policy which influence the childcare sector, will all be considered. Personal reflection, equality and diversity guidelines, personal and interpersonal skills will be developed. These will assist the learner in devising, implementing and evaluating the relevant policies and procedures that are required in an ECCE setting.
Supervision in Early Childhood Care	This component is designed to prepare students to work competently, safely and effectively with young children. You will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively supervise an early childhood education and care setting. Promoting good practice, supporting equality and respecting diversity will be explored.
Communications	Students gain the necessary skills to progress vocational and personal development, by learning how to communicate accurately and effectively. Exploration of a wide array of written and oral communication methods, report writing, presentations, formal and informal documents.
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. (120 hours)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SNA, Crèches, Pre-schools, Early Start Centres, Day Care, Family Centres, Private Homes, Schools. Graduates may also work in centres which cater for children with additional needs. Special Needs Assistant (SNA).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Early Childhood Care and Education
Level 5 or equivalent.

The Garda vetting process must be completed when applying for this course.

CERTIFICATION

Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education 6M2007.

Optional Additional Certification Available

Manual Handling
First Aid Response
Child Protection

AREAS OF STUDY

Special Needs Assisting
Early Childhood Curriculum
Child Development
Childhood Social Legal and Health Studies
Supervision in Early Childhood Care Communications
Work Experience

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

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 €80

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.

Holders of major QQI level 6 awards may apply for degree courses under the Higher Education Links Scheme including:

DCU

(DC235) Yr 1 BSc (Hons) Education and Training

UCC

(CK 111) Yr 1 BA (Hons) Early Years and Childhood Studies

Mary Immaculate College Limerick

(MI 007) Yr 1 BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education

Carlow I.T.

(CW 748) Yr 1 BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education

Waterford

(WD 149) Yr 1 Ba (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

Athlone I.T.

(AL 860) Yr 1 BA (Hons) Social Care Practice

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