

Early Childhood Studies

This course is designed for those who wish to work with children under the age of 6 years. It is both a nationally and internationally recognised qualification and students who have successfully graduated are now working, worldwide, in the sector. The course covers a child's overall development from conception until 6 years. Students get the opportunity to have hands-on experience and acquire the theory to support it. This qualification is the minimum requirement for those wishing to work in the area. Many additional features enrich the overall experience of the course. Students participate in

- Childcare seminars and conferences
- Practical workshops in Siolta and Aistear
- Child Protection training
- Professional Guest Lectures
- Educational Field Trips

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate, LCA or QQI Level 4. Mature students are exempt from Leaving Certificate requirement. All applicants are interviewed and garda vetted. Police clearance is required for non-Irish nationals

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education 5M2009
- Manual handling training and certification (requirement for work experience)
- QQI Component Maths 5N1833 (available as option in evening for learners requiring Maths for progression)

Course Content

- Child Development 5N1764
- Early Care & Education Practice 5N1770
- Early Childhood Education & Play 5N1773
- Child Health & Well-being 5N1765
- Work Experience 5N1356
- Communications 5N0690
- Children with Additional Needs 5N2396
- Creative Arts for Early Childhood 5N1769

Work Placement

Students will undertake placement one day per week for the duration of the course for a minimum of 120 hours in a registered setting.

Garda vetting is an integral part of the application procedure for this course.

Education Progression Opportunities

CCOC QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate In Early Childhood Education 6M2007 West Cork campus

Excellent progression opportunities to UCC and other Higher Education colleges. Special arrangements in place with CIT (CCPS), Tralee IT and Waterford IT for preferential entry for College of Commerce students. Up to 390 CAO points for any Institute of Technology can be attained by successful completion of this course.

Career Opportunities

Students are qualified as Assistant Early Childhood Practitioners in pre-schools and crèches, Special Needs Assistants and can work as a Child Minder in the home. Graduates can subscribe to 'CCOC college jobs register' and CCOC LinkedIn alumni for up to date vacancies and networking.

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