

Healthcare Assistant

This full time Healthcare course is designed to equip students to work effectively as Healthcare Assistants (HCA). This course satisfies the qualification requirement for HCA's recommended by the Health Information Quality Authority (HIQA).

The course provides a high standard of training and assessment under the tutelage of qualified professionals who have clinical and teaching experience. It facilitates the student to develop a range of skills and specialist knowledge to prepare them for work in the healthcare system.

This is a one year course. Work experience in a recognised Healthcare Setting is mandatory. This is an integral part of the learning journey and it allows the student to merge classroom learning with practical application. Practical application is further enhanced by a fully equipped Healthcare suite.

Garda vetting is a pre-requisite to work experience placement as are,

- Patient Moving & Handling certification (provided by the college)
- Vulnerable Adult Awareness Certification (provided by the college)
- Vaccinations are required for work experience in a healthcare setting

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate, LCA or QQI Level 4. Mature students are exempt from Leaving Certificate requirement. Proficiency in English (Oral & Written). All applicants are interviewed.

Note: Prospective students should also be aware that some aspects of this course are physically demanding and should satisfy themselves that they are physically fit enough to undertake it.

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Health Services Skills 5M3782
- Manual handling and people moving training and certification (requirement for work experience)
- QQI Component Maths 5N1833 (available as option in evening for learners requiring Maths for progression)
- Vulnerable Adult Awareness Certificate

Course Content

- Care of the Older Person 5N2706
- Care Skills 5N2770
- Care Support 5N0758
- Communications 5N0690
- Word Processing 5N1358
- Infection Prevention and Control 5N3734
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice 5N3770
- Palliative Care 5N3769

- Work Experience 5N1356

Work Placement

Students will undertake work placement one day per week for the duration of the course in a hospital or care home setting.

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Education Progression Opportunities

- CCOC QQI Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills 6M4978
- CCOC QQI Advanced Certificate in Psychosocial Awareness and Training (Inclusive Education and Training 6M2263)
- 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:

Nursing homes, hospitals, agency work, private homecare sector, intellectual disability environments All students can access the Jobs Advice Hub (see p.....). Graduates can subscribe to 'CCOC college jobs register' and CCOC LinkedIn alumni for up to date vacancies and networking.

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