

# Early Childhood Studies

## *(Special Needs)*

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
Understanding Special Needs	5N1709
Creative Arts for Early Childhood	5N1769

### INTRODUCTION

This course is designed for those who wish to work with children under the age of 6 years and are interested in children with specific needs. 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. This qualification is the minimum requirement for those wishing to work in the area. Students get the opportunity to have hands-on experience and acquire the theory to support it. Students participate in

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

### 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)

### WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE

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. Great 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. All students can access the Jobs Advice Hub (see pg. 85). Graduates can subscribe to 'CCOC college jobs register' and CCOC LinkedIn alumni for up to date vacancies and networking

### COURSE SPECIFIC CONTACT DETAILS

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Course fees outlined on  
**www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie**