

# Advanced Early Childhood Care & Education (Montessori)

## INTRODUCTION

This advanced Certificate enables graduates to work with children up to 6 years of age. During the course all students get the opportunity to experience 120 hours of work experience in a Montessori Early Years' Service. As part of Continuous Professional Development, in the second term, students are offered Leadership Training and will also attend a Conference on 'The Professionalization of Early Years Practitioners'. For students interested in sport, football training is also offered.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a Leaving Certificate with 6 passes to include at least 2 H5 grades on Higher Level papers. English, Irish and Maths are required. Leaving Certificate subjects and a Level 5 Major award in Early Childhood Care and Education 5M2009 to include component 'Children with Additional Needs' 5N2396. Participants are required to be Garda Vetted. Police Clearance is required for non Irish Nationals.

## CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education 6M2007. 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 work experience two mornings per week in a registered Montessori Early Years Service for the duration of the course.

## EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Direct entry, for eligible candidates, to BA in Montessori education (Level 8) at Cork Institute of Technology and to St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland (2 years of study). Dundalk IT Level 7 BA in Applied Early Childhood Studies (hosted in CCOC) but must have two years' work experience in a Tusla registered Early Years' Service work in another relevant organisation in the Early Years Sector.

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

Montessori Pre-school Teacher, Montessori Leader in Early Years setting, supervisory positions in early years settings and within organisations which require leaders to manage & provide childcare places. SNA positions in primary schools. 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 CONTENT

Child Development	6N1942
Early Childhood Curriculum	6N1944
Childhood Social Legal & Health Studies	6N1945
Work Experience	6N1946
Personal & Professional Development	6N1949
Early Learning Philosophy	6N1932
Early Learning Environment	6N1933
Early Childhood Literacy & Numeracy	6N1935
Early Childhood Arts & Culture	6N1936

## COURSE SPECIFIC CONTACT DETAILS

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