

# Advanced Early Childhood Care & Education

## COURSE CONTENT

Child Development	6N1942
Early Childhood Curriculum	6N1944
Childhood Social Legal & Health Studies	6N1945
Work Experience	6N1946
Personal & Professional Development	6N1949
Supervision in Early Childhood Care	6N1973
Special Needs Assisting	6N1957
Equality and Diversity	6N1974

## INTRODUCTION

This Advanced Certificate enables graduates to work with children up to 6 years of age in a variety of Early Years Services. Having gained 3 years experience in employment, graduates may apply for the post of Room Leader. During the course all students get the opportunity to experience 120 hours of work experience in an Early Years Service, which is a mandatory aspect of the course. Students visit Blackrock Observatory to learn about the solar system and our planet earth and also participate in hands on science experiments.

As part of Continuous Professional Development, 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 offered in the second term.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with a Major Childcare Award at Level 5 may apply for this Level 6 Childcare award. 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 one day per week for a minimum of 120 hours in a registered Early Years Service for the duration of the course.

## EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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 (minimum of 15 hours per week) and must have access to a Tusla registered Early Years' Service work in another relevant organisation in the Early Years Sector throughout their course of study to facilitate integration of theory with practice and to meet the different module learning outcomes. 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

Supervisory roles in Early years settings and within organisations which require leaders to manage & provide childcare places, i.e charities, hotels, etc. 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 SPECIFIC CONTACT DETAILS

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