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This is a two year part-time programme in Health and Social Care. Participants have the opportunity to attain a FETAC Level 5 award in Healthcare Support. The award covers the basic concepts of the Irish healthcare system. It includes modules which prepare participants to carry out practical basic care for adults in healthcare environments. The syllabus is structured as follows:

- **Care Skills** : This covers the principles of care, health and safety of clients and effective communication. Participants also receive training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, CPR. Participants also have the opportunity to acquire a manual handling certificate.
- **Care Support** : Examines personal beliefs and attitudes towards clients in the care environment. Participants are also provided to participants to reflect on personal experience of working in care settings. Participants also receive training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, CPR.
- **Care of the Older Person** : This module addresses the theoretical and practical issues relating to working with and caring for the older person. Teaching methodologies include case studies as well as practical demonstrations in lifting and patient care.
- **Palliative Care** : Provides the necessary skills to help care for the dying person and his/her family in a dignified and holistic way.
- **Safety and Health at Work** : Provides training in the relevant skills pertaining to a safe working environment.
- **Social Studies** : This module provides a general introduction to sociology and social studies.
- **Work Experience** : Investigates workplace learning related to the healthcare sector.
- **Communications** : Addresses key communication skills required for the working environment.

Assessment

Assessment consists of project-work, skills demonstrations and examinations. Participants are advised to familiarise themselves with the FETAC assessment protocols as well as the submission deadlines pertaining to each module. These may be accessed at www.fetac.ie.

Features of the course

- Curriculum delivered by experienced healthcare support trainer.
- Practical demonstrations/simulations.
- Shared learning through group work and class discussions.
- Gain awareness of the complex issues relating to caring for adults in a healthcare environment.
- Supervised placement visits.
- Training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.
- Manual Handling Certification also included.

Entry Requirements

Applications are invited from the following:

- Preferred level of entry of FETAC Level 4, Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualifications and/or relevant life and work experience.
- Participants working either voluntarily or full-time as healthcare providers.

Additional requirements include:

- All participants are required to organise 40 hours' work experience in a healthcare setting.
- Participants will be visited by their course tutor for assessment purposes.

Application Procedures

Application is by enrolment, applicants are required to attend a course briefing before enrolling on the course. This will take place on the evening of enrolment. Please see enrolment dates for further details.

Certification

Awarding Body : FETAC
Major Award : Healthcare Support
NQF Level : Level 5
Award Code : DHSXX

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Fees

Year 1				
Course Title	Award	Fee	Duration	Payment Code
Care Skills	FETAC Level 5	510 Euro	44hrs	Autumn - ECK5A
Communications	FETAC Level 5	150 Euro	20hrs	Autumn - ECM5A
Social Studies	FETAC Level 5	150 Euro	20hrs	Spring - ESS5S
Palliative Care Support	FETAC Level 5	150 Euro	20hrs	Spring- EPC5S
Year 2				
Safety and Health at Work	FETAC Level 5	320 Euro	32hrs	Autumn - ESW5A
Care of the Older Person	FETAC Level 5	220 Euro	32hrs	Autumn - ECO5A
Care Support	FETAC Level 5	280 Euro	32hrs	Spring - ECT5S
Work Experience	FETAC Level 5	100 Euro	10hrs	Spring - EWX5S

Timetable 2010 - 2012

Year 1				
Autumn Term				
Course Title	Day	Time	Start Date	Finish Date
Care Skills	Monday 4 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon. 20th Sep. 2010 To be decided	Mon. 29th Nov. 2010
Communications	Wednesday	7pm to 9pm	Wed. 22nd Sep. 2010	Wed. 1st Dec. 2010
Spring Term				
Social Studies	Monday	7pm to 9pm	Mon. 24th Jan. 2011	Mon. 4th April 2011
Palliative Care Support	Wednesday	7pm to 9pm	Wed. 26th Jan. 2011	Wed. 6th April 2011
Year 2				
Autumn Term				
Course Title	Day	Time	Start Date	Finish Date
Safety and Health at Work	Monday 2 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon. 19th Sep. 2011 To be decided	Mon. 28th Nov. 2011
Care of the Older Person	Wednesday 2 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Wed. 21st Sep. 2011 To be decided	Wed. 30th Nov. 2011
Spring Term				
Care Support	Monday 2 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon. 23rd Jan. 2012 To be decided	Mon. 16th Apr. 2012
Work Experience	Wednesday	7pm to 9pm	Wed. 8th Feb. 2012	Wed. 14th March. 2012

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Enrolment

Year 1			Fee Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees to be made payable by cheque or postal order made out to the City of Dublin VEC. All fees must be paid at the time of enrolment. Under no circumstances will fees be accepted in installments. Fees will not be refunded except where class does not form. Minimum class size of 12 students. Receipt/payment ticket must be shown to the teacher at the first class. CE scheme invoices will be issued on receipt of an Invoice Request Form. PPS number to be provided at enrolment. Course Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicants are required to attend a course briefing before enrolling on the course. This will take place on the evening of enrolment. Applicants will then have an opportunity to discuss the course and its suitability to their learning needs.
Term	Time	Date	
Summer 2010	5pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 31st May 2010	
	5pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 2nd June 2010	
Autumn 2010	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 13th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 15th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 20th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 22nd Sep. 2010	
Spring 2011	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 17th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 19th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 24th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 26th Jan. 2011	
Year 2			
Term	Time	Date	
Summer 2011	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 30th May 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 1st June 2010	
Autumn 2011	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 12th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 14th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 19th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 21st Sep. 2010	
Spring 2012	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 16th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 18th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 23rd Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 25th Jan. 2011	
			Venue Liberties College Bull Alley Street Dublin 8 t. +353 (0)1 454 0044

Examinations and Portfolio Submission Schedule

Year 1			
Autumn Term			
Examination	Examination Date/Time	Portfolio	Submission Date/Time
Care Skills	Skills demonstration - to be arranged	Care Skills	Mon. 29th Nov. 2010 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Communications	Skills demonstration - to be arranged	Communications	Wed. 1st Dec. 2010 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Spring Term			
Examination	Examination Date/Time	Portfolio	Submission Date/Time
Social Studies	Mon. 4th Apr. 2011 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Social Studies	Mon. 4th Apr. 2011 7.00pm to 8.00pm
		Palliative Care Support	Wed. 6th Apr. 2011 7.00pm to 8.00pm