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Special Needs Assisting Level 6

What is Special Needs Assisting?

Special Needs Assisting is an optional module. This important course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of children with additional needs, the role of a special needs assistant and relevant legislation in relation to disability. You will also explore educational options, the rights of children with additional needs, care routines, Individual Education Plans, behaviour management and relationships with children, parents, carers, teachers and multi-disciplinary teams. In addition you will gain knowledge regarding working with children with an additional need and ensuring participation, autonomy, integration, inclusion and equality. It can also be completed as part of the following major awards:

- Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education 6M2007

Who should do this module?

This module is suitable for those who have already obtained a level 5 qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education or Special Needs Assisting. This module is also suitable for those who may already work in the childcare or healthcare sector and would like to further their knowledge and skills.

This module will qualify you to apply for positions as a Special Needs Assistant in primary and secondary schools in Ireland.

This module will provide you with the knowledge, skill and competence required to develop, implement and evaluate a Special Needs Assisting approach in the management of an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) setting.



Programme Contents

- Provision of Education
- Difficulties that may be Encountered
- Child Protection
- Educational Options
- Inclusive Education
- Curriculum Implementation
- Assessment
- Differentiation
- Communication Supports
- Integration and Inclusion
- Promoting Independence
- Multidisciplinary Teams
- Curriculum Specific Disabilities
- Challenging Behaviour
- Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
- Manage Meaningful Activities
- Stress in the Workplace
- Role of the SNA
- Personal Attitudes and Beliefs

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Course Delivery - You have 3 options;

Self-Paced - You can start today

- Enjoy one to one Trainer support through Zoom, choose whether to have your learner pack posted to your home - (€25 optional if opting for the printed pack). 3 x 30 minute check-in / progress sessions with your trainer.

Blended - Learn with a group online

- Each module is delivered over 7 weeks through a blend of hour long online self directed learning and live Zoom sessions. Your learner pack is posted to your home.

Classroom - Traditional location-based training

- Have the course run at your organisation, book a local training room or attend one of our public courses. Each module is delivered in 3 hour sessions over a period of 7/8 weeks. We can tailor the sessions to your organisational requirements.

Entry Requirements

Applicants who hold a Level 5 Certificate, Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) or who have relevant life experience are eligible to apply for this module. Please provide details and attach a copy of CV or Certificate. Learners must reside or be based in Ireland.

Assessment and Certification

Special Needs Assisting is accessed through the submission of a project and a skills demonstration. Upon successful completion, this module leads to a level 6 minor award on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Career and Progression Opportunities

The successful completion of this module as part of a major award will allow students to pursue a career as a special needs assistant. Students who successfully complete this module may use their credits towards completing a higher level of study in the area of Childcare or Healthcare. If completed as part of a major award, students can use the Certificate as the basis for entry into selected courses in Third Level Colleges and Universities.



Emma C

Learner Review

“ I liked going through the sessions in my own time. This is a real family friendly way to study and as I found it very convenient.

I found the online tutorials also were great for juggling family life with learning as it was only one hour per week.

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