

EARLY LEARNING AND CARE

The NEW QQI ECCE Major Award – Level 5

The overall aim of the programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to develop the required knowledge, skills and competence in childcare in order to meet the standards set by the awarding body in the award specification for Early Learning and Care.

- **This course prepares you for the world of work and immediate employment**
- **QQI results may be used to progress to further education in Institutes of Technology and universities**

FURTHER DETAILS

Our QQI Level 5 Early Learning and Care Major award programme is designed to prepare students to work in a supervised role, competently, safely and effectively with children aged 0 – 6 and pursue a career in childcare. The course will also give students an insight into the range of employment opportunities in the health service/special needs sector. The course is designed to emphasise the integrated nature of work with young children.

Since September 2016 all staff in existing childcare services must have a level 5 qualification in early childhood care and education, and team leaders will have to have a Level 6 qualification (or equivalent).

Modules

Learners will need to complete a total of 6 mandatory modules to achieve the major award.

- Professional Practice Placement in ELC
- Children's Rights, Legislation and Regulation
- Holistic Care of Children (Birth to Six Years)
- Early Childhood Growth and Development
- Curriculum, Play and Creative Studies
- Understanding and Assisting Children with Additional Needs

Professional Practice Placement

A period of 150 hours work placement in two Tusla registered child care settings is required for each stage of the programme. This will take the form of one day per week for the academic year. The College will inform the students of the format in September.

How this course is taught

Nenagh College of Further Education has developed a style of teaching to meet the demands of a diverse community of learners.

- Learners develop skills of analysis, critical thinking, problem solving and reflective practice
- A range of advanced multimedia and internet-based technologies are used to engage students and bring the subject to life
- Regulated Clinical Placements (Work Experience)
- Vital supports are tailored to the needs of the individual learners

- Career guidance assistance regarding further career development

Career Opportunities

A professional qualification in ELC is now a pre-requisite to working in the ever-expanding childcare area. The successful candidate would be qualified to work in a privately run Nursery, Voluntary ELC Setting, Hospital or Early Start Centre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Education: No formal education or qualifications are required although applicants may have participated in primary and secondary education. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate a standard of knowledge, skill and competence equivalent to NFQ Level 4 when accessing a Level 5 programme.

Aptitude: Applicants must have a motivation to learn, an interest in the subject and the ability to acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies set out in the course.

Previous Experience: Applicants must be able to demonstrate a moderate range of knowledge, skills and competencies relevant to the course, be able to work with responsibility and demonstrate the ability to work on their own initiative.

QQI LEARNING OUTCOMES: The learning outcomes associated with this award are outlined in the associated Component Specifications.

LOCATION Nenagh College, Dromin Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

COURSE DATES 12th September 2022 to 5th May 2023, 09:10 – 13:20 Monday - Friday

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