

# EARLY LEARNING AND CARE 5M21473 – Level 5

## The NEW QQI ELC Certificate

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 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

- After School Services
- Crèches Assistant
- Nurseries Assistant
- Pre-schools and Playschools
- Primary Schools Assistant
- Special Needs Assistant

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Leaving Certificate including Leaving Certificate Applied or other qualifications equivalent to a QQI major award at level 4.
2. English language – Speakers of English as a second language must have a B2 in writing, reading, listening and speaking from the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Evidence of achievement of this standard is necessary for entry to the programme.
3. Prospective learners will be expected to demonstrate:
  - a desire to work in the early learning care sector
  - an ability to act with responsibility and autonomy
  - an ability to take responsibility for their own learning while under supervision

**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** 11th September 2022 to 3rd May 2023, 09:10 – 13:20 Monday - Friday

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