

**Special Needs Assisting / Community Care Assistant
(QQI Level 5 Community Care (5M2786)
Component Award – 4 modules)**

Course Title:

This course is designed for learners who wish to work as Special Needs Assistants (SNA) in schools and also in other care settings in the community. Learners will achieve FOUR QQI Level 5 Minor Awards on completion of Year 1. Learners have the option to obtain a full Community Care (5M2786) QQI Level 5 Major Award on completion of a second year. This award will include Special Needs Assisting QQI Level 6.

Course Duration:

September 2018 to May 2019

(Sep - Dec) Monday 6.30 – 9.30pm Marino College, Fairview

(Jan - May) Wednesday 6.30 – 9.30pm Connolly House, North Strand Rd

*Please note evening and venue may change and will be confirmed on **Tuesday 11th September, 2018.**

Course Fee:

€595 per year (This includes assessment registration with QQI)

Proposed Start Date:

Monday 17th September 2018.

Course Structure:

Year 1:

- Special Needs Assisting (5N1786)
- Intellectual Disability Studies (5N1652)
- Human Growth & Development (5N1279)
- Safety & Health at Work (5N1794)

Year 2:

- Communication (5N0690)
- Work Experience (5N1356)
- **Special Needs Assisting Level 6 (6N1957)**
- Care Provision and Practice (5N2705)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Community Care (5M2786) Component Certification on successful completion of Year 1.

Full QQI Level 5 Community Care (5M2786) Major Award on successful completion of Year 2.

Students should be aware that year 2 will be offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

Participant Criteria:

- Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent. However, applications will also be considered from people without these qualifications.
- Students are required to complete **50 hours of Work Experience *PER TERM*, which they must arrange themselves.** Ideally, Work Experience should be done one day per week and must run for the full duration of the course (October / April).
- Students must undergo Garda Vetting either through the College or directly through their work experience placement. Alternatively already have acquired Garda Vetting through their current place of related employment.

Applicants will be invited to attend an Induction Meeting with the course tutor prior to enrolment. This meeting will take place on Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th between 6.00p.m. and 8.00p.m.

**Latest date for receipt of completed application forms is
Monday 10th September 2018**



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