

INFORMATION SHEET

Course Title: Special Needs Assisting / Community Care Assistant
(QOI Level 5 Community Care (5M2786) Component Award – 4 modules)

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 QOI Level 5 Minor Awards on completion of Year 1. Learners have the option to obtain a full Community Care (5M2786) QOI Level 5 Major Award on completion of a second year.

Course Duration: September 2017 to May 2018
(Sep - Dec) Monday 6.30 – 9.30pm Marino College, Fairview
(Jan - May) Wednesday 6.30 – 9.30pm Connolly House, North Strand Rd

*Please note day and venue may change and will be confirmed on **Tuesday 12th September, 2017.**

Course Fee: €595 per year (This includes assessment registration with QOI)

Proposed Start Date: Monday 18th September 2017.

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)
- Human Growth & Development (5N1279)
- Care Provision and Practice (provisional)

Certification:

QOI Level 5 Community Care (5M2786) Component Certification on successful completion of Year 1.
Full QOI 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 11th or Tuesday 12th between 6.00p.m. and 8.00p.m.

**Latest date for receipt of completed application forms is
Monday 11th September 2017**