

Special Needs Assisting Level 5 5N1786

This course equips the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence in the practices and principles underpinning the role of a Special Needs Assistant. It aims to enable you to work effectively, under direction, in a special needs assisting capacity.

Throughout the course you will:

- Explore the role and responsibilities of the Special Needs Assistant
- Examine the qualities and skills of an effective Special Needs Assistant
- Examine the relevant legislation in relation to disability
- Explore the rights of children with disabilities in relation to personal autonomy, participation and decision making
- Learn how to relate effectively and appropriately to children who present with additional needs
- Learn about care routines in feeding, toileting and general hygiene
- Learn about maintaining appropriate relationships with children, parents, primary carers, teachers and other members of the multi-disciplinary team.
- Reflect on personal practice working with children, their parents or guardians and colleagues ensuring that children's individuality is promoted and that their needs are met.

Enrolment criteria:

Learners should have Leaving Certificate English or equivalent. All assignments must be typed so it is advisable to have basic computer skills.

Work Placement:

Each learner is required to undergo Garda vetting and organise his or her own work placement. This will be explained on the first night of the course.

Assessment

Skills demonstration	60%
Learner Record	40%