The **Care of the Older Person** module is designed to equip learners with the knowledge and skills to provide care for older people in a variety of care settings to include community.

Throughout the course learners will:

* Discuss a range of age related issues.
* Analyse the roles of the health care assistants and statutory and voluntary agencies in promoting positive attitudes to ageing and the well-being of older people.
* Examine a range of concepts and practices
* Explore a range of older people's needs
* Discuss the issues related to an older person with mental illness or dementia and of living with chronic Illness.
* Recognise the individual needs of the dying older person and their families.
* Summarise the range of the care settings for older people and the members of the healthcare team available in each care setting.
* Explore a range of specific services that are available for older people to include education, lifelong learning, retirement/the workplace and leisure.
* Analyse current approaches towards developing quality in the provision of services for older people and their families to include standards and quality Assurance.
* Employ effective communication with the older person, their family and the multi -disciplinary team.
* Adapt care and practices to meet the needs of older people with cognitive and sensory impairment and physical disabilities.
* Exercise duties in a way that is respectful to the Person’s body after death.
* Promote a range of aspects of care for the older person to include empowerment, advocacy, independence, individualised care, dignity, respect, choice, self- esteem and include family and carers as partners in care.
* Give assistance in the identification of how health promotion issues can be promoted in care settings for older people and in the provision of therapeutic interventions that will enhance the social interactions and quality of life of the older person.

**Assessment:** Project 40% & Skills Demonstrations 60%