This **Safety and Health at Work** module aims to provide learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide and maintain a healthy and safe working environment for healthcare employees in compliance with safety regulations.

Throughout the course you will:

* Analyse the duties of employers and employees as specified in current Safety, Health and Welfare at work legislation and examine the role of the Health and Safety Authority.
* Explore the role of communication and training in the promotion and provision of health and safety in the workplace.
* Comment on the elements and functions of a safety statement.
* Analyse the causes and prevention of fire related events to include identification of emergency procedures, the fire triangle and fire equipment.
* Investigate how personal protective equipment (PPE) is used in the workplace.
* Explore appropriate procedures for use and disposal of hazardous materials and waste in the workplace to include reference to material safety data sheets (MSDS).
* Examine a range of issues related to infection control to include conditions for the growth and development of micro-organisms, routes of infection, symptoms, ill-health, preventative measures and emergency procedures for suspected contamination.
* Investigate risk factors in relation to safety to include hazards, work environments, work practices, effects of medication, drink and drugs.
* Promote safe and healthy working practices in relation to oneself, others and the workplace.

Assessment

Assignments 60%

Examination 40%