The **Special Needs Assisting** module equips you with the knowledge, skills 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. The course content is structured to give a broader knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

Throughout the course you will:

1. Evaluate the provision of education for people with special educational needs with reference to current legislation.
2. Assess the various educational options available in Ireland for people with special educational needs.
3. Examine relevant theories, skills and processes relevant to curriculum implementation.
4. Explore the differences between integration and inclusion and organise learning opportunities in order to promote independence and responsibility.
5. Evaluate the importance of the multidisciplinary team in devising individual education plans.
6. Manage meaningful activities that are suited to people’s needs and connect with their experiences and interests in the learning environment.
7. Provide assistance in the provision of education and care for individuals that present with special educational needs.
8. Reflect on own attitudes, values, beliefs and assumptions in relation to working with and on behalf of people who present with disabilities.

Assessment is continuous assessment including work-based assignments, projects, skills demonstrations and learner records. Please note, **you must have level 5 SNA or relevant childcare module completed to enrol for this course.**