

Special Needs Assisting (SNA) – Classroom Course

Next Course: February/March 2023 (dates TBC)

Venue: CEEDS Digital Learning Centre, Dublin 22

Course Information

The aim of this award is to equip the learner with the relevant knowledge, skills and competence in the practices and principles underpinning the role of a Special Needs Assistant to enable the learner to work effectively under direction in a special needs assisting capacity.

Satisfactory completion of this module aims at assisting learners' in obtaining a standalone certification in the QQI minor award of Special Needs Assisting 5N1786 at Level 5 while also assisting in their continued progress to attain further higher vocational qualifications, especially the Level 5 Major Award of Community Health Services 5M4468.

Course Content

The main objectives of this programme for the learners are:

- Explore the role and responsibilities, qualities and skills of the Special Needs Assistant (SNA)
- Examine the relevant legislation in relation to disability
- Explore the rights of children with disabilities in relation to personal autonomy, participation, and decision-making
- Relate effectively and appropriately to children who present with additional needs
- To enable the learner to select and apply care routines in feeding, toileting, and general hygiene
- Maintain appropriate relationships with children, parents, primary carers, teachers and other members of the multi-disciplinary team.
- To assist the learner in working effectively with children who present with disabilities under the direction of the classroom teacher
- Assist children with disabilities in a range of activities, ensuring equality of opportunity through working in a safe and professional manner
- 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. (see Aistear/Siolta guidelines from birth to 6 years).

Course Details

Entry requirements: QQI Level 4 certificate or equivalent Qualifications and / or relevant life and work experience.

Qualification: QQI Level 5

Course code: 5N1786

Assessment: Learner Record 40% Skills Demonstration 60%

A good knowledge of the English language is required, for example talking, reading and writing. Anyone turning up without these skills will be turned away from the course. *Certification Fee is extra except where exemption applies, exemptions are those who are current medical card holders or in receipt of a social welfare payment (proof required).

Course cost: €250*

Booking

To book a place on this course please contact CEEDS on (01) 6233629 or email news@ceeds.ie