

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN EARLY LEARNING AND CARE - STAGE 2 (WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTING)

This is year 2 of the Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care (Level 6). Learners will be provided with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to act in a supervisory role in a range of Early Years services for children aged 0-6 years. Learners will possess the knowledge, skills and competence to function as autonomous practitioners and assume responsibility for a designated room or area within an Early Learning and Care (ELC) setting. Successful learners can also progress into higher education to complete a QQI Level 7/8 BA in Early Years Care & Education. Students of this course have been successful in applying for advanced entry to the second year of some Higher Education Institutions.

Entry Requirements

- Learners must have evidenced achievement of all Minimum Intended Programme Learning Outcomes for Stage 1 or hold a full Level 5 Childcare Award.

Course Content

- Advanced Professional Practice Placement in Early Learning and Care 6C21517
- Sociology and Social Policy in ELC 6C21518
- The Developing Child 6C21519
- Curriculum and Pedagogy 6C21520
- Inclusive Early Learning and Care 6C21521
- Supervision and Administration in Early Learning and Care 6C21522
- Special Needs Assisting 6N1957

A supervised work placement (150 hours) with a Tusla registered ELC provider allows students to link theory to practice and gain valuable experience in different childcare settings. Learners must be Garda Vetted before going on Professional Practice Placement.

Career & Employment Opportunities

The successful completion of the Early Childhood Care and Education Level 6 enables applicants to source employment in the Early Years or Special Needs Sector in a range of skill areas to include: Supervisor, Nursery Nurse, Residential Childcare Worker/Team Leader, Early Years Educator, Coordinator/Advisory Worker in Childminding, Special Needs Coordinator or Special Needs Assistant Team Leader with focus on working with children.

Popular Progression Pathways

- MH003 Early Childhood Teaching & Learning
- M1007 Early Childhood Care & Education
- SE911 Early Childhood Care & Education
- TU989 Early Childhood Care & Education
- AU695 Early Childhood Care & Education

