

**Guide to Training in Dublin City for the Childcare
Sector 2007-2008**

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Chairperson's Introduction

A Chairde,

I am very pleased to introduce the Dublin City Childcare Committee's second guide to training in the Child Care sector for Dublin City. The first Guide to Training was published in 2004 and proved popular as a useful resource for those working within the childcare sector and those planning to pursue a career working with children. Since then, there has been an increase in the number of training courses available and further changes in relation to the qualifications awarded in child care training courses and these are reflected in this updated publication.

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Information and PDF format of the Guide and training information is available on the web via www.dublin.ie/childcareonline or www.childcareonline.ie

Go n-eirí an bóthar libh,

Rachel Devlin
Chairperson
Dublin City Childcare Committee

Vision

'The Dublin City Childcare Committee is committed to creating an environment that values all children by guiding the ongoing development of an infrastructure of high quality edu-care that supports the holistic development of children in a family &community context throughout Dublin City'.

Becoming A Qualified Professional

Working with children is a challenging and rewarding career. It requires a range of knowledge, skills and personal qualities. If you wish to pursue a career in this area it is very important to have appropriate qualifications and work experience.

The National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) was established in February 2001 in recognition that a new body was required to oversee the development of a national framework of qualifications within Ireland. (see leaflet attached for more detail).

One of the objectives was the establishment of an awards framework under which awards at ten levels would be accommodated ranging from awards gained in schools, the workplace, the community, training centres, colleges and universities, from a basic level to an advanced level of learning. This framework, which was developed in 2004, is like a “ladder” of qualifications. You should try to get onto it and work your way to where you want to be.

The awarding bodies under the framework are:

1 The Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC)

FETAC makes the awards for further education and training programmes and has also taken on nearly all of the functions of the previous awarding bodies such as National Council for Vocational Awards (NCVA), FÁS, Teagasc, the National Tourism Certification Board (CERT) and An Bord Iascaigh Mhara.

2 The Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC)

HETAC makes the awards for learning in higher education and training programmes in a wide range of institutions, which include the Institutes of Technology, and has taken on the functions of the National Council for Education Awards. HETAC may also delegate authority to the Institutes of Technology to make awards within the framework.

3 The Universities

Awards made by universities also fall within the remit of the framework.

4 State Examinations Commission

The State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Science) awards are the Leaving and Junior Certificates.

5 Professional and International Bodies

An award made by these bodies is under consideration.

When choosing a course make sure that it gives you access to this “ladder” of qualifications and that, when you complete a course, you have the opportunity to continue to climb the “ladder” towards a higher level of qualification.

Further information is available at: www.ngai.ie, www.fetac.ie, www.hetac.ie or individual Institutes of Technology and Universities.

National Framework of Qualifications – Awarding Bodies

FETAC

Further Education & Training Council Awards

SEC

State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Science)

HETAC

Higher Education and Training Awards Council

UNIVERSITIES

Universities

Initial Major Award Types

FETAC

NCVA, FÁS, CERT/NCTB, Teagasc & BIM

SEC

Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate

HETAC

Higher Certificates, Ordinary & Bachelor Degrees, Higher Diploma, Post graduate Diploma, Masters Degree, Doctoral Degree

DIT

Higher Certificates, Higher Diploma, Ordinary & Bachelor Degrees, Post-Graduate Diploma, Masters Degree, Doctoral Degree

UNIVERSITIES

Ordinary & Honours Bachelor Degrees, Higher Diploma,
Post-Graduate Diploma, Masters Degree, Doctoral
Degree

Career Paths

With the significant development of the childcare sector over the past number of years there is a greater demand for qualified childcare staff. The type of work you would like to do will influence which type of qualification you aim for. Whether you have just left school or are thinking of returning to study as a mature student this guide will help you consider your options. It will also assist those already working in the sector choose courses to enhance their professional development or facilitate their move to a supervisory or management position.

People who work successfully with children have commitment, energy and enthusiasm. They aim to be a positive role model and value the opportunity of a worthwhile career. The childcare professional plays a key role in the lives of children supporting their overall development.

The qualified professional may work in a variety of childcare settings. Services are either run privately, are community-based or state funded (not for-profit) and include:

- Full daycare services
- Playgroups
- Montessori, High/Scope or Waldorf Steiner Schools
- Naíonraí (Irish language pre-schools)
- Family Support Centres
- National Schools
- Health Service Executive
- Support Services for Special Needs
- Private Family Homes

There are as many job roles as there are childcare settings. These include Childcare Worker, Playgroup Leader, Playgroup Assistant, Special Needs Worker,

Classroom Assistant, Play Specialist, Early Education Teacher, Nanny, Au pair, Childminders, Residential Care Worker to name but a few.

Employment within this sector can vary from part-time to full-time. Some services open all-year-round. Others open during schools terms only. Anyone interested in becoming employed in the sector should dedicate some time to finding out more about the areas of work that interest them.

Tips For Choosing A Course

This directory provides information about courses that lead to a qualification in childcare. It also provides information on a wide range of courses aimed at those already working in the sector. If you are already qualified and working in a childcare service, these courses will help you to continue your professional development and to keep abreast of new developments in the field. The following tips are aimed at those wishing to choose a course leading to a qualification. Choosing a course can be a difficult task when you are confronted with a wide range of programmes to choose from. It is worth spending time finding out as much as possible about potential courses before making this all-important decision.

- Find out what award will be accredited on completion of the course and check that the award is recognised nationally (accreditation awarded by one of the NQAI awarding bodies, - see middle section of directory).
- Check that you can continue to build on your qualification and progress to a higher level at a later stage, if you wish.
- Some colleges offer exemptions in relation to their courses. Check if you can avail of this option.
- Check what work experience is offered with the course. Access to good quality work experience is essential if you are to pursue a career in childcare.
- Find out what career options will be available to you on completion of the course.
- Check the cost of a course. Costs vary considerably for similar courses. The cost of the course does not necessarily relate to the quality of the course. Some

- training providers offer flexible payment options such as instalment payments, to students.
- Choose a course to suit your lifestyle and other commitments - full-time and part-time courses are available. Some colleges offer daytime and evening courses.
- Distance learning is an alternative to classroom-based learning.
- Choose a course that is located close to where you live, if possible.
- Try to find out the work commitment involved in the course - will you be able to complete assignments/projects etc in the time allocated?
- Check out how you will be assessed - exam, assignments.
- Try to talk to someone who has already completed the course to find out more.
- When making an enquiry about a course make a list of questions that you wish to ask and have paper and a pen at hand to take notes.

CHILDCARE COURSES IN DUBLIN CITY

Dorset College

66 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1 (Head Office)
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www.dorset-college.ie

Contact Person Grainne Seaver

Course Title: Childcare FETAC Level 5 – f/time

Qualification: Certificate in Childcare DCHSC
Fetac Level 5

Course

Description: This full-time childcare course is designed to prepare you to work in a supervised role, competently, safely and effectively with children aged 0-6 years. The syllabus is designed to emphasise the integrated nature of working with young children. It will also prepare you to work in a wide range of settings with different professionals and volunteers, recognising and valuing the importance of all of them in providing a service for children and their families. The course is also structured to provide graduates with the opportunity to progress to specialised courses in higher education. On successful completion of the course a National Certificate in Childcare will be awarded

- Caring for Children (0-6 years)
- Working in Childcare
- Child Development

- Early Childhood Education
- Art and Craft for Childcare or English Level 2
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Children with Special Needs
- Occupational First Aid
- Manual Handling

Course Duration: 1 year full time

Entry

Requirements: National vocational Certificate Level 1, Leaving Certificate , Leaving certificate Applied or equivalent qualifications. Mature Applicants (23 years) with relevant life and work experience. Also interview and English language proficiency test.

Work Experience: Practical experience one day a week organised in recognised HSE approved childcare facilities under the tutelage of experienced and qualified professionals.

Enrolment: Contact College for schedule

Course Title: Childcare FETAC Level 5 – p/time

Qualification: Certificate in Childcare DCHSC
FETAC Level 5

Course

Description:

This part-time childcare course is designed to prepare you to work in a supervised role, competently, safely and effectively with children aged 0-6 years. The syllabus is designed to emphasise the integrated nature of working with young children. It will also prepare you to work in a wide range of settings with different professionals and volunteers, recognising and valuing the importance of all of them in providing a service for children and their families. The course is also structured to provide Graduates with the opportunity to progress to specialised courses in higher education. On successful completion of the course a National Certificate in Childcare will be awarded

- Caring for Children (0-6 years)
- Working in Childcare
- Child Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Art and Craft for Childcare or English Level 2
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Children with Special Needs

Course Duration: 1 year part time

Entry

Requirements: National vocational Certificate Level 1, Leaving Certificate, Leaving certificate Applied or equivalent qualifications. Mature Applicants (23 years) with relevant life and work experience. Also interview and English language proficiency test.

Work Experience: Practical experience one day a week organised in recognised HSE approved childcare facilities under the tutelage of experienced and qualified professionals - 4weeks minimum.

Enrolment: Contact College for schedule

Class Numbers: 15

Course Title: Child Psychology

Qualification: Child Psychology Certificate of Attendance

Course

Description: This course introduces the methods, language and practice of child psychology. The course is designed to allow a student access material on this developmental science. A student will also address current trends and practices of child psychology. The course itself examines the core issues in relation to psychological development including language, thinking and socialisation. The key element is the emergence of the child as an individual. Allied to this is the necessary link with applications of Child Psychology. Modules include:

- Introduction to Child Psychology
- Physical Development & Attachment
- Social Development
- Play
- Cognition
- Children as Witnesses
- Intelligence and Attainment

Course Duration: 10 weeks – 1 evening

Entry

Requirements: No previous experience required. This course is ideal for professionals and non-professionals with an

interest in the area of child psychology. The course provides an opportunity to those working with children to reflect on their experiences and acquire an awareness of the developing child on numerous levels. Parents of young children will gain an appreciation of their children's development and relate to the topics in a real and informed manner.

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: Contact College for schedule

Class Numbers: 15

Dublin Institute of Technology

Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1

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www.dit.ie

Contact Person: Dr. Kevin Lalor, Head of Department of Social Sciences

Course Title: **B.A. in Early Childhood Care and Education**

Qualification: DIT B.A. (Hons)

Course

Description: The course is designed to provide an academic and professional qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education and integrates theoretical and practice related aspects of Psychology, Pedagogy, Professional Practice, Social Theory and Research. No fees for those who qualify.

Course Duration: Full-time 3 years

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate in six subjects and must include Irish or English language and Maths with at least two grades C3 or higher. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Substantial placement experience in notified childcare services is required for all three years of the course.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 40 approx

Marino College of Further Education Centre

Connolly House, 171 North Strand Road, Dublin 1

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www.marino-college.com

Contact Person: Susan Bergen

Course Title: **Certificate in Childcare**

Qualification: Fetac Level 5

Course

Description: Modules include caring for children, child development, early childhood education, working with children, safety & health at work, social studies, work experience, communications.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time (4 days in college and 1 day in work placement)

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate Standard
Mature students welcome (without Leaving Certificate)

Work Experience: 1 day per week in notified childcare services

Enrolment: Applications before March. Course commences September annually

Class Numbers: 24 approx

Course Title: Diploma in Pre-School Practice

Qualification: Diploma in Pre-School Practice, awarded by CACHE.

Course

Description: Four main modules - promoting children's development, early learning, best practice in pre-school settings, the first year of life.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: FETAC Level 5. Mature students welcome, but must have FETAC Level 5 or similar.

Work Experience: 2 days per week practical training in notified childcare services is provided which is closely integrated with all aspects of the course.

Enrolment: Applications before March. Course commences September annually.

Class Numbers: 20 approx

Course Title: Childcare Supervisor Level 6

Qualification: FETAC Level 6

Course

Description: Modules include: supervision, childcare, child development, social and legal issues in children, early childhood programmes plus two elective modules. Modules are delivered consecutively over a 2 year period.

Course Duration: Part-time 3 hours (1 evening per week) for 2 years

Entry

Requirements: Must hold childcare qualification and be working in childcare for at least 3 years. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Continuous - must be working in notified childcare services.

Enrolment: September Annually.

Class Numbers: 24 approx

Montessori Education Centre

41 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1

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www.montessori-ed-ct.com

Contact Person: Mary Mulrooney
Administration Department.

Course Title: **Montessori Teacher Training:**
Nursery: 0-6years
Junior Course 6-9 years - Primary
Course 9-12 years

Qualification: Montessori Education Centre
Diploma

Course

Description: The course provides a professional Montessori teacher training programme and includes a study of the cognitive, psychological and emotional needs of the child. It also covers specific Montessori materials, philosophy and curriculum as well as an insight into opening a Montessori School. Exam fees €150.

Course Duration: 9 months September to May. Part-time. 2 evenings per week.

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate. Mature students welcome, previous courses may be taken into account.

Work Experience: 20 hours observation in a notified Montessori School is compulsory.

Enrolment: Direct application to the college at any time

Class Numbers: 30 approx

Portobello School of Childcare

43 Lower Dominick Street, Dublin 1

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www.portobelloschool.ie

Contact Person: Administration

Course Title:	Maria Montessori Method of Teaching
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Qualification: Portobello School Diploma in Montessori Studies.
Fetac Level 5 in following modules: arts & crafts for children, work experience for children, child development and Fetac level 6 in following modules: educational philosophy, practical life, sensorial materials, language, mathematics, culture.

Course Description: This course focuses on Montessori's theory that children gain knowledge best from the "Learning by Doing" theory as opposed to the conventional sit, listen, read and then learn. Modules include; Maria Montessori and her philosophy, practical life, Sensorial, language, mathematics, culture and work placement.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time (3 terms)

Entry Requirements: Entrance to this course is based on interview. It is preferred but not essential that you hold an Ordinary Leaving cert or Leaving Cert Applied. At the interview the character and traits required to work

with children and guide them to their full potential will be sought.

Work Experience: 2 days per week completing practical work experience in an approved Montessori school under the guidance of a qualified and experienced Montessori teacher.

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Course Title: **Childcare & Special Needs – Part Time, Childcare/City & Guilds Caring for Children**

Qualification: City & Guilds Certificate in Caring for Children (0-7 years)

Course

Description: City & Guilds created this course for those working in Childcare who require a strong foundation in all the needs of children & where a practical knowledge of them is a must. Suitable if you are seeking to commence a career in childcare and you are looking for a qualification that will qualify you to work under supervision with children between the ages of 0-7 years.

Course Duration: 75 hours must be completed at your own convenience. 40 hours must be completed in a HSE approved day-care centre and 35 hours may be completed carrying out the assignment tasks with children to whom you have access.

Entry

Requirements: Contact College

Work Experience: As Above

Enrolment/

Class numbers: Contact College

Course Title: Childcare & Special Needs - Part Time

Qualification: Portobello School Certificate in Child Development and Early Childhood Education.
Fetac level 5 Record of Achievement in Child Development and Early Childhood Education

Course Description: The child development module covers the individual variation in stages of development, the factors that can affect it and the role you play in promoting normal child development.

Course Duration: Contact College

Entry Requirements: Contact College

Work Experience: 20 hours to be completed

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Course Title: **Childcare & Special Needs
Art & Crafts for
Children/Assistant Care for
Special Needs Children**

Qualification: Portobello School Certificate in Arts & Crafts for Children and Assistant care for Special needs Children

Course Description: The aim of the arts and crafts module is to provide the student with the skills to understand the relationship between creativity and the overall development of the child and to give students the skills to plan effectively art and crafts activities appropriate for a child's stage of development. To work as a carer for special needs children necessitates an in-depth knowledge of the various requirements of special needs children. This course will give students that knowledge together with an insight into the facilities & services available in Ireland for special needs children.

Course Duration: Contact College

Entry Requirements: Contact College

Work Experience: 20 hours to be completed

Enrolment/Class Numbers: Contact College

**Course Title: Childcare & Special Needs
 Childcare**

Qualification: City and Guilds Certificate in Caring
 for Children
 Fetac level 5 Record of
 Achievement in 4 modules.

**Course
Description:** This City & Guilds course is a fully
 comprehensive course covering a
 wide curriculum & offering you the
 opportunity to gain an internationally
 recognised qualification. This
 course is equivalent to FETAC Level
 4 in childcare that will qualify you to
 work under supervision wit children.

Course Duration: Contact College

**Entry
Requirements:** Contact College

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Community After Schools Project (CASPr)

57 Amiens Street, Dublin 1

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Contact Person Mary Walsh - Tutor Manager

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: FETAC Level 3

Course

Description: This course is a preparatory course and offers 1 or 2 modules at Level 3.

Course Duration: Part-time 1 morning a week 10am-1pm. 1 module per term

Entry

Requirements: Basic standard of education required. Mature students welcome. FETAC Level 3 may be particularly suitable for mature students who may have concerns about training. Some modules are also available at foundation level as a precursor to re-entering training. Literary supports are available to students.

Work Experience: Not organised through the provider. Students must arrange themselves.

Enrolment: 1 month prior to commencement of each term. Contact college.

Class Numbers: 16 approx

CASPr continued

Course Title: FETAC Level 5 Childcare Award

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: Modules include caring for children, child development, early childhood education, working with children, safety and health at work, social studies, work experience and communications.

Course Duration: 2 year part-time (maximum of 2 modules per term). Term meaning September to December/January to April). 1 morning a week 10am-1pm

Entry

Requirements: A basic standard of education is required. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Not organised through the provider. Students must arrange themselves. Literary supports are available to students.

Enrolment: 1 month prior to commencement of each term. Contact College.

Class Numbers: 16

High/Scope Ireland

c/o NIPPA, 6c Wildflower Way, Belfast, BY12 6TA

t: 028 90662825 f: 028 90381270 web: www.nippa.org

Contact Person: Jill Harrison

**Course delivered in National College of Ireland,
Manor Street, Dublin 1**

Course Title:	CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Implementing the High/Scope Approach
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Qualification: CACHE Level 3

Course

Description: This course is designed for early childhood practitioners who wish to use the High/Scope approach with children.

Course Duration: Part-time 1 day per month over 11 months

Entry

Requirements: Qualification and experience in early years care and education. Mature students welcome. All students must be over 18 years of age.

Work Experience: Continuous - participants must be working in a related setting to complete the course.

Enrolment: Ongoing

Class Numbers: 20

Course Title: Training of Trainers Course

Qualification: High/Scope Trainer

Course

Description: This is an intensive, in-service 1 year course which enables participants on successful completion to deliver High/Scope training.

Course Duration: Part-time 7 weeks: 1 week per month over 9 months.

Entry

Requirements: A qualification in early childhood care and education, social work, teaching or other related discipline and at least 3 years experience as a senior practitioner leading, supervising and training a staff team.

Work Experience: Continuous - Participants have access to a related setting to complete the course.

Enrolment: Throughout the year

Class Numbers: 20

Course Title: Cluster Group Session

Course

Description: These sessions are organised to enable existing High/Scope practitioners to meet together for peer support and to access new learning.

Course Duration: 6 (2-hour sessions) per year June to September. Participatory workshops arranged in local areas.

Entry

Requirements: Participants must have completed Curriculum Implementation Course

Work Experience: Continuous - participants must be working in a related setting to attend cluster groups.

Enrolment: Throughout the year.

Class Numbers: 20

Course Title:	Conflict Resolution
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Course

Description: Participants will see how the High/Scope approach to conflict prevents and minimises many problems and conflicts in a variety of problem situations.

Course Duration: Run over 1 or 2 days.

Entry

Requirements: Suitable for practitioners who implement High/Scope and those who do not but who believe in the value of the conflict resolution process.

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Throughout the year

Class Numbers: 20

Course Title: Education Through Movement

Course

Description: Participants who attend this workshop will explore the importance of purposeful movement in the learning process and the powerful brain-body connection.

Course Duration: 1 day

Entry

Requirements: These 1 day workshops are suitable for both practitioners implementing the High/Scope approach and practitioners using other approaches to early childhood care and education who value the development of music and movement with children in their care.

Work Experience: Contact college

Enrolment: Throughout the year.

Class Numbers: 20

Forbairt Naíonarí Teo

7 Cearnóg Mhuirfean, Baile Átha Cliath 2

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Contact Person: **Sadhbh Devlin**

Course Title:	Childcare/Chúram Leanaí Leibhéal 2
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Qualification: FETAC Level 5 (CDBO 5) Comhairle nDámhachtainí Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna.

Course

Description: This course prepares students with the knowledge, skills and experience to work competently in a Naíonra (Irish Language pre-school).

Course Duration: 2 year part-time

Entry

Requirements: No formal qualifications. Courses run through the medium of Irish.

Work Experience: Work experience is offered in a notified Naíonra setting

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 10-20 approx

Course Title: **Childcare/Chúram Leanaí Leibhéal 3**

Qualification: FETAC Level 6 (CDBO 6) Comhairle na nDámhachtainí Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna.

Course Description: This course is aimed at those who already have FETAC Level 5 qualification and who wish to gain supervisory skills. It covers child development, supervision, social and legal issues and the curriculum. Course includes a module which enables students to provide childcare through the medium of Irish.

Entry Requirements: FETAC Level 5. Course delivered through the medium of Irish.

Work Experience: Students should be already working in a notified Naíonra setting.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 10 approx

Course Duration: 1 year part-time consisting of 5 modules.

**UCD (University College Dublin) Adult Education
Department**

Belfield, Dublin 4 and **NCNA (National Children's
Nurseries Association)**

Unit 12c, Bluebell Industrial Estate, Bluebell, Dublin 12

Contact Person: Kathryn Blackburn t: 0879818918 or
Kylie Johnson, NCNA t: 4601138 f:
4601185 e: kyliej@ncna.ie .

Course Title: Diploma in Nursery Management

Qualification: NUI Diploma in Nursery
Management

Course

Description: This course is a run as a partnership programme between UCD and NCNA. It is aimed at participants who are working as managers/supervisors in the childcare sector. The course is delivered in modular format and covers areas such as: legislation, staff management, business practice, child protection, communications, health & safety and curriculum.

Course Duration: 2 year part-time. 5 modules per year.

Entry

Requirements: Students should be working in a childcare setting at management/supervisory level. Selection is by application and interview. While no formal

qualifications are necessary, each application will be considered on its own merits.

Work

Experience:

Students are expected to be working within a notified childcare setting.

Enrolment:

Check with NCNA each academic year

Class Numbers:

10-20 approx

Killester College of Further Education

Collins Avenue East, Killester, Dublin 5

t: 8337686 f: 8330348 e: info@kcfe.cdvec.ie

www.killestercollege.ie

Contact Person: Ann Walsh - Childcare or Loretto
Gilchrist Course Co-ordinator

Course Title: **Childcare and Early Learning**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course prepares students with the knowledge, skills and experience to work competently in a childcare service. The course modules include awareness of child developmental stages and competence in working in a child care facility.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate with 5 passes or Applied Leaving Certificate - 120 Credits. Mature students are welcome and there is no formal academic requirement for them.

Work Experience: Students will gain experience in a notified childcare setting.

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: 25 approx

Course Title: Classroom Assistant

Qualification: FETAC Level 5 Classroom Assistant
Certificate from Killester College
1st Aid Certificate
Sign Language

Course

Description: This course prepares students with the knowledge, skills and experience to work competently in a classroom environment. It includes mandatory modules as follows: communications and work experience, Montessori modules on practice caring for children, working in childcare, early education, arts/crafts, drama, special education, child development and Irish.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate with 5 passes. Interviews will be held with all candidates. Mature students are welcome and there is no formal academic requirement for them.

Work Experience: Students will gain 1 day per week placement experience in a classroom setting

Enrolment/Class

Numbers: Contact College

Course Title: Montessori Teaching

Qualification: Montessori Diploma from Killester College, FETAC Accredited.

Course Description: The course modules include; learning the stages of development of children 0-12 years, becoming competent to teach this age group using the Montessori approach to education and development.

Course Duration: 2 year full-time

Entry Requirements: Leaving Certificate with 5 passes. Interviews and assessment tests will be held with all candidates. Mature students are welcome and there is no formal academic requirement for them.

Work Experience: Students will gain 1 day per week placement experience in a notified Montessori setting

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: 25 approx

Course Title: Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: A modular course, designed to facilitate mature students to acquire the knowledge, skills & understanding necessary to pursue a career in childcare.

Course Duration: Contact College

Entry

Requirements: No formal qualifications required. Mature students welcome. Interview for those with no experience working with children.

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Inchicore College of Further Education

Emmet Road, Dublin 8

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www.inchicore.ie

Contact Person: Miriam Dunne/Helen Gibbons/Margaret Prangnell

Course Title: **Child Care Studies**

Qualification: FETAC Accredited

Course

Description: This course introduces students to a general working knowledge and understanding of children in early childhood. Students gain first hand experience throughout the year by attending work placements two days per week in a variety of settings.

Course Duration: Contact College

Entry

Requirements: Candidates are expected to be of Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent. Applications will be considered from those who have completed the LCA and LCVP. Aptitude for, and interest in or experience with children will be taken into account and selection is on the basis of an interview. This course is open to VTOS applicants and mature students.

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Course Title: Cache Diploma in Child Care & Education

Qualification: Cache Diploma in Child care and Eductaion

National Council for Vocational Awards, Childcare Level 5
Certificate in First Aid
Sign Language Certificate
Inchicore College Diploma

Course

Description: This is a two year full-time course, three days per week in the classroom and two days per week Practical Training Placement. Students will be able to take advantage of dual certification and the opportunity to complete two professional qualifications, the CACHE Diploma in Childcare and the Fetac Childcare Award, Level 5.

Course Duration: 2 Year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Candidates are expected to be of Leaving Certificate standard or equivalent. Students who have completed the Applied Leaving certificate may also be considered. Applications are especially open to mature students and VTOS candidates. Previous relevant experience/demonstrating an interest in child care is desirable. Selection is on the basis of an interview.

Work Experience: Students will gain placement experience in a variety of different settings over the 2 years.

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Liberties College
Bull Alley Street, Dublin 8
t: 4540044 f: 4546348 www.libertiescollege.ie e:
info@liberties.cdvec.ie or
linda.mcdermott@liberties.cdvec.ie
Contact Person: Admissions Office or Linda
McDermott

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: FETAC Level 5
First Aid Certificate

Course

Description: The course is ideally suited to school leavers or anyone new to the area of early childhood education. This 1 year course prepares students to work with young children. Course includes: child development 0-6 years, caring for children 0-6 years, record keeping, children's literature, working in childcare, communication skills, early childhood education, practical care skills and routine first aid.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: At least 17 years of age. Two references required. Must have achieved at least Grade D in 3 subjects in Leaving Certificate or pass level (120 credits) Leaving Certificate Applied. Mature students are welcome who may not have passed the Leaving Certificate. VTOS and Back to Education students welcome.

Work Experience: 2 days per week in a notified
childcare service

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 25 approx

Course Title: Childcare Management

Qualification: FETAC Level 6

Course

Description: This is an advanced course open to students with an interest in further developing their professional career. Course includes: supervision in childcare, child development, early childhood, and food preparation.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: FETAC Level 5 or an equivalent qualification. (Note: This requirement may be waived, at the discretion of the college for mature students with suitable prior experience)

Work

Experience: 3 days per week in a notified childcare service

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 20 approx

Course Title: Montessori and Childcare

Qualification: Liberties College Diploma in Montessori Education (21/2-6 years). FETAC Level 5.

Liberties College Montessori Teacher Education

Programmes are affiliated to the American Montessori Society (AMS). This course is accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). Certificate in First Aid

Course

Description:

This full-time course enables students to combine the study of Childcare (0-7 years) and Montessori Method (21/2-6 years).

The course is ideally suited to school leavers or anyone new to the area of early childhood education. Students acquire a good understanding of the education method and philosophy established by Maria Montessori and become competent in the use of this method with children 21/2-6 years range.

Course Duration: 2 years full-time

Entry

Requirements:

Applicants should ordinarily have achieved or expect to achieve five passes in the Leaving Certificate at Ordinary Level, two of which should be in Maths and English. Mature applicants who have not attained the

above requirements are welcome to apply.

Work Experience: 2 days per week in a notified childcare service

Enrolment: September. Interviews from March.

Class Numbers: 50 approx

Course Title: Montessori Diploma (2.5 -6 Years)

Qualification: Liberties College Diploma in Montessori Education (21/2-6 years) (MACTE Accredited) Certificate in First Aid

Course

Description: This 1 year full-time course is suited to students with previous experience or training in Childcare. It covers the Montessori philosophy and curriculum and prepares students to work as Montessori teachers.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: This course is open to students who have completed FETAC Level 5.
Note: This requirement may be waived, at the discretion of the college, for mature students with suitable prior experience.

Work Experience: Placement in Montessori schools 4 mornings each week and 1 month block-placement in a notified childcare service.

Enrolment: September. Interviews from March

Class Numbers: 50 approx

Liberties College continued

Course Title: **Advanced Montessori Diploma with supervision in Childcare (6-12 years)**

Qualification: Liberties College Diploma in Montessori Education (21/2-6 years) (MACTE Accredited) FETAC Level 6 Certificate in First Aid.

Course

Description: This course enables students with previous Montessori experience to study the Montessori method at an advanced level in combination with the FETAC Level 6 Childcare (Supervision). The course qualifies holders to work as Montessori teachers with children from nursery age to 12 years and progress to supervisory and management positions within the childcare sector.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: All candidates for the course must have successfully completed a Montessori Nursery course accredited by one of the following: FETAC, St Nicholas N.C.E.A., American Montessori Society (A.M.S.), A.M.I., or other recognised college.

Work Experience: 2 days per week in National and Montessori schools and notified childcare services.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 25 approx

Course Title: Community Care - Care of the Special Child

Qualification: FETAC Level 2. Central Remedial Clinic Certificate Certificate in First Aid

Course

Description: In this course students specialise in the care of the child or adult with a mental or physical disability. This is a joint training programme between the Central Remedial Clinic Clontarf and Liberties College. The Central Remedial Clinic is the national assessment and treatment centre for children and adults with physical disabilities. Students attend work experience in either the Central Remedial Clinic Clontarf or in Scoil Mochua, in Clondalkin. Course includes: psychology, observation skills, language development and speech therapy, creative study, social studies, health communications and drama studies.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Minimum age of 17 years. Some experience in childcare or in the care of those with disabilities is desirable. Applications are particularly welcome from mature students.

Work Experience: 3 days per week in a CRC Clinic

Enrolment: September, interviews from March

Class Numbers: 25 approx

Whitehall College of Further Education

Swords Road, Dublin 9 t: 8376011 / 2 f: 8377717 e:

general.enquiries@whsc.cdvec.ie

www.whitehallcollege.com

Contact Person: Angela O'Doherty

Course Title: **Childcare Assistant**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5
Childcare Award (DCHSC)

Course

Description: Course is designed to develop the skills necessary to work as a Childcare Assistant in a crèche playgroup or similar setting. The focus of the course is to develop the interpersonal, social and practical skills necessary to work in early years education. Course includes Working with Children, Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Caring for Children (0-6years), Communications.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate standard, relevant work experience plus two references relevant to social care. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Students will seek work experience in a range of childcare settings.

Enrolment: September annually

Class Numbers: 20 plus

Course Title: Special Needs Childcare Assistant

Qualification: Fetac Level 5

Course Description: This course is designed to develop the skills necessary to work as a Childcare Assistant with children with disabilities in a crèche, playgroup, classroom or similar setting. The focus of the course is to develop the interpersonal, social and practical skills necessary to work with children with disabilities (0-12). Course content: Child Development, Early Childhood Education, Caring for Children, Disability Awareness, Care of the Special Child Communications.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry Requirements: Leaving Certificate standard, relevant work experience plus two references relevant to social care. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Students will be placed in relevant childcare settings.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 20

Course Title: **Childcare Supervisor**

Qualification: FETAC Level 6

Course

Description: This course is run as a pilot programme. It is designed to meet the needs of those currently employed in childcare settings. It is aimed at those who wish to upgrade current qualifications. The course content includes: Child Development, Early Childhood Programmes, Working In Childcare, Social and Legal Issues in Childcare. 1 elective module will be offered over the course of the programme.

Course Duration: Day release, 18-24 months part-time

Entry

Requirements: FETAC Level 5 prior award and relevant work experience. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Students are expected to be working in a notified childcare setting.

Class Numbers: 15-20 approx

IPPA (The Early Childhood Organisation)
Unit 4, Broomhill Business Complex, Tallaght, Dublin
**24 t: 4630011 f: 4630045 e: training@ippa.ie,
jsheeran@ippa.ie www.ippa.ie**
Contact Person: Jacinta Sheerin

Check with organisers for details of where courses take place.

Course Title: Continuing Professional Development for Tutors/Trainers/Teachers in Child Care

Qualification: Certificate of Completion

Course

Description: This programme is designed to support trainers in the childcare sector to: address professional needs on an ongoing basis; build on current knowledge, skills and attitudes; incorporate ongoing reflection into the teaching/learning process; engage in newtrocking, peer-mentoring and support; access learning resources; avail of opportunities to explore new research relevant to the childcare sector.

Course Duration: 3 Workshops per academic year

Entry

Requirements: The aim of professional development is to prepare and support tutors/trainers in their work with learners in order to achieve

high standards of learning and development.

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: Contact Organiser

Class Numbers: 12-15

Course Title: Programme of Professional Development – Supporting Language & Literacy in Early Childhood

Qualification: Certificate of Completion

Course Description: IPPA/PLN is a practical programme, underpinned by research, that supports children’s language development and emergent literacy practices. Childcare practitioners will further explore the significant role that language and literature plays in the childcare setting.

Course Duration: 10 hour programme delivered over 3 sessions (flexible options available)

Entry Requirements: Must be working in a childcare setting

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: Various. Contact organiser.

Class Numbers: 12-15

Course Title: IPPA/FETAC Level 4

Qualification: IPPA Certificate of Attainment plus FETAC Record of Achievement on successfully completing Caring for Children and Child Development & Play.

Course Description: The aim of this IPPA course is to explore and develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to work in a childcare setting. It is designed to promote learning, enhance self-confidence and develop study skills. (This course is also a valuable bridging course to a Level 5 qualification, supporting the participant in portfolio building and assignment work)

Course Duration: 100 hours class attendance, which can be delivered flexibly to meet the needs of the group.

Entry Requirements: This course is open to interested participants who attend an information/interview session

Work Experience: 4 hours work experience per week in a childcare setting in a paid or voluntary capacity for the duration of the course.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 12

Course Title: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Module – Integrating Children with Additional Needs

Qualification: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Record of Achievement

Course

Description: This Level 5 module is designed to enable the learner to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to work with children who have additional needs, and support their inclusion and integration in an early childhood care and education service.

Course Duration: 40 hours. Training can be delivered flexibly, in the evenings, mornings or afternoon in periods of 3-4 hours per session.

Entry

Requirements: This course is open to participants who have child development knowledge and an interest in the area of additional needs. Participants must attend an information/interview session.

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 12

**Course Title: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Module
School Age Childcare**

Qualification: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Record of Achievement

Course

Description: The School Age Childcare Module will support you in developing skills to communicate more effectively with adults and children, to provide activities which support children's development in ways that are appropriate, to manage and operate a professional service which meets legislative requirements and good practice guidelines. This module will also support you in developing knowledge and competencies to know the child, to understand child development and how to support it, to work in partnership with parents.

Course Duration: 40 hours. Training can be delivered flexibly, in the evenings, mornings or afternoon in periods of 3-4 hours per session.

Entry

Requirements: Must be working in a childcare setting

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 12

Course Title: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Module – Home Based Childcare

Qualification: IPPA/FETAC Level 5 Record of Achievement

Course

Description:

This module is a statement of the standards to be achieved to gain a FETAC credit in Home-based Childcare at Level 5. It may be considered suitable for inclusion as a vocational elective module on the FETAC Certificate Level 5 Childcare and Community Care awards. It may also be suitable for inclusion as a general studies module on a range of other awards. The module is designed to enable the learner gain and develop the skills, attitude and knowledge to care for children in a home setting. The module aims to promote good practice, equality and respect for diversity in home-based childcare. Home-based childcare is a unique and valuable type of childcare, which involves a wide range of roles and responsibilities for the childminder. Providing for children's holistic needs, maintaining a safe and nurturing environment, building and maintaining relationships with children and their families and operating as a self employed small

business are all key elements of the childminders role.

Course Duration: 40 hours. Training can be delivered flexibly, in the evenings, mornings or afternoon in periods of 3-4 hours per session.

Entry

Requirements: This is open to interested participants who attend an information/interview session.

Work Experience: N/A

Enrolment: Various. Contact organiser.

Class Numbers: 12-15

Course Title: Childcare – FETAC Level 5

Qualification: FETAC Level 5 Certificate in
Childcare

Course

Description: The aim of the course is to provide the participant with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge required to work with young children and their families in an early childhood care and education setting. It will enable participants to develop further competence and confidence in their work and to provide a high quality early years service. (This course is a nationally recognised qualification) This course is comprised of eight modules, all of which must be completed to obtain a full award.

Course Duration: 300 hours over two academic years (Sept-May) usually one evening per week and one Saturday per month.

Entry

Requirements: This course is open to interested participants who attend an information and informal interview session.

Work Experience: Minimum 6 hours per week (e.g One full day in a crèche facility or two mornings in a sessional setting) for full course or 2-3 hours work experience per week for 4 modules over 2 years.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 12

Course Title: FETAC Level 6 - Supervision in Child Care

Qualification: FETAC Level 6 Certificate in Childcare

Course

Description: This course aims to equip the supervisor with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and theoretical underpinnings to work effectively with staff, young children and their families. The course also aims to impact positively on the daily experiences of young children and adults in early childhood care and education settings.

Course Duration: 200 hours class attendance (one full day per week over 12 academic months) to complete the four mandatory Level 6 modules. Additional time may be required to complete the elective module. For completing by module – the duration of each module is 50 hours.

Entry

Requirements: Have Level 5 in child care or equivalent. Have a minimum of 3 years experience working in child care. Attend information/informal interview sessions.

Work Experience: Undertake work experience at supervisory level – minimum 6 hours per week.

Enrolment: September

Class Numbers: 12

Ballyfermot College of Further Education
Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10
t: 6269421 f: 6266754 e: info@bcfe.cdvec.ie
www.bcfe.cdvec.ie
Contact Person: Maureen Conway

Course Title: Childcare – Fetac Level 5

Qualification: Fetac Level 5
Certificate in First Aid
Certificate in lifting and handling
patients

Course

Description: The childcare course is designed for students interested in working with children. Students learn about the practices and procedures involved in taking care of children.

Course Duration: 1 year full time

Entry

Requirements: Five passes in Leaving Certificate/LCVP or a merit in Leaving Certificate Applied or Fetac Level 4 certificate. Relevant work experience is an advantage. The academic entry requirement may be waived for mature applicants.

Work Experience: Work experience is an integral part of the course. It consists of one day each week and a two week block placement.

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

Kylemore College

Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

t: 6265901 f: 6234780 e: info@kylemore.cdvec.ie

Contact Persons: Liz Sherlock or Brid Canavan -
Adult Education Department

Course Title: **Childcare Studies**

Qualification: FETAC Level 4

Course

Description: This course is offered in 3 modules and is aimed at those wishing to commence working in a childcare setting or those currently working in childcare who wish to commence accredited training. Course includes: caring for children, child development and play.

Course Duration: 12-15 weeks per module. Part-time evenings and Saturday mornings.

Entry

Requirements: No formal requirements. Mature students welcome

Work Experience: Not applicable

Enrolment: August-September & January.
Check dates with college

Class Numbers: Check with college

Kylemore College continued

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: Fetac Level 5

Course

Description: This course will equip students with the knowledge and skills to work in a variety of childcare settings. Course includes early childhood education, child development working in childcare, caring for children, arts and crafts, care provision and practice for child care, work experience and communications.

Course Duration: 12-15 weeks per module. Part-time evenings and Saturday morning.

Entry

Requirements: No formal requirements. Mature students welcome

Work Experience: Not applicable

Enrolment: August, September and January. Check dates with college.

Class Numbers: Check with college

Ballymun Community Training Centre
Unit 6, Ballymun Industrial Estate, Ballymun, Dublin
11

t: 8428765 f: 8165921 e: bcwadmin@indigo.ie

Contact Person: Norma Kettle

Course Title: **Childcare Studies**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course equips students with the knowledge, skill and work experience necessary to work competently in a range of childcare settings. Course includes: safety, child development, caring for young children, early childhood education and work placement. No fees apply to those who qualify.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time. Participants receive a FÁS Training allowance and supervised childcare

Entry

Requirements: No formal requirements. Must be between 16-24 years

Work Experience: 1 day per week in a notified childcare service

Enrolment: Check dates with college

Class Numbers: 12 approx

Ballymun Women's Resource Centre
10 Sillogue Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11
t: 842 1731 f: 842 5513 e: bwrc@indigo.ie
Contact Person: Nicola Fitzpatrick and Anne Keating

Course Title: **Childcare Studies**

Qualification: FETAC Level 4

Course

Description: This course is aimed at those wishing to commence working in a childcare setting or those who wish to commence accredited training. Eight modules must be completed to gain the full award. Course content includes, caring for children, health and safety and child development.

Course Duration: 2 years approximately. 1 morning a week 10am-1pm

Entry

Requirements: No formal entry requirements. One to one mentoring and literacy support is available to participants.

Work Experience: Work experience can be arranged for participants, if necessary

Enrolment: Contact the Resource Centre

Class Numbers: 8-15 approx

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: Modules include caring for children, child development, early childhood education, working with children, safety and health at work, social studies, work experience and communications

Course Duration: 2 years part-time. 1 morning a week 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Entry

Requirements: No formal entry requirements. One to one mentoring and literacy support is available to participants.

Work Experience: Work experience can be arranged for participants, if necessary.

Enrolment: Contact the Resource Centre

Class Numbers: 8-15 approx

Coláiste Íde
Cardiffsbridge Road, Finglas West, Dublin 11
t: 8342333 f: 8347242 e: general.enquiries@ide.ie
Contact Person: Mary McGrail

Course Title: Certificate In Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course prepares students to work with young children. It is ideal for experienced mature persons seeking a formal qualification. It is offered on a modular basis, each module lasts 10 weeks. Participating students must have experience of working with children.

Course Duration: Modular, Each module lasts 10 weeks

Entry

Requirements: Contact College

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Students must register and pay course fees before the end of the first week in October regardless of when their particular module commences. This is in order to register with FETAC.

Class Numbers: Contact College

Greenhills College

Limekiln Avenue, Greenhills, Walkinstown, Dublin 12

t: 4507779 f: 4507962 e: info@greenhillscollege.ie

Web: www.greenhills-college.com

Contact Person: John Sweeney

Course Title: **Childcare Certificate**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course will equip students with the knowledge, skills and experience to enable them to work competently in a variety of childcare settings. Course includes: caring for children, child development, health & safety.

Course Duration: 2 years part-time mornings only
9am-1.00pm

Entry

Requirements: Open to BTEI participants and social welfare referrals. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Students will be placed in notified childcare services

Enrolment: Check date with college

Class Numbers: 12-15 approx

**Course Title: Childcare with Special Needs
Assistant Training**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This is an ideal course for those seeking a formal qualification in childcare. Content includes: child development; early childhood education, communications, work experience, caring for children, working in childcare, working as a classroom assistant.

Course Duration: 1 year full time

Entry

Requirements: Applicants should be at least 17 years of age. And should have completed the Leaving certificate, Leaving Cert Applied or Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme or equivalent (e.g. Fetac Level 3 or 40. Relevant work experience and training will be considered in place of the above examination requirements. Mature students are welcome to apply. Interviews apply.

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Interviews take place during April, May and September, with courses generally starting mid-September

Class Numbers: Contact College

St. Kevin's College
Clogher Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12
t: 4536397 f: 4730868 e: info@stkevins.cdvec.ie
Contact Person: Mary Phillips or School Secretary

Course Title: Child Development and Working In Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 6 Certificate in Childcare

Certificate in Community Care
NUI Certificate in Psychology
Rescue and Emergency Care (Irl)
Ltd. Certificate in First Aid

Course

Description: This full-time course includes 20 hours attendance and ten hours home study. It is particularly designed to facilitate parents with school going children. Graduates from the course obtain employment as Special Needs Assistants, classroom assistants, childcare workers in homework/breakfast clubs, pre-schools and as community care workers.

Course Duration: 1 year (part-time, 20 hours per week) 9am-1pm

Entry

Requirements: This course is free for VTOS students and PLC grant aided students over 20 years of age. Mature students welcome.

Work Experience: Students will be placed in notified childcare services

Enrolment: Interview by appointment usually between May and September.
Check with college for date

Class Numbers: 22 approx

Grange Community College
Grange Abbey Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13
t: 8471422 f: 8479643 e: grangeadmin@eircom.net
www.grangecc.ie
Contact Person: Emer Reynolds - PLC Co-Ordinator

Course Title: Working in Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course will equip the student with the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to work competently in a variety of childcare settings. The course includes: early childhood education, child development, working in childcare, caring for children, arts & crafts for children, health & safety at work, communications and special needs.

Course Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

Entry

Requirements: Students should have achieved Leaving Certificate standard. Mature students welcome. Interviews held on a group basis.

Work Experience: Students will be placed in appropriate, notified childcare settings.

Enrolment: Applications April, May. Course commences September

Class Numbers: 10-12 approx

Course Title: Working in Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 6

Course

Description: This course aims to build on and enhance the knowledge and skills of people who are currently working in a childcare setting and are about to progress to managerial level. This course meets the needs of a childcare manager in:

- Child Development
- Supervision in Childcare
- Social and Legal Issues in Childcare
- Early Childhood Programmes
- Plus additional Level 6 or two Level 5 modules (from a specified list)

Course Duration: 1 year part-time

Entry

Requirements: FETAC Level 5 award in Childcare or equivalent qualification and/or relevant work experience. All suitably qualified applicants will be called for interview.

Work Experience: Students will be placed in appropriate, notified childcare settings.

Enrolment: Applications April, May. Course commences September

Class Numbers: 10-12 approx

The Donahies Community School

Streamville Road, Dublin 13

t: 8473522 f: 8473653 e: donahcs@eircom.net

Contact Person: Ann O'Shea - Adult Education Director

Course Title: Play and the Developing Child

Qualification: Donahies College Certificate: Play and the Developing Child

Course

Description: This is a practical introductory course that explores the value of play in the lives of infants, toddlers and school children. Ideal for parents, playgroup personnel, or anyone interested in or caring for children.

Course Duration: Part-time, 2 hours per week for 10 weeks

Entry

Requirements: No formal entry requirements

Work Experience: Not applicable

Enrolment: September and January

Class Numbers: 12-18 approx

Note: **Course will be run only with sufficient numbers**

Course Title: Special Needs Assistant

Qualification: Donahies College Certificate:
Special Needs

Course Description: This course includes 10 modules covering all aspects of working as a Special Needs Assistant

Course Duration: 20 week (Monday nights) and 5 Saturday workshops.

Entry Requirements: No formal requirements, however, a good standard literacy would be needed.

Work Experience: 50 hours as part of the course in notified childcare Services.

Enrolment: Changes each year, check date with college

Class Numbers: 20 approx

Coláiste Dhúlaigh

College of Further Education, Barryscourt Road, Dublin

17 t: 8481337 or 8474399 f: 8474294 e:

info@cdc.cdvec.ie

Contact Person: Áine Farrell

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This course will equip students with the knowledge, skills and experience to enable them to work competently in a variety of childcare settings. The course includes child development, health & safety, arts & crafts, communications and childcare practice

Course Duration: 1 year full-time

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate 2 higher "C"s. Mature students welcome. Good English writing skills

Work Experience: Students will be placed in notified childcare services

Enrolment: Apply in March. Course commences September

Class Numbers: 20-25 approx

Course Title: Diploma in Childcare

Qualification: FETAC Level 6

Course

Description: This course is designed for those who already have a FETAC Level 5 qualification in childcare or equivalent. It covers supervision in childcare, child development, social and legal issues, early childhood programmes and 2 elective modules determined by FETAC

Course Duration: 2 years in modular format

Entry

Requirements: FETAC Level 5 or equivalent qualification

Work Experience: In appropriate notified childcare services

Enrolment: Check with college

Class Numbers: 20-25 approx

Larkin Centre for the Unemployed

57-58 North Strand Road, Dublin 3

T: 8558776 F; 8366819 w: www.larkinctr.com

Contact Person: Maria Tyrell

Course Title: Childcare Studies

Qualification: FETAC Level 4. Fetac Level 5,
Fetac Level 6

Course

Description: The Larkin Childcare facility is committed to supporting individuals working in community based childcare to access a range of different levels of childcare training. The courses and are designed to support individuals returning to formal training.

Course Duration: The courses are arranged to suit participants needs and generally take place either one night a week or one morning a week.

Entry

Requirements: Entry requirements differ according to the course but foundation level is suited to individuals coming back into training after a long time or early school leavers.

Work Experience: Contact Centre

Enrolment: Contact Centre

Class Numbers: 12 approx

College of Progressive Education

27/29 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin City

Council

T: 4884300 F; 4884380 e:

info@progressivecollege.com

Contact Person: Administrator

Course Title: **Childcare and Early Education
Course for Childcare Workers and
Carers of Children with Special
Needs**

Qualification: FETAC Level 5, Diploma in Special Needs Assistant Training, Certificate in Industrial first Aid, certificate in Information technology, Certificate in Manual handling

Course

Description: This course offers a complete preparation for a career in childcare, be it working with the healthy developing child in day care/nursery/crèche, pre school, home-based care or with a child with a disability or special need.

Course Duration: 1 year full time

Entry

Requirements: The selection of students is placed primarily on interview and written assessment. In general, applicants should have Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate applied, preferably with English and Home economics or the equivalent.

Junior cert Irish is required to work in a mainstream classroom with a child who has a special need. The final assessment will be influenced by the applicant's suitability for a career in childcare.

Work Experience: Contact College

Enrolment: Contact College

Class Numbers: Contact College

FÁS COURSES

FÁS run a number of childcare training courses throughout Dublin City. Many of these courses are accredited by FETAC. Availability of such courses differs from area to area. Interested persons should contact their local FÁS office for details. FÁS also runs a number of other programmes. Details of the “Traineeship” and the “Special Needs” programme are listed below.

FÁS Baldoyle External Training Centre, Employment Services, Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Baldoyle, Dublin 13

t: 8167400 f: 8167401 e: bl.recruit@fas.ie www.fas.ie

(This course may not be delivered in Baldoyle but may be delivered in a number of other locations - check with your local FÁS office)

Contact Person: Training Officer

Course Title: Childcare Practitioner Traineeship

Qualification: FETAC Level 5

Course

Description: This traineeship enables participants to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to work effectively in the child-care sector. The programme aims to integrate the theoretical and practical aspects of working in childcare in a environment of equality and inclusion. Modules include; child develop-ment, play and early education, child welfare and protection, career planning and job seeking skills and personal and professional development. Participants receive a FÁS Training Allowance.

Course Duration: 30 weeks

Entry

Requirements: Applicants must be 18 years of age and have completed the Junior Cycle Education or approved FÁS Bridging Course or Level 4 Childcare Course. Mature entrants are encouraged. Applicants must also meet Garda Clearance and medical requirements. Candidates where possible, should have previous experience in a childcare environment.

Work Experience: Workplace training in a suitable childcare service

Enrolment: Check with FÁS

DISTANCE LEARNING

Home Study offers a flexible alternative to many people who are not in a position to attend classroom-based courses. The advantages of this type of learning programme include the convenience of working from home and the flexibility of working at your own pace. However distance learning requires the discipline to work independently, without the support of a group of colleagues.

ITEC (Irish Training & Education Centre)

Ballyogan Business Park, Dublin 18

t: 2944984/5 f: 2944983 e: info@irishtraining.ie

www.irishtraining.ie

Contact Person: Administration Department

Course Titles and

Qualifications:

- Diploma - Caring for Children and Young People** (DLAC and ITEC Diploma)
- Certificate in Playwork** (DLAC and ITEC Certificate)
- Diploma in Childminding Practice** (DLAC and ITEC Diploma)
- Diploma in Counselling for Childhood Stress** (DLAC and ITEC Diploma)
- Diploma in Counselling Children for Separation and Loss** (DLAC and ITEC Diploma)
- Diploma in Pre-school Practice** (DLAC and ITEC Certificate)
- Certificate in Setting up a Crèche** (DLAC and ITEC Certificate)

*DLAC = Distance Learning Accreditation Council

Course Duration: No specific duration

Entry**Requirements:** Check with college**Enrolment:**Apply online or directly to the college
at any time**Assessment****Method:**

Assignment and exam optional

Distance Learning Continued

Kilroy's College

23 Kingram Place, Dublin 2

Locall: 1850 700700 t: 6620538 f: 6620539 e:

homestudy@kilroyscollege.ie

www.kilroyscollege.ie

Contact Person: Patrick Kilroy

Course Title:	Childcare Today Child Psychology Combined Childcare and Psychology
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Qualification: Kilroy's College Diploma

Enrolment: All year

Entry

Requirements: Junior Certificate standard. Mature students welcome

Assessment

Method: Assignment based on modules

Montessori Education Centre

41-43 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1

t: 8780071 f: 8746472 e: mec@iol.ie www.montessori-ed-ct.com

Contact Person: Receptionist or Jean Clarkin and/or Mary Mulrooney Administration Department

Qualification:	Montessori Education Centre Diploma
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Course

Description: The course provides a thorough professional Montessori teacher training programme and includes a study of the cognitive, psychological and emotional needs of the child, specific Montessori materials, philosophy and curriculum as well as how to approach opening your own school.

Course Duration: Part-time Distance Learning. 10 months to 2 years

Entry

Requirements: Leaving Certificate. Mature students welcome. APL can apply

Work Experience: Compulsory: 20 hours observation in a Montessori School

Enrolment: Direct application to the college at any time. Check dates with college.

The Open University

Enquiry and Advice Centre, Holbrook House, Holles Street, Dublin 2

t: 6785399 e: Ireland@open.ac.uk www.open.ac.uk

Contact Person: Customer support staff

Course Titles and

Qualifications: (A) Working with Children in the Early Years &
(B) Supporting Children's Learning in the early years
(Certificate in Early Years Practice on successful completion of A & B)
(C) Child Development &
(D) Child Development in Families, Schools and Society *(Advanced Diploma in Child Development on successful completion of C & D)*
B.A. (Honours) Childhood & Youth Studies (the above modules may be used towards this award together with the completion of compulsory core course modules and others or entry may be sought directly to this degree)

Enrolment: Contact College directly

Entry

Requirements: Open entry. Must be over 18

Assessment:

Methods: Dependent on course selected - may include assignments, exams, tutorials (optional), compulsory attendance at workshops, project work and others.

Distance Learning Continued

Portobello School of Childcare

43 Lower Dominick Street, Dublin 1

t: 8721277 f: 8721989 e: info@portobello.ie

www.portobelloschool.ie

Contact Person: Administration

Course Titles and

Qualifications:

Montessori Teaching Certificate

(Portobello Certificate in Montessori Teaching)

Montessori Teaching Diploma

(Portobello Diploma in Modern Method of Montessori Teaching)

Classroom Assistant Diploma

(Portobello Classroom Assistant Diploma)

Crèche Management Diploma

(Portobello Diploma in Crèche Management)

Certificate in Childcare

(Portobello Certificate in Childcare)

Diploma in Childcare

(Portobello Diploma in Childcare)

Playgroup Certificate

(Portobello Playgroup Certificate)

Playgroup Diploma

(Portobello Playgroup Diploma)

Certificate in Care of Special

Needs Child

(Portobello Certificate in Care of Special Needs Child)

Diploma in Care of Special Needs Child

(Portobello Diploma in Care of Special Needs Child)

Certificate in Child Development

(Portobello certificate in Child Development)

Certificate in Early Childhood Education

(Portobello School Certificate in Early Childhood Education)

Enrolment: Dependent on course selected

Entry Requirements: Dependent on course selected

Assessment Methods: Dependent on course selected may include - written assignments based on modules, attendance at seminars and others

College of Progressive Education
27/29 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin
t: 2886994 f: 2886995 e: info@practicalchildcare.com
www.practicalchildcare.com

Contact Person: Customer support staff

**Course Titles and
Qualifications:**

Foundation Studies in Childcare
(College Certificate in Foundation
Studies in Childcare)

Advanced Studies in Childcare
(College Certificate in Advanced
Studies in Childcare)

Crèche Management (Diploma in
Creche Management from Institute
of leadership and Management (part
of City and Guilds)

**Certificate in Childcare and
Crèche Work** (College Certificate
and Certificate in Sessional Creche
Work from NCFE)

**Caring for the Child and Adult
with a Disability** (College
Certificate in Working with Children
and Adults with a Disability)

Foundation Studies in Montessori
(College Certificate in foundation
Studies in the Montessori Method of
Education)

Afterschool Care (College
Certificate and Certificate in
Playwork from NCFE)

**Certificate in Classroom
Assistants Training** (College
Certificate and Initial Training for
Classroom Assistants, Stage 1 from
NCFE)

Child Psychology – 1 to 10 years
(College Certificate in association
with Froebel College of Education)

**Diploma in Special Needs
Assistants Training**

(College Certificate in association
with Froebel College of Education)

**Classroom Assistant conversion
to Diploma in Special Needs
Training** (College Diploma)

Child Development (College
certificate and Fetac level 5
component)

Caring for people with a Disability
(College Certificate and Fetac level
5 component)

**The Business of Running a
Crèche** (College Certificate in
Business Skills)

Caring for Children 0-6 years
(FETAC Level 5)

Early Childhood Education
(FETAC Level 5)

Enrolment: Dependent on course selected

**Entry
Requirements:** Dependent on course selected

**Assessment
Methods:** Dependent on course selected –
may include exams, compulsory
attendance at workshops and others

TRAINING ON REQUEST

The following organisations provide a range of training programmes, workshops and seminars aimed at the childcare sector. Training may be offered in a number of ways: Groups can request a training programme to meet their needs. Such groups include private and community childcare providers (for teams of staff), City and County Childcare Committees, City and County Enterprise Boards, Local Area Partnerships etc.

Individuals can choose from pre-arranged courses. These are generally published in a prospectus in advance.

Barnardos

Christchurch Square, Dublin 8

t: 4549699 f: 4530300 e: ncrc@barnardos.ie

www.barnardos.ie

Contact Person: Imelda Graham

The Training Service within Barnardos National Children's Resource Centre offers training programmes tailored to the needs of individual clients. It also organises a series of public events.

Many of the courses offered relate to direct work with children and young people, such as behaviour management and art therapy. Other courses focus on the management aspects of childcare and cover such areas as policies and procedures, staff management, and team building.

Some of the courses offered are accredited by FETAC.

Childminding Ireland

9 Bulford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow.

t: 2878466 f: 2878465 e: info@childminding.ie

www.childminding.ie

Contact Person: Administrator

Childminding Ireland provides a range of training both to childminders and to other childcare professionals. A range of standard programmes are available, along with programmes tailored to individual needs. Childminding Ireland also offers a flexible distance learning course.

The training includes all aspects related to the job of providing professional family based day care including child development, health and safety, play, child protection and the business aspects of childminding. Some of the courses offered are accredited by FETAC.

Children at Risk in Ireland Foundation (CARI)

100 or 110 Lr. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9

t: 8308529 or 8611240 helpline: 1890 924567 e:

info@cari.ie

Contact Person: Support Worker

CARI offer a range of courses on child protection and therapy. These are specially designed and delivered to meet the needs of groups on request.

They are delivered at the CARI premises or in other locations around the country. Training courses are designed to suit the skills, knowledge, prior experience and responsibilities of the participants

Forbairt Naíonraí Teo

7 Cearnóg Mhuirfean, Baile Átha Cliath 2

t: 6398442 f: 6398401 e: forbairtnaionrai@eircom.net

Contact Person: Deirdre Uí Ghradaigh

Tá Forbairt Naíonraí Teo. (FNT), - An Comhchoiste Réamhscolaíochta mar a bhíodh - ag tacú le bunú agus buanú réamhscolaíocht trí Ghaeilge ó 1978 i leith. Déantar seo trí sheirbhísí Comhairleoireachta a chur ar fáil ar fud na tíre chomh maith le dianchúrsaí.

(riachtanach sula n-osclaítear Naíonra nua dá gcuid), cúrsaí inseirbhíse, tacaíocht do ghrúpaí nua, foilsiú rann agus amhrán ar téip agus dlúthdhiosca.; leabhair, postaeir agus ábhair eile. Cuirtear cúrsaí CDBO Leibhéal 2 agus Leibhéal 3 ar fáil chomh maith. Trí Ghaeilge a bhíonn na cúrsaí ar fad.

Forbairt Naíonraí Teo.(FNT) and its fore runner An Comhchoiste Réamhscolaíochta Teo. have since 1978 endeavoured to promote preschooling through the medium of Irish by supporting the establishment and maintenance of Irish medium preschool services. This is done by providing for example, an advisory service throughout the country, as well as induction courses, (necessary before a Naíonra affiliated to FNT is opened) inservice courses, support for new groups and parents, publication of collections of songs and rhymes on tape and CD; books, posters and other materials. FETAC Level 2 and Level 3 courses are also provided. All courses are through the medium of Irish.

Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC)

29 Lower Baggot Street

t: 6767960 f: 6789012 e: shalpin@ispcc.ie w:

www.ispcc.ie

Contact Person: Suzie Halpin

The ISPCC Training & Consultancy Service provides a range of child centred training to professionals, parents and children

Childcare Professionals

Tailor made training is available on topics such as child protection, consulting with children, recruitment and selection of volunteers and anti-racist practice

Parents

Group Work Programmes and talks are organised for parents on a range of issues such as positive parenting and managing challenging behaviour

Children

A range of group work and outreach programmes are offered to children throughout the country

IPPA - The Early Childcare Organisation

Broomhill Business Complex, Broomhill Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24

t: 4630011 f: 4630045 e: info@ippa.ie www.ippa.ie

Contact Person: Training Department

IPPA, the Early Childhood Organisation is an approved FETAC and City and Guilds Training Centre. Courses, workshops and seminars have been developed to meet the needs of

childcare professionals. Programmes are delivered on a national and local basis.

National Children's Nurseries Association (NCNA)

12c Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Road, Bluebell,
Dublin 12

t: 6016536 f: 4601185 e: theeney@ncna.ie

www.ncna.net

Contact Person: Teresa Heeney

The NCNA runs a comprehensive range of courses to meet the needs of childcare providers throughout the country. The courses are listed in a Training Prospectus, which is published twice yearly. Courses include Nursery Management, Staff Management, Policies and Procedures, Committee Skills, Partnership with Parents, First Aid, Stress Management, Managing Difficult Behaviour, Arts and Crafts, Special Needs and much more.

The NCNA also provides tailor-made training on request. Courses can be designed to suit needs, time constraints and budget. Some courses are accredited by FETAC.

College of Progressive Education

27/29 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin

t: 2886994 f: 2886995 e: info@practicalchildcare.com

www.practicalchildcare.com

Contact Person: Administration

The College of Progressive Education offers a very wide range of courses from their campus in Blackrock and around the country. These include full-time, part-time, distance learning and cover a wide range of topics from "Childcare and Early Education" to "Working with Special Needs" and "Creche Management". The College also responds to requests for training from groups. Many of the courses are accredited by a number of Awarding Bodies.

Training On Request

HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING, FOOD & HYGIENE AND FIRST AID

Health & Safety

Health & Safety Authority (HSA)

The Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1
t: 1890 289389 f: 6147020 e: wcu@has.ie w:
www.hsa.ie

All childcare services must ensure that their services comply with all areas of Health & Safety Legislation. Health & Safety training is an important aspect of managing a modern service. Training can be sourced through the Health & Safety Authority (HSA). Such training includes; risk assessment, health & safety statements, & bullying and harassment.

The Health & Safety Authority is responsible for the promotion and enforcement of workplace health and safety in Ireland. The Authority monitors compliance with occupational health and safety legislation and takes action (including prosecution) where necessary. It is an expert centre for information and advice to employers, employees, self-employed and it promotes education, training and research.

Food & Hygiene

Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

Abbey Court, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1
t: 8171300 f: 8171301 e: info@sfa.ie web: www.fsai.ie

Childcare services are required to ensure that all food hygiene legislation is complied with. Personnel with responsibility for food preparation and food cooking must complete a HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) training. Such training can be sourced through the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI).

The FSAI's mission is to protect consumer's health by ensuring that food consumed, distributed, marketed or produced in Ireland meets the highest standards of food safety and hygiene.

The FSAI website has a range of useful information particularly in relation to training in a range of areas some of which are relevant to the childcare sector such as food hygiene and HACCP. The information can be easily downloaded by logging onto the website and going to 'industry information' and then 'training' and following the instructions.

HSE

(Various locations in Dublin)

Nutrition for Pre-school Children

Duration of course: one evening, 2 hours duration

The HSE run a number of these courses during the year in the evening time. Venues can vary but include All Hallows and Draiocht

Target Audience: Managers and staff working in pre-schools

Course description: This course will be used to disseminate "Food and Nutrition Guidelines for Pre-school Services". It will cover a range of topics including menu planning and nutritional issues for this age group, e.g. anaemia and dental health.

First Aid

There are various types of First Aid courses available. It is important that you choose a course that meets your requirements. Most childcare services choose a paediatric first aid course. Childcare professionals must update their First Aid qualification every three years. However, you may choose to complete a refresher course before the expiry of your First Aid Certificate which will exempt you from having to complete a full course.

ABC Training

216 Ballymun Road, Dublin 9

t: 8424850

Contact Person: Richard Monks

Course Title: **First Aid**

Qualification: ABC Basic First Aid Certificate
H.S.A. registered Registered by
Ambulance Training Board

Occupational First Aid

H.S.A. Certificate First Aid
ABC First Aid Certificate
Registered by Ambulance
Training Board

Ashby Food Safety Associates Limited

41 Verbena Ave, Sutton, Dublin 13

t: 087 2482941 f: 8320794 e: loman@eircom.net

Contact Person: Lorraine Oman

Course Title: **First Aid**

Qualification: Certificate in First Aid. (H.S.A.)
Health & Safety Authority

Berrick Occupational First Aid Resources

Unit 5, Airways Industrial Estate, Cloghran, Dublin 17

t: 8577044 f: 8577045 m: 087 2399314 e:

bofar20@yahoo.ie

Contact Person: Berni Adamson or Pat Gibbons

Course Title: **Occupational First Aid
(Specialising in Paediatric First Aid)**

Qualification: Irish Heart Foundation, American Heart Association. Child and Infant CPR Certificate Paediatric First Aid Certificate

Paediatric Manual Handling Training Course (HSA)

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Block B, The Courtyard, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

t: 045 436166 f: 045 438851 e:

info@centralhealthandsafety.ie w: www.chss.ie

Contact Person: **Noel Flood**

Course Titles and Qualifications:

Basic Food Hygiene

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Level 2 Food Hygiene

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Primary Food Hygiene Course

Environmental Health Officers

Association Certificate

Management of Food Hygiene

National Hygiene Partnership Certificate

Occupational First Aid &

Refresher First Aid

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Manual Handling

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Fire Safety Training

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Health & Safety Statement

Central Health & Safety Services Ltd

Corporate Safety & Training Services

94 Drumcairn Avenue, Tallaght, Dublin 24

t: 4625720 f: 4626986 e: rodericksmyth@ireland.com m:
085 7362207

Contact Person: Roderick Smyth

Course Title: First Aid

Qualification: H.S.A. Certificate in Occupational
First Aid
National Ambulance Training School
Certificate

Emergency Care

12 South Circular Road, Dublin 8

t: 4543757 f: 4541525 e: info@emergencycare.ie

Contact Person: Paul Downes

Course Titles and
Qualifications:

Introduction to First Aid

Certificate of Attendance

Occupational First Aid

Occupational First Aid Certificate

HSA

**Occupational First Aid Refresher
Course**

C.P.R. Course

Certificate of Attendance

Oxygen Administration Course

Certificate of Attendance

Defibrillator Training Programme

Recognised by Irish Heart

Foundation

Manual Handling

Certificate of Attendance

First Safety Course

Certificate of Attendance

Fire Awareness Course

Certificate of Attendance
**Fire Awareness Management
Course**
Certificate of Attendance
Fire Warden Course
Certificate of Attendance

H.C. Training Services

Unit F1, Centrepoint Rosemount Business Pk,
Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11
t: 8200678 f: 8200530 e: info@hcctraining.ie
www.hctraining.ie

Contact Person: **Pat Hogan**

Course Title: First Aid

Qualification: H.S.A. Certificate First Aid

I.C.O.N.

First Aid Services, Bolbrook Enterprise Centre, Avonbeg
Road, Dublin 24
e: iconfas@iol.ie m: 087 2377510

Contact Person: **Irene Griffin**

Course Title: First Aid

Qualification: H.S.A. Certificate in Paediatric First
Aid

Irish Red Cross

47 Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7
t: 8603819 f: 9603819 e: ircs@ireland.com

Contact Person: **Sandra Cregan - Course co-ordinator**

**Course Title: Refresher First Aid
Emergency First Aid**

Qualification: Irish Red Cross Certificate (National
and International recognition)

Life Skills Training

Fia Rua, 14 Deerpark Drive, Blessington, Co. Wicklow

t: 045 891620 m: 086 8655307 e:

lifskillstraining@eircom.net

Contact Person: **Hugh Keeley**

Course Title: **First Aid, CPR, Fire Safety & Manual Handling**

Qualification: First Aid Certificates (NATS)
CPR (Irish Heart Foundation and America Heart Association)

NIFAST

Airways Industrial Estate, Dublin 9

t: 8424333 f: 8424461 e: info@nifast.ie

Contact Person: **Account Executive**

Course Title: **First Aid Certificate**

Qualification: HSA Certified
NIFAST Certificate in First Aid

National Children's Nurseries Association (NCNA)

Unit 12 C, Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Road,
Bluebell, Dublin 12

t: 4601138 f: 4601185 e: info@ncna.ie

Contact Person: Teresa Heeney or Kylie Johnson

Course Titles and

Qualification: **Paediatric First Aid**
First Aid and Irish Heart Foundation Certificate
Refresher Paediatric First Aid
(must have valid Paediatric First Aid Certificate i.e. not yet out of date)

*First Aid and Irish Heart Foundation
Certificates*

Basic Food Handling

*Certificate of Competence in Basic
Food Handling*

Manual Handling

Certificate of Attendance

**Developing a Fire and Safety
Statement**

Certificate of Attendance

Developing a HCCAP Programme

Certificate of Attendance

Order of Malta Ambulance Corps

St. John House, 32 Clyde Road, Dublin 4

t: 6600507

Contact Person: **Administration**

Course Title: HSA Occupational First Aid

Qualifications: HSA Certificate in Occupational First
Aid

Certificate from Irish Heart
Foundation CPR

Safety Ireland Limited

135 Templeville Drive, Templeogue, Dublin 6

t: 1850 555 999 e: info@safetyireland.com

www.safetyireland.com

Contact Person: **James Butler**

Course Title: Childcare First Aid

Qualifications: Certificate in First Aid. (I.H.F.) Irish
Heart Foundation and Safety Ireland
(joint certification)

Safety Quality Systems Limited (SQS)

Sella Mosca, Clarey, Nurney, Co. Kildare

t: 087 6677696 e: info:sqs.ie

Contact Person: Catherine Fitzgerald

Course Titles and

Qualifications:

How to write a Safety Statement

Level 1 Certificate in Health & Safety, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health

Risk Assessment for Small to Medium Enterprises

SQS Certificate

Operatives Manual Handling

SQS Certificate

First Aid at Work

Certificate Ambulance Training School

Supervisory Safety

SQS Certificate

Foundation Certificate in Health & Safety

Level 1 Certificate in Health & Safety, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health

How to write a HACCP Plan

Level 1 Certificate in HACCP Practice, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health

Level 1 Certificate in HACCP Practice

Royal Society for the Promotion of Health Certificate

Primary Food Handling Course

Environmental Health Officers Association Certificate

Basic Food Handling Certificate
*Royal Society for the Promotion of
Health Certificate*
Level 1 Food Safety Awareness
SQS Certificate

St John's Ambulance Brigade of Ireland

135 Templeville Drive, Templeogue, Dublin 6

t: 6688007

Contact Person: **Maria Burke Education Secretary**

Course Title: **First Aid**

Qualifications: First Aid Certificate Accredited by St
John's Ambulance and valid for
three years acceptable by H.S.A.
Health & Safety Authority

SPECIFIC CURRICULUM TRAINING

This section of the directory provides information on agencies that provide training programmes in a particular approach to early childhood education and care. These agencies are not necessarily located in the Dublin city area but many of them provide training in Dublin city on an outreach basis or on request.

High/Scope Ireland

c/o 6c Wildflower Way, Belfast, BY12 6TA

t: 4923711 f: 4923711 e: triciamurphy@eircom.net

www.nippa.org

Contact Person: Patricia Murphy

High/Scope is an approach to early childhood education and care, which has been shaped and developed by research and practice over a forty-year period. It is used internationally in a variety of childcare settings. Children engage in enjoyable, active learning experiences. They plan their activities, carry them out and then talk about them. Children are encouraged to solve problems and resolve conflicts. Children and adults play, talk and learn together as partners.

High/Scope Ireland offers a range of training courses

- The Pre-school Curriculum Implementation Course
- Tender Care and early Learning 0-3 year
- Training for Childminders
- Introductory Days
- Conflict Resolution Workshops
- Education through Movement Workshops
- Foster Carers Programme
- The Pre-school Curriculum Implementation Programme is accredited at
- Level 3 by CACHE (Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education). It consists of ten days of workshops over ten months.

Marte Meo

The Marte Meo Project

Northern Area HSE, 17 Middle Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7

t: 8601648 f: 8601671 e: martemeo@eircom.net

The Marte Meo method was originally developed to work with multiproblem families and children in danger of neglect and abuse. It was founded by Maria Aarts. It means “on one’s own strength”. The name highlights the central focus of the programme, which is to first identify and then activate and develop the skills which enable constructive interaction. Today the method is adapted and is used in family programmes, learning disability projects, daycare programmes, foster care & residential programmes. Marte Meo is a flexible therapeutic programme. Training in this method is available free of charge to health board funded services. Can be contracted by other childcare services.

Montessori

The Montessori Method of education was pioneered by Maria Montessori, a doctor who opened her first school in 1907. Through her work with children she devised educational materials which were very successful in developing the child. Her philosophy and method has been recognised world-wide for over seventy years. The Montessori classroom is known as the prepared environment and contains the materials for the development of each child. Each classroom has children of mixed ages and abilities.

Training in the Montessori method is offered by a number of agencies. A wide range of full-time and part-time courses are available. Accreditation ranges from certificate to degree awards.

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

Mount St. Mary’s, Dundrum Road, Milltown, Dublin 14

t: 2692499 e: info@montessoriami.ie

St Nicholas Montessori School

16 Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

t: 2806064 e: snmci@snmci.ie

Montessori Education Centre
41-43 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1
t: 8780071 f: 8746472 e: mec@iol.ie www.montessori-ed-ctr.com

Froebel

The Froebel College, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin
t: 2888520 e: admin@froebel.ie

The Froebel method of early education was developed by the German educationalist Fredrich Froebel in 1837. Fredrich Froebel is known as the originator of the Kindergarten system. Froebel believed that humans are essentially productive and creative. He sought to encourage the creation of educational environments that involved practical work and the direct use of materials. He developed a set of special materials and activities to promote his theories.

The Froebel College offers a number of courses:

Undergraduate

This is a B. Ed. Degree. It is a three year full-time course and applications are made through the CAO

Post Graduate

This is an eighteen month full-time course aimed at students who have a degree. Application is made through the college

In-service Training

An in-service summer training course can be offered. Application is made through the college. Check with college re: availability.

Steiner Waldorf

Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association, Cappaduff,
Mountshannon, County Clare
T: 061 92794 e: info@steinerireland.org

Steiner Waldorf education is a distinctive approach to education that is practiced in Steiner Waldorf Schools worldwide. It was developed by an Austrian philosopher, scientist and artist Rudolf Waldorf. Consistent with his philosophy anthroposophy Steiner developed a curriculum responsive to the developmental stages in childhood and nurturing of imaginations. He developed materials to encourage creativity and free thinking.

A three year part-time training course in Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education is offered to interested students. The course takes place with eight weekend sessions throughout the year and three five day sessions at Halloween, Easter and in early July. Work placements are arranged for students. Subject to confirmation, students will be offered a FETAC Level 2 Award on completion. Students will also receive the Steiner School Diploma in Early Childhood Education.

CHILD PROTECTION & SPECIALIST TRAINING
CHILD PROTECTION

Children at Risk in Ireland Foundation (CARI)

100 or 110 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9

t: 83088529 or 8611240 e: info@cari.ie

Contact Person: Support Worker

CARI offer a range of courses on child protection and therapy. These are specially designed and delivered to meet the needs of groups on request. They are delivered at the CARI premises or in other locations around the country.

All courses are fully accredited by IBECPT, (International Board of Examiners of Certified Child and Play Therapists) for continuing education. Continued Professional Development (CDP) Approved. Also approval for Career Development for primary teachers being sought.

Courses carried out in Drumcondra include:

Understanding Child Abuse 5 day intensive training workshop

Child Sexual Abuse

(Offending Issues) 2 days

Child Sexual Abuse

(Supporting the Supporters) 1 day

Child Sexual Abuse

(Working With the Family) 1 day

Child Sexual Abuse

(Children First and Beyond) 1 day

Responding Therapeutically

To Child Sexual Abuse 5 day intensive training workshop

Intellectual Disability and Sexual Abuse

2 days

HSE (Health Service Executive)

The HSE, which formerly comprised of the Eastern Regional Health Authority with three separate Area Health Boards, the East Coast Area, the Northern Area and the South Western Area, provides the child protection training programme 'Keeping Safe'.

Contact Person: **Lorraine Egan**

t: 01 2744273

This six-module course is delivered over 2/3 days. It provides awareness of child protection and welfare issues for personnel working in voluntary and community organisations who provide a service for children and young people. It assists agencies with the development of their child protection policies and procedures in line with Children First (National Guidelines for the protection and welfare of children). The modules include:

1. Abuse Awareness
2. Child Protection Policy
3. Recruitment of Staff & Volunteers
4. Code of Behaviour
5. Away Days and Residentials
6. Disability

An Information & Advice Person from the HSE facilitates this training.

Note: for information on all HSE Dublin Mid Leinster training courses in this sector please contact the number above.

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www.tcd.ie

Contact Person: **Dr Helen Buckley or Terri Heelan**

Course Title:	Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection & Welfare
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Qualification: Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Welfare

Description: The course programme covers a variety of subjects including; child protection perspectives & practices, child care law, psychology, family support, critical issues in out-of-home care, domestic violence and direct work with childcare and families.

Duration: 1 year part time

Entry Requirements: Students should be working at managerial level or main grade level in positions such as: child care, public health nurses, social work, training, youth and community work, family support services and other related areas. Selection interviews take place in May and 14 places are offered on the basis of interview.

Work Experience: Students are expected to be working

Enrolment: Advertised in March, selection interviews in May

Class Numbers: 14 places

Assessment Method: Written assignments and a practice based project

Trinity College Continued

Course Title:	M.Sc. in Child Protection and Welfare
Qualification:	M.Sc. in Child Protection and Welfare
Description:	<p>The course programme is designed to build on the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Welfare. The M.Sc. aims to develop applied research skills in the field of child protection and welfare.</p>
Duration:	2 year part-time (Postgraduate Diploma is Year 1 of this course)
Entry Requirements:	<p>Students who have achieved a 2.1 standard in the Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Welfare, and who submit a satisfactory research proposal</p> <p>Work Experience: Students are expected to be working.</p>
Enrolment:	Advertised in March, selection interviews in May
Class Numbers:	14
Assessment Method:	Dissertation of 15,000-20,000 words

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Contact Person: **Pamela Shields Programme Co-ordinator**

Course Title: Play Specialist

Course Description: The hospital play specialist aims to provide a happy, stimulating environment where play occurs naturally. He/she aims to alleviate the effects of hospitalisation by providing quality, appropriate play opportunities. The play specialist course is only available in County Antrim. Candidates must already hold a professional qualification in a relevant field like nursing, childcare or teaching. Students must also have at least three years experience of working with children. Places on the course are limited and selection is by interview in May/June for the course commencing the following September. The course runs from June-September (one day per week). Candidates must also fulfil a requirement of 200 hours placement in a hospital over this period.

HEALTH & DISABILITY

The following organisations may provide awareness training and workshops on request to childcare providers. The availability of such services is resource dependent.

Cairde (Aids)

19, Belvedere Place, Dublin 1

t: 8552111 f: 8552089 e: info@cairde.ie www.cairde.ie

Children in Hospital Ireland (Hospital)

Carmichael House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

t: 8780448 f: 8735283 e: info@childreninhospital.ie
www.childreninhospital.ie

CRC Clontarf (Physical Disability)

Penny Ansley Building, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3

t: 8332206 f: 833596

Dublin Aids Alliance (Dublin Aids Alliance)

53 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1

t: 8733799 f: 8733174

Dyslexia Association of Ireland (Specific Learning Difficulties)

1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2

t: 6790276 f: 6790273 e: info@dyslexia.ie w:
www.dyslexia.ie

Dyspraxia Association (Dyspraxia)

c/o Chestnut View, Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip, Co. Kildare

t: 2957125 e: dyspraxiaireland@eircom.net
www.dyspraxiaireland.com

Enable Ireland (Physical Disability)

Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4

t: 2615900 f: 2601478

Eve Holdings (Autism, & Asperger's Syndrome)

Emmet House, 138-140 Thomas Street, Dublin 8

t: 6719664 f: 6791754 e: eveadmin@eve.ie w:

www.eve.ie

Heart Children (Heart Conditions)

Carmichael Centre, Nth. Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

t: 1850 217017 e: heartchildren@eircom.net

www.heartchildren.ie

Irish Society for Autism (Autism & Asperger's Syndrome)

Unity Building, 16/17, Lr. O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

t: 8744684 f: 8744224 e: autism@isa.iol.ie

www.autism.ie

Irish Stammering Association (Stammering)

Carmichael Centre, Nth. Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

t: 872 4405 e: stammer@indigo.ie www.stjames.ie/isa

Irish Sudden Infant Death Association (Cot Death)

4 North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7

Call Save Helpline: 1850 391391 t: 8732711

Irish Wheelchair Association (Physical Disability)

Aras Chuchulain, Blackheath Drive, Clontarf, Dublin 3

t: 8186400 f: 8333873 e: info@iwa.ie www.iwa.ie

Meningitis Research Foundation (Meningitis and Septicaemia)

Awareness Training (Meningitis Baby Watch) and (Meningitis Tot Watch) free of charge.

51 Cullenswood Road, The Triangle, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

t: 4969664 f: 4969656 e: meningitis@iol.ie

www.meningitis.org

or 24 hour helpline 1890 413344

National Council for the Blind (Visual Impairment)

Whitworth Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

t: 83070363 f: 8307787 e: info@ncbi.ie www.ncbi.ie

St Michael's House (Learning Disability)

Ballymun Road, Dublin 9

t: 8840200 f: 8840211 e: info@smh.ie www.smh.ie

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