

## Coláiste Mhuire PLC Programme



QQI Level 5 Health Care Support Award 5M4339

QQI Level 5 Special Needs Assisting 5N1786

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### Duration of Course

The course runs for one school year, starting in mid-September and running until mid-May.

### Learner Outcomes

Learners who complete the course have the option of working in the Healthcare Sector as a Care Assistant or working in the Education Sector as a Special Needs Assistant (SNA).

### Description

Our programme facilitates the learner to explore healthcare support with a view to re-skilling/up-skilling and exploring concepts and subject areas that may interest them in future programmes or employment.

### Learner Education

Adults wishing to return to education with life experience and/or have completed second level education or its equivalent are eligible to apply for entry to this programme.

### Learner Aptitude

Applicants must be motivated to learn, have an interest in the subject and the ability to acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies set out in the course. A good working knowledge of the English language is needed, B2 standard where English is not your first language. The learner must have the capacity to take responsibility for his/her own learning within the managed environment provided by Coláiste Mhuire. Prospective learners should be aware that Garda Vetted through Coláiste Mhuire is part of the application process.

### Learner Previous Experience

The learner may be progressing onto this programme from community education, Youthreach, second level education or other formal or informal learning. The learner may or may not have had a positive experience of education in the past but will have expressed an interest in learning new things and practicing new skills. It is expected that the learner will have a range of learning styles, strengths and needs related to the programme.

### Cert Requirements

Within our programme, Healthcare Support, there are a number of combinations of programme modules that will afford the learner the opportunity to achieve certification in the major award. It is clearly outlined below which programme modules are compulsory and which are optional and how the programme modules must be combined to ensure that the learner has the correct combination of components to achieve certification as major award.

## Certification Requirements

The total credit value required for a major award is 120 credits. This will be achieved by completing:

All of the following component(s)

5N2770	Care Skills	15 credits
5N1794	Safety and Health at Work	15 credits
5N0758	Care Support	15 credits
5N0690	Communications	15 credits
5N1356	Work Experience	15 credits

A minimum credit value of 45 from the following components

5N2706	Care of the Older Person	15 credits
5N3734	Infection Prevention and Control	15 credits
5N0749	Anatomy and Physiology	15 credits
5N1786	Special Needs Assisting	15 credits
5N4396	Children with Additional Needs	15 credits

The work experience requirement for this programme is a minimum of 20 days or 150 hours. This will allow the learner to demonstrate a range of practical skills and competencies in an appropriate vocational setting. Providers should be mindful of specific programme module requirements in relation to work experience/practice.

Eight of the above modules are required to obtain the major award. Individual modules can be certified to obtain a minor award. Each module requires the learner to complete some of the following: assignments, skills demonstration, learner records, projects or examinations. All learners work is assessed internally by the tutors and then goes through the process of internal verification and external authentication prior to certification by QQI.

## Fees

There is a registration fee of €50 for our course. In addition, the Government have imposed a €200 Government Levy on all Post Leaving Certificate courses. This can be paid in at the start of the course or in instalments if agreed with the school. The following categories of student are exempt from paying this contribution: Full current medical card holders or those who are in receipt of a grant payment. There is an additional charge for completing manual and patient handling certification and for cardiac first response. These are one day workshops that are necessary for anyone seeking employment in the health care sector. There is also a €50 charge for QQI Certification. Students undertaking any full time Further Education course may apply for a means tested PLC maintenance grant. Application forms are available from SUSI [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) from May of the year of entry.

## Learning Support

Learners who have a learning support need or any other reasonable accommodation need must let the school know on application for the course. Applicants need to bear in mind the need to be medically fit and physically resilient as the work of a carer/SNA can be quite demanding.

Further studies are an option for successful graduates through the CAO system. For more information check out [https://careersportal.ie/adult\\_learner/index.php](https://careersportal.ie/adult_learner/index.php).