

CHILDCARE

DCHSC



Entry Requirements

- Leaving Certificate with a minimum of 5 passes/Leaving Certificate Applied.
- For mature students, entry will be based on interview/assessment.

Course Description

One-year full-time course designed for students with an interest in working in the childcare area. This course introduces students to a general working knowledge and understanding of the practices and procedures involved in taking care of children.

Certification

FETAC National Vocational Certificate Level 5 (DCHSC)

Work Experience

Work Experience is an integral part of this course. Students must obtain 80 hours work experience in a related area. The period of work experience will be specified by the college. This work placement provides students with first-hand experience of work in the childcare area.

Course Content

- Caring for Children (0-6 yrs)
- Safety & Health at Work
- Working in Childcare
- Social Studies
- Child Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Communications
- Work Experience

Career Options

Students obtaining certification in Childcare may progress to further studies at selected third level colleges under the Higher Education Links Scheme. Other options include entering direct employment within the childcare profession as:

- Creche/Nursery Worker
- Professional Child-minder
- Au Pair
- Pre-school Teacher
- Special Needs Assistant (SNA)
- Primary School Classroom Assistant
- Playschool Assistant

The College's Career Guidance Counsellor is available throughout the year by appointment to discuss and advise.

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