National 4 SfW Early Learning and Childcare (Course Code: C782 74)

SCQF Level 4 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Early Learning and Childcare?

Educating or caring for young children is a very rewarding career. You are in a position to develop and enhance the lives of children and young people, and your enthusiasm will sow seeds which can grow right through life!

Early Learning and Childcare offers good opportunities for students who enjoy:

- working with children
- communicating with others
- organising activities
- using their imagination.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

Social, Caring and Advisory Services

Teaching and Classroom Support

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college. You should be working at SCQF level 4 when undertaking these units, particularly in English or Communications.

What will I study?

The course is made up of **three** compulsory units and one optional unit from a choice of three, each one taking 40 hours of study.

The compulsory units are

- Child Development
- Play in Early Learning and Childcare
- Working in Early Learning and Childcare.

The optional units are

- Contemporary Families
- Care of Children
- Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children.

You will learn about

- looking after children
- different types of play and the importance of play
- factors affecting child development
- the responsibilities of being a parent
- practical child care such as preparing food and bathing children
- health and safety legislation.

Where will I take the course?

You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.

Work experience/placements

You may be able to arrange a related work experience placement by speaking to your pastoral care or guidance.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment in this Course will be based on a range of practical workshop activities, supported by assessor observation checklists and candidate self-checking of quality.

In the Employability Skills Unit, candidates will carry out self-evaluation on a range of skills, review their progress and identify action points.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

- **National 5 SfW Early Learning and Childcare**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Childcare and Education
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Teaching and Classroom Support