

Types of childcare

There are many different types of services you can work in from Nursery's to After schools working with babies, toddlers through to twelve yr olds so there is plenty of variety to choose from.

Creche/Daycare Service (0-5 years)

Is a childcare service offering a structured day care service for children for more than 5 hours per day. A crèche can consist of a babies, wobblers & toddlers and pre school age children. Meals and access to an outdoor play area are provided

Preschool Services (2—5 years)

Is a childcare service that provides care and education to children for a maximum 3.5 hour session. Preschool is structured and can follow an exact curriculum examples of which are listed below.

After school Services

After school services provide a safe and comfortable service for children after school until parent collection time. Activities can include: Speech and drama, arts and crafts, informal music, home work support, cooking and baking, physical activities and much more. The programme changes in accordance with the needs and wishes of the children.

Curricula

There are a number of curricula available for children attending childcare services. Childcare practitioners usually follow one of the following curricula:

- Play Based
- Montessori
- High Scope
- Naoinra
- Steiner
- Reggio Emilio

Where to study childcare?

There are numerous childcare courses available on a full time and part time basis, Roscommon County Childcare Committee and Roscommon VEC are a good starting point. Co. Roscommon VEC offer FETAC level 5 modules on an on-going basis throughout the year. Each module takes on average 40 hours which equates to approx. 12 nights/slots weeks of training per module.

FETAC Level 5 Childcare

This course is designed for those who wish to care for young children in a range of settings which may include Nurseries, Crèches, Playgroups, After School Settings, Home Settings e.g. Nannies, Au Pairs.

In order to receive a full Level 5 childcare certificate, the requirement is 8 modules in total which must include:

Mandatory Modules

- Caring for Children (0—6 years)
- Child Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Working in Childcare
- Communications
- Work Experience

Together with two of the following:

Elective Modules

- Arts & Crafts for Childcare
- Integrating children with special needs
- Understanding Special Needs
- Occupational First Aid



Course	Availability
Batchelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care & Education (Bridging programme allowing entry into year 2 of honours degree course)	Roscommon For further details contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee or visit www.roscommonchildcare.ie
FETAC Level 5 Childcare	VECs nationwide, I.T.s, private colleges and institutes
FETAC Level 5 School Age Childcare	www.ippa.ie
Higher Certificate in Childcare Supervisory Management	Athlone I.T.
Childcare Fetac level 5	County Longford VEC
Childcare Fetac Level 5	Mercy College Sligo
Batchelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care & Education	Sligo I.T.
Childcare Supervisory Management	Athlone Institute of Technology
Montessori Teaching Diploma (from Portobello Institute)	Castlebar, Galway, Sligo & Letterkenny
Batchelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education	Dublin I.T.
Childcare with special needs/classroom assistant– Level 5	Templemichael College, Longford
Master of Arts in Youth and Childcare	Athlone I.T.
Montessori Courses	www.snmci.ie www.montessoriami.ie www.libertiescollege.ie
High/Scope	www.highscope.org
Naionrai	www.naionrai.ie
Steiner	www.steinerireland.org
Reggio Emilio	www.edshifts003.wikispaces.com