

Dundalk Institute
of Technology



**Certificate in
School Age Childcare**

Level 7

DkIT
Part Time

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Level :	Level 7
Duration:	1 Semester
Credits	20

About this programme:

The aim of this programme is to enhance and provide the learner with the knowledge, skills and competence to effectively plan, implement and evaluate school age childcare programmes. The programme will allow learners to critically examine the appropriate values, attitudes and dispositions for working in the area of school age childcare.

This programme will also focus on providing the learner with:

- An opportunity to explore contemporary practice, reflective and reflexive thinking, in relation to the provision of school age childcare.
- Critically examine the role of the adult to ensure their professional judgements are central in facilitating children's and young people's learning and development, identifying children's and young people's dispositions and strengths, while also developing their interests, abilities, talents and supporting their life skills.

- A comprehensive overview of key theories in psychology relevant to middle childhood, gaining an understanding of working within a strengths-based approach with children and adolescents.

Who should apply

This programme is designed and developed to facilitate those already working in the early years' sector, particularly those working in school age childcare services and who wish to obtain knowledge and skills through work-based learning in authentic contexts and where assessments are linked to practice.

The programme supports participants in their career readiness as competent SAC practitioners and leaders of high-quality provision in School Age Childcare settings.

Course Delivery

This programme will be delivered on two evenings a week via live online lectures. Students are also required to attend for face to face classes on 3 Saturdays over the semester.

Due to the blended learning delivery within this course students should have access to PC / Mac, a headset with a mic, and a broadband internet connection from home, so as to be able to fully participate in the course.

Course Content

Semester Modules:

- Leadership and the Reflective Practitioner for School Age Childcare
- Play and Recreation for School Age Childcare
- Psychology- School Age Childcare

How to Apply

Application forms are available from:

www.dkit.ie/courses/certificate-in-school-age-childcare

Contact details for queries

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Fees

Total course fee: €750

- Application Fee: €50 (non-refundable if you are made an offer of a place)
- Accept Offer Fee: €100 (non-refundable)
- Instalment 3: €600

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for entry to the programme are as follows:

- Level 6 qualification (major award) in a relevant discipline, including ELC or other related fields (e.g. youth work, social care).
- Currently employed in a relevant service

Applicants who do not have a Level 6 qualification may apply for entry to the programme in accordance with the procedures outlined in the DkIT Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy.

For candidates who do not meet the above entry criteria but have considerable relevant experience, the DkIT Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy and Procedures may be applied. As part of the RPL process, candidates may be called for interview.



Dundalk Institute of Technology

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DkIT provides quality higher education, training and upskilling opportunities to approximately 5,200 students across its four Academic Schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts.

Our state-of-the-art campus is located at the epicentre of the M1 Dublin-Belfast economic corridor, an area marked as having significant importance due to its growing population and strong economic links between North and South. The region is steeped in innovation and enterprise and has developed a robust business community comprised of impressive start-ups, high-performing SMEs and major multinationals.