

ATHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**INFORMATION SHEET COMMUNITY CARE/ SOCIAL
STUDIES FETAC LEVEL 5**

AIM

This course offers an introduction to Sociology and Social Care. It provides students with the basic skills and knowledge required for working in the Social Services e.g. family/community groups/children's projects/voluntary organisations/ pre-schools/respice care/residential units, or those who wish to progress to a Certificate, Degree or Diploma in Social Care, Applied Social Care, or Childcare.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Five Passes in the Leaving Certificate, preferably with a high level of competence in English and Home Economics *or* history of relevant Work Experience or other Courses will be taken into account.

MATURE APPLICANTS ARE MOST WELCOME.

WORK PLACEMENT

Two days per week (Thursday and Friday) will be spent on Work Placement. Placements include: Creches, Pre-Schools, Units for the Mentally Handicapped, Social Services, Voluntary Organisations etc.

SELECTION

Completion of Application Form.

Interview.

Garda Vetting is a requirement for the College and Work Placement.

COURSE CONTENT/ FETAC MODULES

Social Studies Safety & Health at Work Care Provision & Practice Work Placement

*Child Development
Communications
Introduction to Nursing*

*Human Growth & Development
The Internet*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY

Under the Higher Education Links Scheme, a number of places in designated Certificate, Diploma and Degree Courses in Third Level Colleges are made available to holders of NCVA/FETAC Awards. Places are allocated according to the standard of applicants' results.

CERTIFICATION

NCVA/FETAC Level 5 Award.
Manual Handling certificate First Aid
Certificate

GRANTS

Means Tested Maintenance Grants are available. No Course fees.

GUIDANCE

Qualified Guidance Counsellor available for consultation.
Opportunity within the College to repeat subject at Leaving Certificate level.

CLOSING DATE

Completed Application Forms to be returned by 25th May 2009. Late applications may be considered.