The **CERTIFICATE IN SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANTS (SNAs)**

This LEVEL 7 Certificate is offered at pre-undergraduate level in collaboration between Mayo Education Centre and St. Angela’s College, Sligo for those currently working as Special Needs Assistants in primary, post-primary and specialist settings and those who are interested in a position as a Special Needs Assistant but not currently working in the area. The programme is accredited by NUI, Galway and is a recognised Department of Education and Skills (DES) qualification.

**Programme Aims**

The programme aims:
- to develop skills, knowledge, attitudes and understanding of the role of the SNA in order to respond adequately to the SEN of pupils;
- promote good practice amongst SNAs working with pupils experiencing SEN in mainstream primary and post-primary schools, special schools and classes;
- provide a specialist qualification for SNAs, and provide a basis for further study and career development.

**Programme Content & Structure**

A part-time 80 hour modular course completed over 14 Saturdays, 9.30am – 3.30pm during the academic year to be held at Mayo Education Centre.

**Provisional course dates:**
- Sept 12\textsuperscript{th}, 26\textsuperscript{th}, Oct 10\textsuperscript{th}, Nov 7\textsuperscript{th}, 21\textsuperscript{st}, Dec 5\textsuperscript{th} 2015
- Jan 9\textsuperscript{th}, 23\textsuperscript{rd}, Feb 6\textsuperscript{th}, 27\textsuperscript{th}, March 12\textsuperscript{th}, April 9\textsuperscript{th}, 23\textsuperscript{rd}, May 7\textsuperscript{th} 2016

Modules are:
- Introductory module
- Students with Special Educational Needs;
- Social and Curricular Inclusion for students with SEN – A Whole School Approach

**Programme Assessment**

Assessment is continuous, with each of the 3 modules being assessed independently on the basis of an assignment or equivalent.

**Entry Requirements**

Interest in the area.

**Course Fee:** €700  
**Credit:** ECT 15  
**Level:** 7 NQF

**Application Process**

Applicants **must first register their interest** with Mayo Education Centre, this can be done by telephone at 094 9020700 or by email at eaglas@mayoeducationcentre.ie before Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} June 2015.

Subsequently the applicant will be contacted by St. Angela’s College and requested to submit an Application Form. Please note that the commencement of the Course is based on a minimum of 15 applicants.