

## Certificate Specification NFQ Level 5

### Intellectual Disability Practice 5M1761

#### 1. Certificate Details

<b>Title</b>	Intellectual Disability Practice
<b>Teideal as Gaeilge</b>	Cleachtas Míchumas Intleachta
<b>Award Class</b>	Major
<b>Code</b>	5M1761
<b>Level</b>	5
<b>Credit Value</b>	120
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to work independently and under supervision applying best practice to enabling individuals with an intellectual disability to reach their potential and live the lives of their choice and or to progress to further and or higher education and or training.
<b>Statements of Knowledge, Skill and Competence</b>	Learners will be able to:
<b>Knowledge</b>	
<i>Breadth</i>	Demonstrate a wide breadth of knowledge of intellectual disability and the issues associated with the facilitation of living an independent life within the community.
<i>Kind</i>	Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the theoretical concepts underpinning the empowerment of persons with an intellectual disability, to enable them to make daily lifestyle choices and facilitate them to implement these choices.
<b>Know How &amp; Skill</b>	
<i>Range</i>	Demonstrate the use of a broad range of specialised skills and tools to support persons with an intellectual disability in the different phases of their lives.
<i>Selectivity</i>	Contribute to the selection, implementation and review of strategies together with persons with an intellectual disability

to develop a range of functional skills that can be applied in their daily lives.

## **Competence**

<i>Context</i>	Apply a range of knowledge and skills in a wide variety of different contexts in enabling persons with an intellectual disability to develop socially valued roles and relationships.
<i>Role</i>	Demonstrate initiative and independence through working with a diverse range of groups and or teams in facilitating persons with an intellectual disability to develop socially valued roles and relationships.
<i>Learning to Learn</i>	Critically evaluate own learning experiences and implement changes when working and communicating effectively as part of a team.
<i>Insight</i>	Reflect on personal practice to inform self-understanding and personal development.

The learning outcomes associated with this award are outlined in the associated Component Specifications.

## **Access**

To access programmes leading to this award the learner should have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence associated with the preceding level of the National Framework of Qualifications. This may have been achieved through a formal qualification or through relevant life and work experience.

## **Transfer**

Achievement of this award will enable the learner to transfer to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the same level of the National Framework of Qualifications.

## **Progression**

Achievement of this award will enable the learner to progress to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications.

## **Progression Awards**

Learners who successfully complete this award may progress to a range of different awards.

## **Grading**

Pass  
Merit  
Distinction

The grade achieved will be determined by the grades achieved on the components

## **2. Certificate Requirements**

**The total credit value required for this certificate is 120. This will be achieved by completing:**

<b>Award Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
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**All of the following component(s)**

5N1652	Intellectual Disability Studies	5	15
5N1749	Empowering the Individual	5	15
5N1740	Community Inclusion	5	15
5N1753	Facilitating Learning	5	15

**A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components**

5N0690	Communications	5	15
5N1367	Teamworking	5	15
5N1390	Personal Effectiveness	5	15

**A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components**

5N1356	Work Experience	5	15
5N1433	Work Practice	5	15

**A minimum credit value of 15 from the following components**

5N1704	Supported Employment	5	15
5N1705	Facilitating Friendship Development	5	15
5N1706	Challenging Behaviour	5	15
5N1707	Sexuality and Intellectual Disability	5	15
5N1708	Preschool Child with Special Needs	5	15
5N1709	Understanding Special Needs	5	15
5N1370	Social Studies	5	15
5N1713	Facilitating Communication Through Lámh	5	15
5N1722	Working Together with Families	5	15
5N1731	Total Communication	5	15
5N1728	Person Centred Focus to Disability	5	15
5N1729	Applied Behavioural Analysis	5	15
5N2462	Individualised Supports	5	15

The remaining credit value of 15 can be obtained by using vocationally relevant component(s) from level 5. A maximum of 15 credits may be used from either level 4 or level 6.

**3. Supporting Documentation**

None

**4. Specific Validation Requirements**

There are no specific validation requirements for this award

**5. Europass Certificate Supplement**

The Europass Certificate Supplement for this award can be accessed at: [www.ggi.ie](http://www.ggi.ie).

## 6. FET Award Standards

QQI award standards are determined within the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), <http://www.nfq-qqi.com>. QQI determines standards for the education and training awards that it makes itself and that are made by providers to whom it has delegated authority to make an award. Providers offering programmes leading to QQI awards **must** have their programme(s) validated in accordance with current validation policy (see [www.qqi.ie](http://www.qqi.ie)).

Award standards are designed to be consistent with the NFQ's award classes i.e. major, special purpose, supplemental and minor awards. They are expressed in terms of **learning outcomes** i.e. concise statements of what the learner is expected to know or be able to do in order to achieve a particular award. Learning outcomes for QQI awards are contained within the associated specifications:

AWARD CLASS	STANDARDS	AWARDS
Major Award	Certificate Specification	Certificate (Levels 1 to 5) Advanced Certificate (Level 6)
Supplemental Award	Supplemental Specification	Supplemental Certificate (Level 3 to 6)
Special Purpose	Specific Purpose Specification	Specific Purpose Certificate (Levels 3 to 6)
Minor Award	Component Specification	Component Certificate (Levels 1 to 6)

Award standards are thresholds, they describe standards of knowledge, skill or competence to be acquired, and where appropriate, demonstrated, by a learner before an award may be made.

Award standards will be reviewed from time to time as necessary. Minor changes may be made by the QQI executive outside the review cycle where necessary. Changes to standards are published on QQI's website. Providers with validated programmes and providers with delegated authority to make awards are responsible for monitoring relevant standards and making necessary responses to changes.

## 7. FET Credit

Every FET certificate and component specification includes an FET credit value (Table 1). FET credit is quantified in multiples of 5 FET credits (up to 50 hours of learner effort). Learner effort is based on the time taken by typical learners at the level of the award to achieve the learning outcomes for the award. It includes all learning time involved including: guided learning hours, self-directed learning and assessment.

**Table 1: FET Credit Values**

NFQ Level	Major Awards Credit Values	Default Credit Values Minor Awards	Other Permitted Minor Award Credit Values	Special Purpose and Supplemental Award Credit Value Ranges
1	20	5	10	
2	30	5	10	
3	60	10	5,20	>5 and <60
4	90	10	5,15,20	>5 and <90
5	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120
6	120	15	5,10,30	>5 and <120

## Guide to Level

Learning outcomes at this level include a broad range of skills that require some theoretical understanding. The outcomes may relate to engaging in a specific activity, with the capacity to use the instruments and techniques relating to an occupation. They are associated with work being undertaken independently, subject to general direction.

Strand	Sub-strand	Nature of learning
Knowledge	Breadth	Broad range of knowledge
	Kind	Some theoretical concepts and abstract thinking, with significant depth in some areas.
Know How & Skill	Range	Demonstrate a broad range of specialised skills and tools
	Selectivity	Evaluate and use information to plan and develop investigative strategies and to determine solutions to varied unfamiliar problems
Competence	Context	Act in a range of varied and specific contexts, taking responsibility for the nature and quality of outputs; identify and apply skill and knowledge to a wide variety of contexts
	Role	Exercise some initiative and independence in carrying out defined activities; join and function within multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups
	Learning to Learn	Learn to take responsibility for own learning within a managed environment
	Insight	Assume full responsibility for consistency of self- understanding and behaviour

*Extract from 'Determinations for the Outline National Framework of Qualifications': NQAI*