# Early Identification and Inclusive Support for Early Years Learners

# Applying for this course:

To apply for this course, you need to have completed compulsory schooling up to 65 years of age and are employed in the early years educational sector. In case of any difficulties regarding the entry requirements kindly contact us on <a href="mailto:qa.jobsplus@gov.mt">qa.jobsplus@gov.mt</a>.

#### **Course Duration**

This course is of 12 hours duration (including 3-hour assessment) and consists of one Module.

## General pedagogical guidelines and procedures for this course:

The delivery of this Course will be mainly held through a series of classroom discussion. The trainer will also be holding lessons with the learners which will consist of various presentations, including demonstrations.

This course can also be delivered online. In such cases, the learner is required to have a working camera and a working microphone.

# General assessment policy and procedures for this course:

The Learner will be assessed through case studies which will be discussed in class and then followed by the creation of and discussion of an Early Intervention Observation Checklist. At the end of the course, the learners will need to draft an Inclusion Policy.

## Module 1 Learning Outcomes- Early Identification and Inclusive Support for Early Years Learners

- ✓ Describe typical developmental milestones in early childhood.
- ✓ Identify early signs of developmental delays and learning difficulties in young children.
- ✓ Outline the principles of inclusive education and the legal framework surrounding early intervention in Malta.
- ✓ Recognise the roles of specialists and external services in supporting inclusive care.
- ✓ Use observation tools and techniques to monitor child development in the early years.
- Document concerns professionally and accurately for communication with parents and professionals.

- Develop and implement inclusive daily routines and learning environments that accommodate individual needs.
- ✓ Initiate and manage referral processes in collaboration with parents and relevant professionals.
- ✓ Demonstrate sensitivity and professionalism when discussing concerns with families.
- ✓ Work collaboratively with educators, specialists, and parents to support each child's learning and well-being.
- ✓ Foster a culture of inclusivity within the childcare centre that supports diversity and equal access to learning.

#### **Module Assessment:**

Learners will engage with real-life case studies during class to apply their understanding of early identification and inclusive support strategies. They will collaboratively develop and critically discuss an Early Intervention Observation Checklist as a practical tool for use in early years settings.

As a final assessment, each participant will be required to draft a comprehensive Inclusion Policy tailored to a childcare setting, demonstrating their ability to integrate inclusive values, legal frameworks, and effective support strategies into everyday practice.