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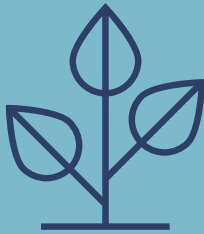
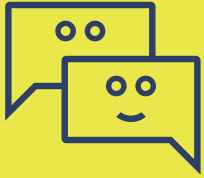
Department of  
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In collaboration with the **Department of Nursing,  
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# National Training Programme for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)

## Certificate in Inclusive Support and Care in Education for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)

- **Level 6 (30 ECTS) Special Purpose Award**
- **Part-time, online over 1 academic year**
- **Three in-person, practical training sessions delivered in regional locations**



Announcing the opening of applications for the 2026/27 National Training Programme for Special Needs Assistants. This comprehensive online programme, commissioned by the NCSE, will be delivered to Special Needs Assistants currently working within the Irish education system in primary, post-primary and special schools. This programme is fully funded by the Department of Education and Youth for SNAs currently working in schools.

### Six Modules:

1. Inclusive Education of Students with Additional Educational Needs
2. Language and Communication
3. Supporting Students with Primary Care Needs, including Medical and Complex Needs
4. Social and Emotional Development
5. Supporting Students with Autism
6. Enhancing Personal and Professional Competencies as a SNA.

**Applications are now open  
for September 2026**

Visit [atu.ie/flexible](https://atu.ie/flexible)  
to apply or  
scan the QR code



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