

**Candidates should possess:**

* Organisational, good communication and interpersonal skills
* Familiarity with the CNS model
* The capacity to uphold the ethos of Community National Schools, incorporating the nurture approach.
* A good understanding of the nature of the role of SNA in supporting primary school children to access the curriculum.
* Ability to support and enhance educational experience for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) who present in Kerry Education and Training Board Schools.
* A commitment to creating a safe supported environment for students with SEN needs
* A good understanding of recent developments in SEN in Ireland particularly the legislation as it pertains to the Education for persons with SEN Act 2004.
* Competency in the Irish Language will be a requirement in relevant schools.
* TUSLA Child First Training – Certificate of completion
* Current First Aid Responder Certification
* Current Manual Handling Certification

**Desirable:**

* Completed QQI Level 5 Full Award or equivalent in childcare or equivalent Special Needs qualification
* Medical/Healthcare experience
* Excellent ICT Skills
* Competency in the use and understanding of Sign Language