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2023/24



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Welcome to Ó Fiaich Institute of Further Education (OFI).

OFI is one of the leading Further Education & Training colleges in the country and we pride ourselves on the dynamic, progressive and high-quality educational experience we provide to each of our learners.

OFI offers you, the prospective learner, access to a comprehensive range of academic and vocational programmes. We believe this provides you with the freedom to choose your own path in achieving your goals, whether that be directly into employment or through progression to Higher Education. We have excellent links with local and national industry sectors, providing you with the opportunity to gain invaluable work experience in these industries. Equally, if Higher Education is where you wish to go, as a learner of OFI you will benefit from many clear and direct pathways from OFI to Universities across Ireland, Europe, the UK and further afield.

OFI learners are individually supported by highly qualified staff who are trained and knowledgeable in a wide range of vocational fields. An exceptional resource and guidance team, bolstered by an academic support team, ensure our learner's success both during their time with us and into the future. Alongside professional development, OFI place equal emphasis on personal growth. As a result, we provide extensive extracurricular activities and support services enabling our learners to enhance the life-skills needed to succeed. We are fully committed to creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all learners to thrive.

We are extremely proud of our learners and their success, and we are delighted to see them achieve their goals. We are excited to welcome you to OFI and look forward to helping you in choosing your path, reaching your fullest potential and shaping your future.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information.

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10 REASONS TO CHOOSE OFI



50+

PLC/Pre-University courses



Achieve a qualification in

1 YEAR



67%

of graduates progress to higher education



31%

of graduates secured employment



Low course fees

and SUSI grant eligible



Individual **career guidance, counselling** and **academic support**



Course related **work experience**



Erasmus+

places available to study/train abroad



15+

clubs and societies



FUN AND FRIENDLY

atmosphere in OFI

OUR GRADUATES

At Ó Fiaich Institute, we are immensely proud of our graduates and the success they have achieved in progressing to higher education and employment.

Their success both locally and internationally highlights how far you can go with a PLC or Pre-University Course. In all 50+ courses, OFI graduates are excelling in their studies, employment and achievements.

Upon graduating, you become part of our Alumni Community. Keep in touch by visiting www.ofi.ie/alumni or connect with [@OFIDundalk](https://twitter.com/OFIDundalk) on social media channels.



NELLY PAULAUSKAITE

OFI Graduate: Occupational Therapy Assistant

Progressed to: Employment OTA in HSE Louth County Hospital

Achievements: Successful Erasmus Student



KODIE M^cENEANEY

OFI Graduate: Pre-University Teaching

Progressed to: DCU Joint Humanities Degree (currently in Year 2)

Achievements: Louth Ladies Player



SÉAN COTTER

OFI Graduate: Graphic Design

Progressed to: IADT (currently in Year 3)

Achievements: Employed as Graphic Designer of Match Programmes with FAI



TOM MAGUIRE

OFI Graduate: Youth Work

Progressed to: DKIT Community and Youth Work Development

Achievements: Uversity Scholarship



SOPHIE WATTERS

OFI Graduate: Sports, Exercise & Fitness

Progressed to: DKIT, Sports Exercise & Enterprise

Achievements: Employed as a Gym Instructor & Personal Trainer with BikeRowSki



RICHIE MARTIN

OFI Graduate: Level 5 Applied Psychology & Social Studies. Level 6 Advanced Health and Social Studies.

Progressed to: DKIT Social Care (currently in Year 3)



GABIJA SEBELSKYTE

OFI Graduate: Pre-University Business

Progressed to: Maynooth University



ANITA SYLVESTER

OFI Graduate: Pre-University Nursing with Midwifery

Progressed to: Trinity College Dublin, Intellectual Disability Studies.



REBECCA HALPENNY

OFI Graduate: Photography

Progressed to: TUD, Photography



SEAN HILL

OFI Graduate: Sports Rehabilitation & Injury Management

Progressed to: Fontys University Netherlands, Physiotherapy



SOPHIE NARDONE

OFI Graduate: Marketing & Social Media Management

Progressed to: Maynooth University, Arts Degree



RUBA MARZA

OFI Graduate: Business & Computing

Progressed to: DCU, Law & Society



KAYLEE BAILEY BROMLEY

OFI Graduate: Pre – University Arts

Progressed to: Maynooth University, Arts Degree



BEN MCSHANE

OFI Graduate: Photography, Film and Design

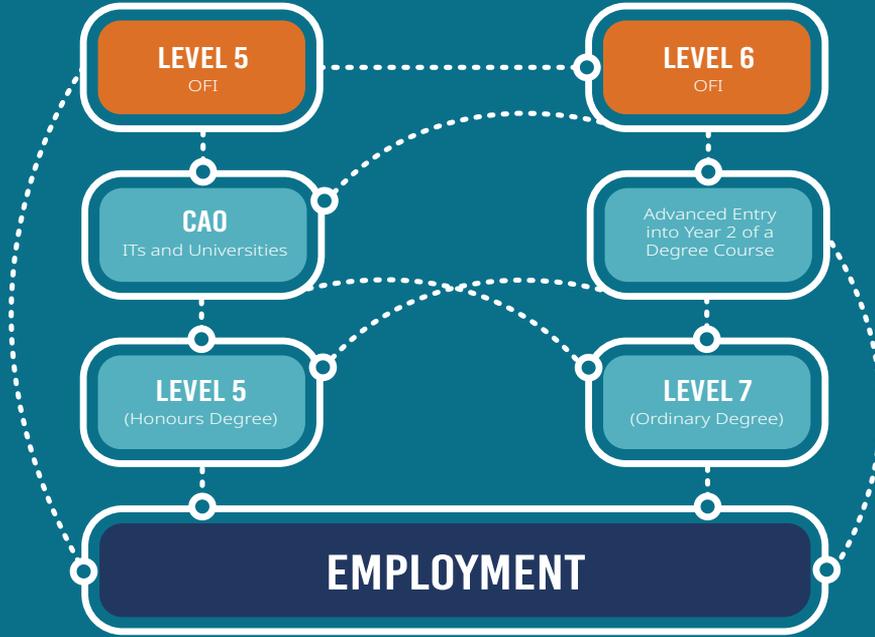
Progressed to: DKIT Social Care (currently in Year 3)

Achievements: Travelled the world capturing key Irish sporting achievements.

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I enjoyed all aspects of the course in Ó Fiaich Institute, as it was a wide and varied range of professional modules. I would highly recommend doing the Photography course at any and all ages of life, if you are wishing to become a professional photographer, take it up as a hobby or even take your photography to third level.

PROGRESSION



OUR STUDENTS PROGRESS TO:



HOW TO APPLY

1



APPLY ONLINE



www.ofi.ie

Ensure you apply as soon as possible.

Online application process opens on 1st January.

2



INTERVIEW

Shortlisting process

Interviews are held in March/May/August with places offered on a first come basis.

Places are offered based on interview performance and suitability for the course.

3



COLLEGE PLACE

Secure your place

You will be notified of your offer by email and post.

Confirm your place by paying your registration fee of €200.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All our Level 5 courses are open to school leavers over 16 years of age (Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate Applied Students/A Levels/ GCSE or equivalent), QQI Level 4 graduates and mature applicants. A QQI Level 5 award is a prerequisite to access a Level 6 programme.

CERTIFICATION

The majority of programmes in OFI are certified by Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at Level 5 and Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Some programmes are certified by other awarding bodies including; International Therapies Examining Council (ITEC), International Academy of Travel (IAT), CompTIA and City & Guilds.

Note: All programmes run subject to demand. Course content may vary subject to funding/ resources available. All information stated is correct at time of printing and subject to change.

FUNDING AND FEES

PLC MAINTENANCE GRANT (SUSI)

SUSI grants are available to eligible students attending full-time approved courses at OFI. Please visit www.susi.ie for eligibility criteria.

BACK TO EDUCATION ALLOWANCE (BTEA)

BTEA allows qualifying persons getting certain social welfare payments to get a back to education payment while participating in approved full-time courses in further education.

SOLAS FUND FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

FSD provides funding to support students with disabilities, learning difficulties, medical conditions and special needs attending further education courses. This fund is administered by SOLAS and is disbursed on the basis of applications made by OFI on behalf of qualifying students.

REACH FUND

The aim of the Reach fund (formerly MAEDF) is to provide funding to support educationally disadvantaged learners in accessing and participating in community education. It aims to increase the participation of disadvantaged learners, particularly those who are undertaking literacy and skills programmes. The fund has a strong focus on building the digital infrastructure of community education providers, including providing devices and software, and increasing their capacity to deliver learning. This fund is allocated by SOLAS and administered by LMETB.

NEW LOW COURSE FEES FOR 2023

FEES

All courses now have a low course registration fee of €200. Make sure to confirm your place on a course by paying your registration fee.



STUDENT SUPPORTS

GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING SERVICE

Students in Ó Fiaich Institute can avail of confidential guidance and counselling supports. Our guidance counsellors are available for daily drop-in sessions or one to one meetings with students to assist with exploring career and educational choices, ensuring successful transition to higher education, employment or further training. With extensive knowledge of progression routes and university links, learners are well informed of all opportunities available for their future. Course progression talks and workshops provide hands-on support to students in completing CAO/UCAS/EU/ Employment Applications.

PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO PLC STUDENTS

A team of Personal Assistants (PAs) are on hand to work with qualifying students individually to ensure they reach their full potential. All learner's individual needs are catered for on a full time in class basis or as one to one supports or occasional drop in sessions. Our friendly team of P.A.s are here to help!

DISABILITY SERVICES

Ó Fiaich Institute is committed to supporting those with additional needs, specific medical needs, disability and learning needs. It is our priority to ensure accessibility to the campus, information, guidance and learning. It is the student's responsibility to disclose their needs and provide supporting documentation to access supports.

STUDENT LEARNING HUB

The student learning hub is a facility open to students every day without appointment. Here learners can work on assignments, seek academic support or attend workshops to facilitate their success.

LAPTOP LOAN SCHEME

All students can apply for the laptop loan scheme. This provides students with the use of a high specification device for the duration of the academic year for a very low refundable deposit. This scheme ensures students have access to a digital device and the opportunity for success.

ESOL SUPPORT

International students can benefit from ESOL classes to complement their learning. Depending on the level of proficiency, students can engage in intensive, small group or individual classes. Ó Fiaich Institute is an inclusive environment that strives to provide a learning opportunity for all.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

OFI welcomes applications from all prospective students. From students completing the Leaving Certificate (including LCVP & LCA) or equivalent (A Levels, GCSE's, etc.) to mature learners returning to education. We also encourage QQI Level 4 graduates or those currently unemployed to further their career prospects through a programme of study with us.

MATURE STUDENTS

Returning to education might seem daunting, but we offer specific support to those who have had a break from education. Education is for everyone – regardless of age.

Every year thousands of adults take the opportunity to develop themselves, and their careers.

There are many reasons why you might want to return to education. You might be looking to improve your job prospects, be considering a career change or you might simply have an interest in a certain field. Whatever your reasons for studying, we will provide you with all the supports needed to transition to college life and be successful.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Whether you have attended school in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Great Britain or further afield, we have a programme to suit your needs. We have a wide range of suitable programmes with internationally recognised certification that will enhance both your career and further education possibilities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Ó Fiaich Institute welcomes applications from eligible international students. Help and advice is available for international students at every step of the application process and continues after enrolment onto your chosen programme.



ERASMUS+



"During this period, I got the experience of a lifetime and made lifelong friends. I learnt a lot of new skills - I got to gain confidence by living abroad - basically by myself - going to and from work, by myself."

Leanne Byrne

Graduate | Level 5 Childcare and Erasmus+ participant



OFI are very proud to offer the Erasmus+ Programme. The Erasmus+ Programme offers our learners the opportunity to experience working abroad as part of their chosen PLC course. This programme gives our learners the chance to experience new horizons, develop transferable life skills and enhance self-esteem and confidence. There are myriad benefits to our Erasmus+ Programme:

- **Work Experience:** Learners get the opportunity to experience working in a different country. While on Erasmus, learners gain work experience from Monday to Friday. Placements our learners have experienced include working in hospitals, veterinary services, science and research laboratories, hairdressing, human resources among many more. This leads to an improvement in language skills, team-working skills and increased employment opportunities on arrival home!
- **Cultural Experiences:** It's not all work! Erasmus+ also ensures that learners have full exposure to many social and cultural outings. Erasmus+ participants can look forward to flamenco exhibitions, boat trips, day trips to local historical cities among other outings!
- **Independent Living:** Erasmus+ can be the first chance OFI learners have to experience living, cooking, and cleaning for themselves. Overall, this leads to a growth in confidence, self-reliance, and independence.

Placements take place usually in springtime in your academic year. Successful applicants qualify for a grant towards the cost of travel, accommodation and living expenses.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

At OFI, we pride ourselves on having a thriving social element for students to enjoy. As with our courses, our social clubs represent a wide range of interests and talents.

Clubs on offer include Book Club, Film Club, Make-Up Club, Games Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Men's and Women's Soccer Club, Men's and Women's GAA Club, Basketball Club, Well Being Club, Debate Club, and Board Games Club. These clubs offer learners a means of making friends with people who share similar interests. They also provide an

additional social outlet for learners during lunch break or after school.

Our Societies include LGBTQIA+ society, Mature Student Society and International Student Society. These are hugely popular and allow learners to meet others who may share the same background or experiences as them!

Organised by our OFI Student Union, various social events also ensure that students can meet learners outside of their course. Marked on our social calendar are jersey days, Halloween Activity Week, Movember, Christmas Jumper Days, Wellbeing Days, Race Nights among others!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Ó Fiaich Institute is here to Support Your Academic & Sporting Success The Ó Fiaich Institute Sports Scholarship Programme supports high performance sports enthusiasts who have shown talent and commitment and who wish to balance an academic course and their sporting commitments. This Sports Scholarships Programme shows our commitment to facilitate the development of sporting excellence.

ALL SPORTS WELCOME

This programme awards sports scholarships to students across an unlimited range of sports including, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Hurling, Camogie, Handball, Boxing, MMA, Rugby, Equestrian, Athletics, Swimming etc.

All suggestions are taken on board. This list is not exclusive.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must meet the entry requirements for their chosen course.
- Students who are currently competing at a high level in their chosen sport and who intend on pursuing a full-time course at Ó Fiaich Institute
- Students who can demonstrate good leadership qualities and are prepared to get actively involved in our Students Union sports initiatives.



THE BENEFITS

- Presentation of our Sports Scholarship Award.
- Course Fees paid.
- Financial contribution.
- Ó Fiaich Institute branded sportswear.
- An academic mentor to assist with balancing your studies with your training schedule.

HOW TO APPLY

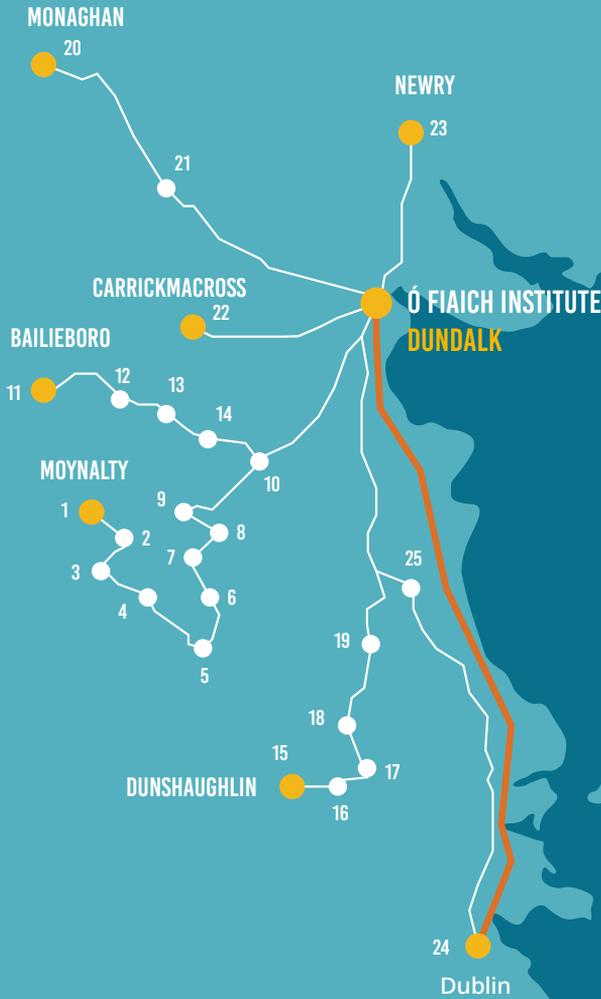
Students who wish to be considered for a Sports Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year must complete an online Application Form in October 2023.

Application forms will be available on our **ofi.ie** website.

For any further information please contact Martin Corey on the email below.

mcorey.ofi@lmetb.ie

GETTING HERE



ROYAL BREFFNI TOURS

Kells-Dundalk Service

- 1 Moynalty
- 2 Carlanstown
- 3 Kells
- 4 Silver Tankard REstaurant & Bar
- 5 Navan
- 6 Kilberry REstaurant
- 7 Wilkinstown
- 8 Castletown
- 9 Woodtown
- 10 Ardee
- Dundalk

Bailieboro-Dundalk Service

- 11 Bailieboro
- 12 Kingscourt
- 13 Meath Hill
- 14 Drumconrath
- 10 Ardee
- Dundalk

Ashbourne-Dundalk Service

- 15 Dunshaughlin
- 16 Ratoath
- 17 Ashbourne
- 18 Kilmoon Cross
- 19 Duleek
- Dundalk

MCENTEE COACH HIRE

- 20 Monaghan Town
- 21 Castleblaney
- Dundalk

ROBBIE FINNEGAN COACHES

- 22 Carrickmacross
- Dundalk

EAST COAST TRAVEL

- 23 Newry
- Dundalk

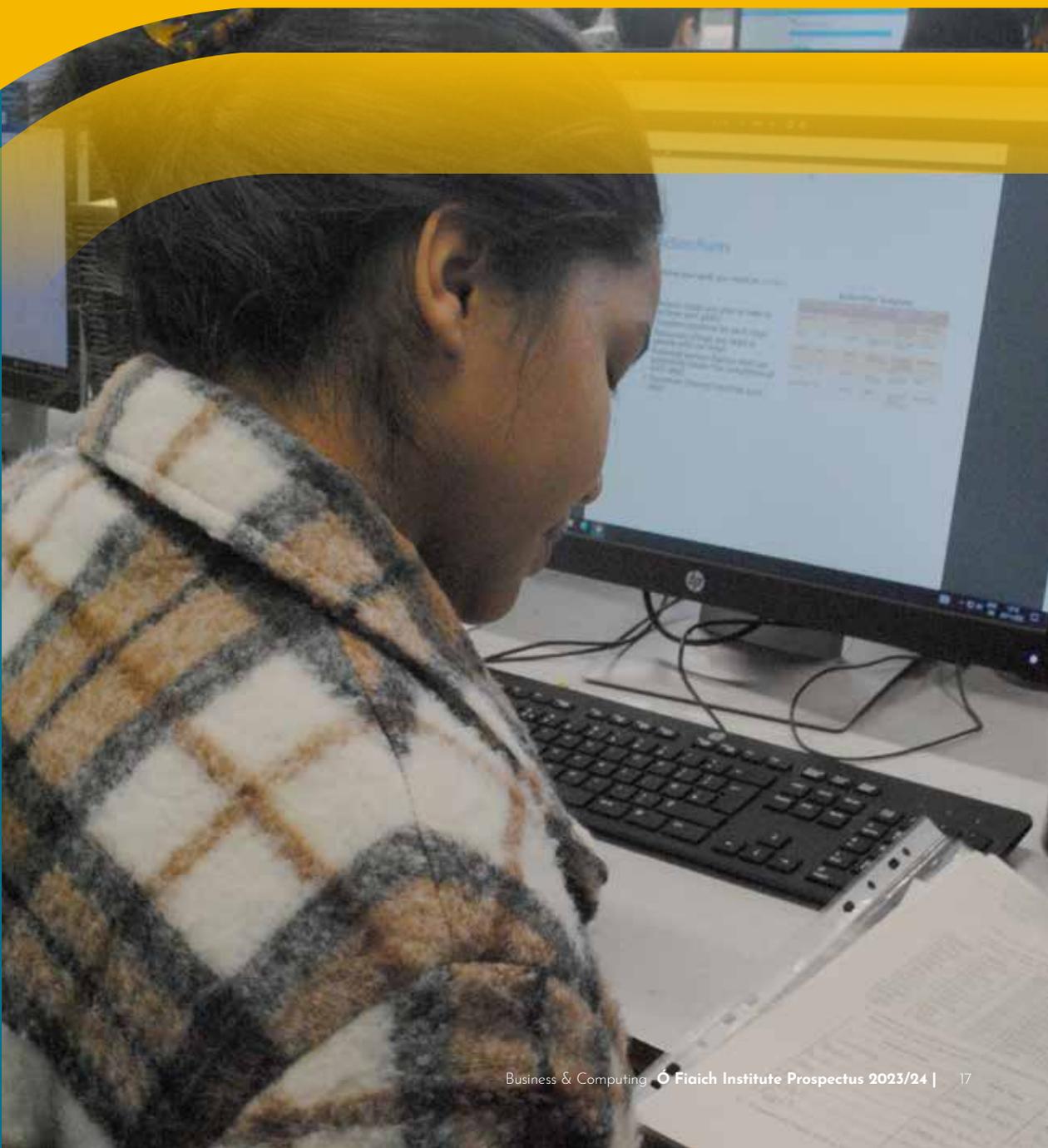
FINLAY COACHES

- 10 Ardee
- Dundalk

MATTHEWS COACH HIRE

- 24 Dublin
- 25 Drogheda
- Dundalk

BUSINESS & COMPUTING



COMPUTER SCIENCE & MOBILE APPS

5M0529 QQI LEVEL 5 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT



This course has been designed to allow students to choose their own unique path in computing specialising in Computer Programming, Web Design, Mobile App Development and Databases. The course gives students the essential skills to start a career in the computing industry with real rewards and excellent career prospects.

In 10 years time

50%

of jobs will be
changed by
automation

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Programming
- Software Architecture
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Database Methods
- Web Authoring
- Mobile Technologies
- Desktop Publishing
- Cyber Security

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **UCD** | Computer Science | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Computer Science | Level 8
- **UCC** | Computer Science | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Computing | Level 8
- **TUS** | Software Design with Mobile Apps and Connected Devices | Level 8
- **SETU** | Cybercrime and IT Security | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Mobile App Developer | Web Developer | Technical Support | Database Administrator | Software Developer | Network Administrator | Systems and IT Administrator | IT Application Support | Cybersecurity Analyst

MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING



Marketing Executives and Social Media Managers play a vital role in today's ever changing business world with online methods of promotion and advertising helping businesses fight, thrive and survive. Social media usage increased by 160,000 between 2021 and 2022 with internet penetration increasing by 388,000 in the same year. Develop the latest business skills and marketing expertise to operate successfully on social media business platforms.

COURSE CONTENT

- Digital Marketing
- Marketing Practice
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Behavioural Studies
- Work Experience
- Applied Economics
- Communications
- EBusiness
- Maths (elective)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Social Media Management for Business | Digital marketing Executive | Sales & Advertising | eBusiness | Public Relations | Independent Marketing Consultancy | Market Research | Entrepreneurship | Business Management | Marketing Agencies

95% of Marketing graduates have progressed to work/further study

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Digital Marketing & Public Relations/Business & Management/Event Management | Level 7
- **DCU** | Marketing, Innovation and Technology/Business Studies | Level 8
- **ATU Galway** | Bachelor of Business in Marketing and Sales | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | BBS (Hons) Marketing/Business/Entrepreneurship | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Business & Management / Marketing/ Ecommerce & Retailing/Event Management | Level 8
- **TCD** | Global Business/Business, Economic & Social Studies/Business Studies | Level 8

BUSINESS & COMPUTING

5M2102 QQI LEVEL 5 BUSINESS STUDIES



This year-long course can help you to develop the critical skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a career in business. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the business environment and a broad knowledge of application software. The course provides a solid foundation for anyone wishing to advance to degree courses in colleges and universities such as DkIT, NUIM and DCU.

92%

of students who enrolled on the course progressed to a course at a higher level or into employment

COURSE CONTENT

- Applied Economics
- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Business Administration Skills
- Communications
- Database Methods
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Start Your Own Business
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **Maynooth University** | Business/Business and Accounting/Entrepreneurship | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Accounting and Finance | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **DCU** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Business Management | Business and Finance | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Commerce | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Reception and Front Office | Office Administration | Clerical Officer | Retail | Banking | Accounting | Create your own Business

ACCOUNTANCY, PAYROLL & HUMAN RESOURCES

5M2102 QQI LEVEL 5 BUSINESS STUDIES



If you have a flair for numbers or enjoy working with finance, then this course is for you. It is designed to deliver the skills, knowledge and competencies required to assist in financial and human resource management. This specialised certificate can be used to gain direct employment within public service or private organisations, as well as to gain entry to third level degree courses at Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Ireland is the **4TH largest** provider of Financial Services in the EU

COURSE CONTENT

- Accounting Manual and Computerised
- Human Resources
- Payroll Manual and Computerised
- Applied Economics
- Business Administration Skills
- Business Law
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Spreadsheet Methods

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Accounting & Finance | Level 8
- **DCU** | Accounting & Finance | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Business and Accounting | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Law & Business | Level 8
- **UCD** | Commerce | Level 8
- **UCD** | Business and Law | Level 8
- **ATU** | Human Resource Management | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **DCU** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **TUD** | Accounting and Finance | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Accountancy Practices | Business Administration Roles | Project Manager | Financial Clerical Officer | Accounts Administrator | Payroll Clerk | Funds Manager | HR Administrator

RECEPTION & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

5M1997 QQI LEVEL 5 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



This specialised certificate is designed to assist the learner with gaining direct employment to administrative roles within the public and private sectors, including roles in medical, dental and legal practices. This certificate can also be used to gain entry to degree programmes.

Administrative
Officers earn an
average of

€31K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Legal Practice & Procedures
- Medical Terminology
- Reception and Frontline Office Skills
- Text Production
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Information and Administration
- Payroll Manual & Computerised
- Spreadsheet Methods

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **UCD** | Humanities | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Finance | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Law and Business | Level 8
- **NUI Galway** | Commerce | Level 8
- **TUS Athlone** | Business and Law | Level 8
- **UCC** | Criminology | Level 8
- **DkIT** | BA in Hospitality Management | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities open to graduates include:

Dental Practices | Medical Practices | Legal Practices | Personal Assistant Roles | Accounts and Payroll Departments | Property Management | Banking and Insurance Practices | Pharmacies

EVENT MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING



Event Management is a growing sector in Ireland which is fundamental to the growth of Irish business. This course will provide students with up-to-date skills in marketing and/or event management, including the planning and promoting of business conferences, festivals, weddings, parties, tourism, trade shows, competitions and sponsorship. Learn to deliver a brand message directly to a company's target audience.

The events industry is responsible for the employment of

32K
people
in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

- Event Production
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Behavioural Studies
- Applied Economics
- Marketing Practice
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Digital Marketing

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Event Management with Marketing | Level 8
- **TUD** | Event Management/Marketing/ Business & Management | Level 8
- **DBS** | Marketing (Event Management) | Level 8
- **DCU** | Business Studies/Marketing, Innovation & Technology | Level 8
- **GCD** | Business (Marketing) | Level 8
- **ATU Sligo** | Tourism & Event Management | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | BBS (Hons) Marketing/Business/Entrepreneurship

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Event Management | Hotel Meetings and Event Management | Sales & Marketing | Party & Wedding Planner | Conference Organiser | Sports & Charity Events Organiser | Tourism Management | Festival Coordination & Management

ADVANCED BUSINESS AND COMPUTING

6M4985 QQI LEVEL 6 BUSINESS



This dynamic Business and Computing course explores modern business practises enabling graduates to gain a wide range of business and IT skills. The course is suitable for students who wish to develop management, IT and marketing techniques which are very much sought after by local, national and global businesses. Graduates can progress to employment or advance their studies with progression to a wide range of degree programmes.

98%

of graduates gain direct entry to Year 2 of a Business degree. Graduates can earn up to **35K per annum**

COURSE CONTENT

- Web Authoring
- Marketing Management
- Business Management
- Professional Presentation
- Applied Economics
- Word Processing
- Statistics
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Business and Technology/Business and Management | Level 7 | (Year 2 Entry)
- **Maynooth University** | BBS in Business Management | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Business and Management | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Entrepreneurship | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Business Information Systems
- **UCD** | Business & Law | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Financial Services Assistant | Clerical Officer | Accounts Officer | Business Administrator | Management | Human Resource Officer | Legal Administrator | Medical Administrator | Sales & Marketing Officer

BEAUTY, SPORT & WELL-BEING



PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP ARTISTRY

ITEC DIPLOMA IN FASHION, THEATRE AND MEDIA MAKEUP
ITEC CERTIFICATE IN EYEBROW TREATMENT AND EYELASH ENHANCEMENTS
ITEC CERTIFICATE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE



This course covers all aspects of make-up artistry, including fashion, theatre, TV, film, and special effects. It combines the technical skills and artistic elements required of a make-up artist. This course covers the skills required to perform effective make-up techniques suitable for various professional media, theatre, and stage productions. As part of this course students develop a comprehensive portfolio featuring a range of different looks.

COURSE CONTENT

- Day Makeup
- Evening Makeup
- Special Occasion Makeup
- Bridal Makeup
- Era Makeup
- Photographic Makeup
- Commercial & Editorial Makeup
- Fantasy Makeup
- Photography Makeup
- Catwalk & High fashion Makeup
- Avant-Garde Makeup
- Makeup photography
- Special Effects
- Customer Service
- Eyelash & Eyebrow Treatments

A Freelance
Makeup Artist can
earn from

€50
per hour

PROGRESSION

Learners can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Holistic Health and Wellbeing or Advanced Beauty Therapy. Learners may also progress to specialist programmes to gain a tutor qualification in this area in a variety of colleges in Ireland and the UK.

The Makeup industry is one of the biggest industries in the world. Makeup makes you look good but good makeup makes money. Brands like Chanel, L'Oreal, MAC make millions of dollars every year from the sale of cosmetics. According to a recent study, women spend approximately 15,000 euro in their lifetime on cosmetics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Make Up Artist | Fashion Brands | Catwalk Makeup Artist | Commercial & Editorial Makeup Artist | Retail Sales | Freelance Bridal Specialist | Freelance Occasional Specialist | Beauty Salons | Tv & Film | Theatre | Trainers & Teachers of Makeup | Business Owners

HOLISTIC HEALTH & WELL-BEING

ITEC DIPLOMA HOLISTIC MASSAGE

ITEC DIPLOMA IN REFLEXOLOGY

ITEC DIPLOMA IN AROMATHERAPY

ITEC CERTIFICATE IN DIET & NUTRITION

REKI LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE



This course is designed to give candidates a broad knowledge of the holistic approach to health and well-being. Learners gain practitioner qualifications for employment in therapies including Swedish Massage, Reflexology, Reiki Masters and Nutrition.

Massage therapists
can earn up to

40K
per year

COURSE CONTENT

- Holistic/Swedish Massage
- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy
- Nutrition
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness
- Work Experience
- Reiki

PROGRESSION

Learners can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Beauty Therapy, Makeup Artistry, Advanced Beauty Therapy, Sports Therapy or New Yoga and Pilates Teacher training course. Alternatively, learners can progress to a number of areas including Naturopathy, Acupuncture, Nutrition or Massage Therapy in specialist colleges such as CNM or HCD.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Spas | Cruise Liners | Holistic Health Centres/clinics | Leisure Centres | Sports & Fitness Centres | Hotels | Self Employment | Health Food Shops | Teaching | Trainer

BEAUTY, MASSAGE AND ELECTROTHERAPY

ITEC DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY, MASSAGE AND ELECTROTHERAPY LEVEL 3



The beauty industry is a rapidly growing sector, and this course focuses on developing the relevant specialist and professional skills for a successful career in this industry. From waxing and skincare treatments to manicures and makeup application, learners will gain the skills and knowledge required to allow progression to employment in various areas including Salons, Health Farms, Spas and Cruise Liners.

COURSE CONTENT

- Skin & Eye Treatments
- Makeup
- Manicure & Pedicure
- Waxing
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness
- Facial Electrical Treatments
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Holistic Massage
- Indian Head Massage

Additional Training:

- Lash Lifts & Eye Lash Extensions
- Gel Polish
- Spray Tanning

As a self-employed
Therapist you can earn
approximately

€40
per hour

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Learners can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Makeup Artistry, Hairdressing, Holistic Health and Wellbeing or Advanced Beauty Therapy. Learners may also progress to specialist programmes to gain a tutor qualification in this area in a variety of colleges in Ireland and the UK.

Did you know?

The beauty industry is known to be resistant to economic downturns - even faring well during the most recent recession in 2008. Though consumers tend to be more price conscious during those times, they do not stop spending. So, in today's environment of rising per capita incomes the beauty business is booming.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Beauty Therapy Salons | Pharmacies | Hotels & Leisure Centres | Spas | Cruise Liners | Health Centres & Health Farms | Beauty Consultation | Skin Clinics

BARBERING

5M3351 QQI LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN HAIRDRESSING
ITEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN BARBERING



This course is taught by qualified professionals who incorporate demonstrations and hands-on workshops with theory work. An integrated work placement providing invaluable industry exposure and state of the art salon facilities ensures graduates will gain recognised qualifications in Barbering.

Barbering is currently one of the most sought-after trades after the impact of Covid 19

COURSE CONTENT

- Barbering Techniques
- Client Consultation
- Cutting Men's Hair & Cutting Facial Hair
- Hairdressing Theory and Practice
- Hairdressing Science
- Work Experience/Personal and professional development
- Customer Service
- Communications
- Digital Marketing/Reception and front office skills
- Health & Safety at Work

Additional

- ITEC Level 2 Certificate in Barbering

PROGRESSION

Graduates can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Professional Hairdressing. Additionally, learners can access Level 6 and Diploma programmes in Hairdressing and Barbering. Learners may also progress to specialist programmes to gain further qualifications in this area in a variety of colleges in Ireland and in the UK.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in locations such as:
Barber Shops | Hair Salons | Demonstrators | Salon Owner | Film, Theatre and TV Hair
Specialist Stylist | Salon Manager | Hairdressing Tutor | Cruise Ships

PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSING

5M3351 QQI LEVEL 5 HAIRDRESSING



This course is designed to facilitate those wishing to pursue a career in the hairdressing industry. Kick-start your career in the hair and beauty industry and gain the skills required to in run and manage a working salon.

As a self-employed
Therapist you can earn
approximately

€40
per hour

COURSE CONTENT

- Hairdressing theory and practice
- Hairdressing science
- Health & safety
- Work experience
- Customer service
- Creative styling/barbering
- Word processing
- Reception and front office skills

PROGRESSION

Graduates can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Barbering and Beauty related programmes. Additionally, learners can access Level 6 and Diploma programmes in Hairdressing. Learners can advance to Year 2 of the new National Hairdressing Apprenticeship.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Hair Stylist | Barber | Image Consultant | Film, Theatre and TV Hair Specialist Stylist | Product & Equipment Sales Representative | Salon Manager | Hairdressing Tutor | Cruise Ships | Salon Owner

HOSPITALITY & EVENT MANAGEMENT

5M2083 QQI LEVEL 5 HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS



This course will expand the learner's knowledge and skills in these exciting industries. Hospitality and Event Management is one of the fastest growing industries all over the world. Event Management involves planning and ensuring that special events run smoothly and includes both small events and those on a large scale such as festivals, concerts and conferences. Hospitality is most commonly associated with Hotels but also includes careers in entertainment venues, restaurants, bars and casual dining, event management and contract catering.

The events industry is responsible for the employment of

35K
people

COURSE CONTENT

- Food Preparation
- Accommodation Techniques
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Digital Marketing
- Menu Planning & Applied Nutrition
- Restaurant Hospitality
- Reception & Frontline Skills
- Event Production

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Event Management | L8
- **TU Dublin** | Tourism & Digital Marketing
- **TU Dublin** | Hospitality Management
- **TU Dublin** | Hospitality Management
- **ATU Sligo** | Tourism with Event Management

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Event Management | Hotel Meetings and Event Management | Sales & Marketing | Party & Wedding Planner | Conference Organiser | Sports & Charity Events Organiser | Tourism Management | Festival Coordination & Management.

TOURISM WITH CABIN CREW & AIRLINE STUDIES

5M5011 QQI LEVEL 5 TOURISM WITH BUSINESS

IAOT CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY STUDIES



Tourism is one of the main industries experiencing rapid growth in Ireland and graduates from this course will be well equipped to work in this fast paced sector. A wide range of exciting opportunities await for graduates from becoming a cabin crew member to working in a travel agency or as a tour guide.

50%

of 2018 Graduates had secured industry specific employment before finishing the course

COURSE CONTENT

- Tourism Principles & Practice
- Tourism Information & Administration
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Reception & Frontline Office Skills
- Safety & Health at Work
- Cabin Crew Operations
- Word Processing
- Ready for Take Off

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Event Management | Level 7
- **GMIT** | Hotel & Catering Management | Level 7
- **TU Dublin** | Tourism Marketing | Level 8
- **NUI Galway** | Arts (History) | Level 8
- **LYIT** | Hospitality and Tourism | Level 7
- **WIT** | Tourism Marketing | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Cabin Crew Member | Passenger Service Agent | Airport Security | Travel Agent | Tour Guide
| Holiday Representative | Tourist Office | Reservations Agent | Hotel Receptionist

SPORTS REHABILITATION & INJURY MANAGEMENT

5M5146 QQI LEVEL 5 SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE
ITEC LEVEL 3 AND 4 QUALIFICATIONS IN SPORTS MASSAGE
THERAPY



This programme offers learners access to an exciting, rewarding and satisfying career. You will learn to improve health and functional fitness of people with injury, illness and disease and make a real difference to the quality of health and wellbeing of your clients. Throughout this busy year, you will practise on other students to develop the skills required to work in the sports therapy industry.

17 students gained a full QQI Level 5 Award from this programme in 2020-2021

COURSE CONTENT

- Exercise & Fitness
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sport & Recreation Studies
- Kinesiology
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice
- Physiotherapy Assistant Theory
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Nutrition
- First Aid

Additional:

- ITEC Level 3 Diploma & Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **AIT** | Athletic & Rehabilitation Therapy | Level 8
- **Hanze University, Netherlands** | Physiotherapy | Level 8
- **Portobello Institute** | Sports Therapy | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- **IT Carlow** | Sport Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy | Level 8
- **AIT** | Sports Science with Exercise Physiology | Level 8
- **Fontys University** | BSc Physiotherapy | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Sport Massage Therapist | Physiotherapy Assistant | Physical Therapist Assistant | Health Farm Assistant | Private Practice | Leisure Centre & Gym Therapist | Sports Team Therapist | Mobile Therapist

SPORTS CONDITIONING & EXERCISE PERFORMANCE

5M5146 QQI LEVEL 5 SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE
ITEC LEVEL 2 AWARD IN INSTRUCTING STRENGTH & CONDITIONING SESSIONS



Strength and Conditioning has become a key consideration for all sports in the last decade. This course aims to prepare participants for work in sports conditioning and exercise performance roles. The learner will be introduced to the principal of planning strength and conditioning sessions for athletes in a variety of different sports and exercise settings.

Strength and Conditioning coaches can earn up to

38K
per year

COURSE CONTENT

- Sport & Recreation Studies
- Exercise & Fitness
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Sports Nutrition
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Word Processing
- Occupational First Aid
- ITEC : Planning and Instructing Strength & Conditioning Session
- Performance Workshops

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **IT Carlow** | Strength & Conditioning | Level 8
- **LIT - Thurles** | Strength & Conditioning | Level 7 & Level 8
- **AIT** | Sports Science with Exercise Physiology | Level 8
- **GMIT** | Sports & Exercise Science | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Sports, Exercise and Enterprise | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Strength & Conditioning Coach | Fitness Instructor | Fitness & Conditioning Coach for Sports Teams | Leisure Attendant | Intern with Exercise Professionals | Fitness Assessor | Private Practice | Performance Analyst

SPORTS, EXERCISE & COACHING

5M5146 QQI LEVEL 5 SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE
NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY SPORTS COACHING AWARDS
FIRST AID RESPONDER (PHECC AND HSA ACCREDITED)



If you enjoy working with people, have an interest in the areas of sport and exercise and are highly energised and motivated, this course is for you. Gain real, practical experience through coaching and instructing in sport and exercise, while developing your knowledge, skills and confidence in the area. Completing this course leads to a world of opportunities for employment and/or further studies in this dynamic and exciting sector.

88%

of graduates have progressed to work and/or further study

COURSE CONTENT

- Exercise & Fitness
- Sport & Recreation Studies
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports & Exercise Injury Prevention
- Nutrition
- Soccer Coaching
- Gaelic Coaching
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Sports Psychology
- ITEC Strength & Conditioning
- First Aid Responder

Additional:

- National Governing Body Sports Coaching Awards (Gaa Foundation Award) (Soccer PDP1 / PDP2)

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Sports, Exercise and Enterprise | Level 7
- **IT Carlow** | Sports Coaching and Business Management (Soccer/GAA/Rugby) | Level 8
- **UCC** | Sports Studies and Physical Education | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Leisure Management | Level 7
- **DkIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- **IT Tralee** | Health and Leisure (with Physical Education) | Level 8
- **GMIT** | Sport & Exercise Science | Level 8
- **GMIT** | Sports Coaching | Level 8
- **Carlow IT** | Sport & Exercise Science | Level 8
- **Carlow IT** | Sports Management & Coaching | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Leisure Attendant | Youth and Community Work | Soccer Coach | Basketball Coach | Gaelic Football Coach | Sports Retail | Sports Development | Sports Officer

YOGA & PILATES INSTRUCTOR WITH MASSAGE

ITEC DIPLOMA IN YOGA TEACHING
ITEC DIPLOMA IN PILATES TEACHING
ITEC DIPLOMA IN HOLISTIC MASSAGE
ITEC CERTIFICATE IN DIET & NUTRITION
ITEC DIPLOMA IN REFLEXOLOGY
ITEC DIPLOMA IN AROMATHERAPY
REIKI LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE



This course will provide qualifications to become a Yoga and Pilates teacher while gaining an understanding of the Holistic Approach to health and well-being.

There are currently

135

job opportunities
as a yoga teacher
in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules (Mornings)

- Yoga Teaching
- Pilates Teaching
- Principles of Exercise, Fitness and Health
- Supporting clients in Exercise and Physical Activity
- Health and Safety
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Holistic/Swedish Massage
- Nutrition
- Work Experience

Optional Electives (Afternoons)

- Reiki
- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy

PROGRESSION

Learners can progress to study various related courses in OFI including Beauty Therapy, Makeup Artistry, Advanced Beauty Therapy or Sports Therapy. Alternatively, learners can progress to a number of areas including Naturopathy, Acupuncture, Nutrition or Massage Therapy in specialist colleges such as CNM or HCD.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Yoga Studios | Pilates Studios | Spa's | Cruise Liners | Holistic Health Centres/clinics | Leisure Centres | Sports & Fitness Centres | Hotels | Self Employment

ENGINEERING & SCIENCE



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

5M2061 QQI LEVEL 5 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY



Engineers are the innovators and problem solvers of the modern era. From simple to complex structures, a door handle to a supercar, an engineer has been involved from concept design to production. This course is designed to equip learners with the skills and knowledge to enter employment at apprenticeship level or progress onto professional engineering programmes at various universities and Institutes of Technology.

80%
of graduates'
progress to Higher
Education

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Aided Design
- Maths For STEM
- Mechanics
- Materials Science
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Engineering Workshop Theory
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Safe Pass Training

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Engineering – Common Entry | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Civil Engineering/Mechanical Engineering/Electrical & Electronic Systems | Level 7
- **DKIT** | Construction Management | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Engineering – General Entry | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Civil Engineering | Level 7
- **DKIT** | Architectural Technology | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Engineering Machine Operative | Engineering Technician – Civil | Engineering Technician – Electrical | Engineering Technician – Mechanical | Engineering Craft Machinist | Building Services Engineering Technician | Agricultural Technician | Advanced Manufacturing Technician

BIOMEDICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE

5M3807 QQI LEVEL 5 LABORATORY TECHNIQUES



This course provides learners with the practical skills, knowledge and experience to progress in this exciting and growing area. The course provides learners with an introduction to laboratory skills, medical terminology, sterilisation practises and chemistry through both science-based fieldwork and practical laboratory work. This allows learners to develop the knowledge, skills and techniques required for work in modern health sciences or alternatively as a pathway to various related degree programmes.

COURSE CONTENT

- Laboratory Skills
- Chemistry
- Safety and Health at Work
- Biology
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mechanics
- Physics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:
Laboratory Science | Pharmaceutical Industry | Bioscience | Physics | Chemistry

>24K

people in the Leinster region are employed in the 'Biomedical and Pharmaceutical' sector

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **UCD/Maynooth University/DKIT** | Science | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Pharmaceutical Science | Level 7
- **TU Dublin** | Science - Common Entry | Level 8
- **TCD** | Biological and Biomedical Sciences | Level 8
- **MTU Cork** | Physical Sciences | Level 7
- **DCU** | Environmental Science and Technology | Level 8

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP SKILLS

5M5010 QQI LEVEL 5 CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Equip yourself with relevant skills to begin an apprenticeship in a range of areas. Employers are seeking apprentices who have basic qualifications in Maths, Computers and Communication skills to add to their chosen trade. There is a massive increase in the number of apprenticeships available at the moment, so make sure you are ready to take that step by embarking on a pre-apprenticeship course.

By 2025 Ireland
hope to support

50K
apprentices/
trainees

COURSE CONTENT

- Electronics with Robotics
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Wood Fabrication
- Computer Aided Design
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Building Construction
- Building Services
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TU Dublin/GMIT/AIT** | Civil Engineering | Level 7
- **DKIT** | Building Surveying | Level 8
- **TU Dublin/DKIT** | Engineering | Level 8
- **Carlow IT/IT Sligo/LYIT** | Quantity Surveying | Level 8
- **DKIT/GMIT/CIT** | Mechanical Engineering | Level 7
- **TU Dublin/DKIT/GMIT** | Construction Management | Level 8
- **TU Dublin/Carlow IT/DKIT** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Timber Products Technology | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Electrician | Engineering | Plumbing | Motor Mechanics | Wood Manufacturing & Finishing | Metal Fabrication | Carpentry | Joinery | Pipe Fitting | Tool Making | Computing

SCIENCE & LABORATORY TECHNIQUES

5M3807 QQI LEVEL 5 LABORATORY TECHNIQUES



Are you interested in a career in science? This programme provides students with the skills required to obtain employment in laboratories or other science related disciplines such as pharmaceutical science, biochemical engineering or biotechnology. In our rapidly evolving society, science graduates have the opportunity to influence and shape the world we live in today.

60%

progression rate to third level science and science related degrees

COURSE CONTENT

- Laboratory Skills
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mechanics
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Safety and Health at Work
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Science | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Science - Common Entry | Level 8
- **UCD** | Science | Level 8
- **MTU Cork** | Physical Sciences | Level 7
- **DkIT** | Pharmaceutical Science | Level 7
- **DCU** | Environmental Science and Technology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Laboratory Science | Pharmaceutical Industry | Bioscience | Physics | Chemistry

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND CARE

5M2768 QQI LEVEL 5 ANIMAL SCIENCE



Animal Science & Care provides the student with the skills, experience and knowledge to make an informed choice regarding continuing their studies or progressing into employment. Whether your interests lie in the animal care sector, animal grooming or veterinary nursing, studying Animal Science is a pathway that allows access to all of these opportunities.

Experienced
Dog Groomers
(self-employed)
typically earn

€35K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Animal Welfare
- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Animal Grooming
- Safety & Health at Work
- Biology
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Laboratory Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Word Processing

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **DKIT** | Science/Agricultural Science | Level 8
- **AIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **LYIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **UCD** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 8
- **UCD** | Agricultural Science | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in various roles including: Veterinary Assistant | Dog Grooming Assistant Animal Care Industry | Zoo Keeping Assistant | Dog Warden | Boarding Kennels Assistant | Agriculture

ADVANCED ANIMAL SCIENCE & CARE

LEVEL 6 QQI ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE
6M5153



The aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to work independently and/or in a management or supervisory role within animal related industries

Qualified
veterinary
nurses can
expect to earn

€25K -
€32K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Animal Science and Health
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Wild Animal Management
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Behaviour
- Kennel & Cattery Management
- Communications

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **UCD** | Animal Science | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Science/Agricultural Science | Level 8
- **AIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **LYIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **UCD** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 8
- **UCD** | Agricultural Science | Level 8
- **UCC** | Zoology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in various roles including:
Veterinary assistant | Dog groomer | Zookeeper Assistant | Dog Warden | Boarding Kennels
Owner/ Assistant | Animal Rescue Assistant

AGRICULTURE STUDIES

5M2768 QQI LEVEL 5 ANIMAL CARE



Agriculture studies will aid you to develop a range of technical skills and knowledge, including land use, farming practice, crop and livestock science, food production, sustainability and environmental management. In this course you will gain a deeper understanding of the technical, ethical, scientific and business principles that hold the Irish agricultural industry to a high standard.

COURSE CONTENT

- Animal Welfare
- Health & Safety on the Farm
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Start Your Own Business
- Beef Production
- Farm Business Organisation
- Organic Principles & Procedures

The agri-food sector accounts for around **7%** of Economy wide GVA

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Bachelor of Science (Hons) Agriculture | Level 8
- **UCD** | Bachelor Agriculture Science | Level 8
- **MTU** | Ordinary Bachelor of Science Agriculture | Level 7
- **ATU** | Ordinary Bachelor of Science Agriculture | Level 7
- **MTU Kerry Campus** | Ordinary Bachelor Engineering – Agricultural Engineering | Level 7
- **SETU Waterford Campus** | Bachelor of Science Forestry | Level 7
- **TUS Limerick Campuses** | Agricultural Mechanisation Pallaskenny Agricultural College & TUS Limerick Campus | Level 7
- **ATU** | Ordinary Bachelor of Science Agriculture | Agriculture & Environmental Management | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Agricultural consultant/adviser | Animal breeder | Clinical research officer | Farm manager | Field trials officer | Forestry manager | Horticultural consultant | Landscape gardener | Veterinary surgeon/nurse | Zookeeper

CARPENTRY & CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

5M5010 QQI LEVEL 5 CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Equip yourself with relevant skills to begin a career in construction. Employers are seeking apprentices who have basic qualifications in Maths, CAD and Communication skills to add to their chosen trade. There is a massive increase in the number of apprenticeships available at the moment, so make sure you are ready to take that step by embarking on a building construction course.

47K

houses will have to be built each year for the next five years just to meet demand

COURSE CONTENT

- Building Construction
- Building Services
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Wood Fabrication
- Design Skills
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TU Dublin/GMIT/AIT** | Civil Engineering | Level 7
- **DKIT** | Building Surveying | Level 8
- **TU Dublin/DKIT** | Engineering | Level 8
- **Carlow IT/IT Sligo/LYIT** | Quantity Surveying | Level 8
- **DKIT/GMIT/CIT** | Mechanical Engineering | Level 7
- **TU Dublin/DKIT/GMIT** | Construction Management | Level 8
- **TU Dublin/Carlow IT/DKIT** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Timber Products Technology | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Engineering | Plumbing | Building Construction | Wood Manufacturing & Finishing | Building Surveying | Quantity Surveying | Metal Fabrication | Carpentry | Joinery | Pipe Fitting | Tool Making | Computing

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

5M5028 QQI LEVEL 5 IN APPLIED ECOLOGY



Have you an interest or concern regarding the quality of our environment? Want to learn about national and global issues related to sustainability and climate change? Would you like to learn how to make improvements to our environment for the benefit of current and future generations? If this is of interest to you why not begin Environmental and Sustainability Studies at OFI College.

We are experiencing a shift toward stricter environmental standards in many areas of society and industry, including waste minimisation, waste management, energy consumption, recycling and water quality.

COURSE CONTENT

- Sustainable Water Management
- Ecological Field Methods
- Biological Diversity
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Environmental Studies
- Soil Science & Growing Media
- Applied Permaculture / Permaculture Design
- Plant Identification & Use

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **UL** | Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science | Level 8
- **TCD** | Environmental Sciences | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) | Level 8
- **UCD** | Bachelor Agriculture Science | Level 8
- **DCU** | Environmental Science and Technology | Level 8
- **TUS** | Environmental Science and Climate | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Conservation Services | National Parks | Environmental Agencies | Wildlife Trusts or other related organisations

QUANTITY SURVEYING

5M5010 QQI LEVEL 5 IN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Quantity Surveying provides learners with the opportunity to develop the skills and expertise required to become a Quantity Surveyor. Undertaking this course will enable learners to develop knowledge of measurement and valuation, spreadsheet production, building and construction methods, surveying practices, 2D plan production and 3D simulations. Learners will gain experience and competence in the fundamentals of Quantity Surveying, measurement and valuation of works, payment processes and quantifying new and existing projects.

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Aided Drafting
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Spreadsheets Methods
- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Economics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Quantity Surveying programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Quantity Surveying | Building Information Modelling | Planning | Building Services | Engineering | CAD Technician | Project Management

the average salary of
Quantity Surveyors in
Ireland are expected to
increase by up to

40%

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TU Dublin** | Quantity Surveying & Construction Economics | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Property Economics | Level 8
- **SETU Waterford** | Quantity Surveying | Level 8
- **ATU Sligo** | Quantity Surveying & Construction Economics | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **IT Carlow** | Quantity Surveying | Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Quantity Surveying | Level 8
- **WIT** | Architecture & Building Modelling Technology | Level 8

PRE-UNIVERSITY



PRE-UNIVERSITY NURSING STUDIES WITH MIDWIFERY

5M4349 QQI LEVEL 5 NURSING STUDIES



The Pre-University Nursing Studies with Midwifery programme is a one-year course for students wishing to train as nurses both here in Ireland and in the UK. Students can use this QQI level 5 programme to gain entry to Nursing Degree courses in university. It provides a solid foundation in Nursing theory and practice and allows students to accurately assess their suitability for a career in nursing. Students will go on work experience in a hospital or nursing home where they will practice their skills. Applications are also invited from mature students wishing to pursue a career in nursing.

The annual salary for nursing is

**€31K -
€50K**
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Care Provision and Practice
- Maternity Care Support
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Growth and Development
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- Infection Prevention and Control

Additional Certification:

- First Aid Responder
- Patient Moving and Handling
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates could progress to a higher education place in a level 8 nursing degree in Universities and Institutes of Technology around the country through the QQI entry system. Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Midwifery | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Mental Health Nursing | Level 8
- **AIT** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU** | Children's and General Nursing (Integrated) | Level 8
- **UCD** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **UCAS** | Nursing Degree throughout the UK | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can progress to employment in various areas including a nursing home, healthcare agency, home help and hospitals as a qualified healthcare assistant after successfully completing this course.

PRE-UNIVERSITY ARTS

5M3114 QQI LEVEL 5 IN GENERAL STUDIES



Thinking about an Arts or Humanities Degree in the future? Pre-University Arts offers an effective gateway for students wishing to study Arts and Humanities at Higher Education. Pre-University Arts delivers a broad range of subjects to students which provides them with a deep insight into the variety of options available at third level. This course equips the learner with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and versatile footing, from which they can progress to a suitable degree programme to access their chosen career.

COURSE CONTENT

- Research and Study Skills
- Law
- Journalism
- English Literature
- History
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Information and Communication Systems
- French

By 2025 Ireland hopes to support

50K
apprentices/
trainees

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- DCU | Arts & Humanities | Level 8
- DKIT | Digital Humanities | Level 8
- DKIT | Media Arts & Technology | Level 7
- TUD | Journalism | Level 8
- TUD | Law | Level 8
- NUIG | Arts | Level 8
- NUIM | Arts | Level 8
- UCC | Arts | Level 8
- UCD | Arts | Level 8
- UL | Psychology & Sociology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Arts programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Law | Counselling | Public Relations | Journalism | Curator | Translation | Social Work | Archaeology

PRE-UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURE

5M1940 QQI LEVEL 5 IN COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN



Pre-University Architecture provides learners with the opportunity to enhance their competencies, skills and understanding required for architectural design. This course enables learners to develop knowledge of architectural practices, 2D plan production and 3D simulations. Learners will become familiar with fundamentals of architectural design, consideration of construction materials and how to fully meet the needs of the client.

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Aided Design
- Design Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Materials Science

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **Carlow IT** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **GCD** | Interior Architecture & Design | Level 8
- **IT Sligo** | Interior Architecture and Design | Level 7
- **TU Dublin** | Architectural Technology | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Architecture | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Interior Design | Level 8
- **WIT** | Architecture & Building Modelling Technology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Architecture programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Architecture | Engineering | Quantity Surveying | Building Information Modelling | Planning
Building Services | CAD | Project Management

PRE-UNIVERSITY BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING

5M2102 QQI LEVEL 5 IN BUSINESS STUDIES



Pre-University Business & Accounting enables learners to improve their understanding of the business world while gaining the skills necessary to progress in this field. This course introduces learners to key business techniques and concepts including; database methods, accounting practices and entrepreneurship. This programme provides a clear pathway into various career areas such as finance, commerce, accounting, and economics.

The salary range for a business adviser is

€30K -
€85K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Start Your Own Business
- Communications
- Business Administration
- Database Methods
- Economics
- Desktop Publishing
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DCU** | Accounting & Finance | Global Business | Level 8
- **DCU** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Accounting & Finance | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Business Studies | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Business & Accounting | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Law & Business | Commerce | Level 8
- **UCD** | Business and Law | Level 8
- **UCD** | Commerce | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Business and Accounting programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Accountancy | Financial Services | Tax Consultancy | Economics | Retail Management | Banking | Law | Business Management

PRE-UNIVERSITY COMPUTING WITH CYBER SECURITY

5M0529 QQI LEVEL 5 IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT



Pre-University Computing students gain a blend of skills that is essential in supporting, developing and maintaining IT infrastructure. This course includes a broad range of concepts in computing including; programming, software applications, web design, databases and cyber security. This equips the learner with the necessary skills and knowledge required to progress to a wide range of degree courses in this area.

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Programming
- Work Experience
- Software Architecture
- Mathematics
- Mobile Technologies
- Communications
- Database Methods
- Web Authoring
- Desktop Publishing
- Cyber Security

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TUS** | Software Design with Mobile Apps and Connected Devices | Level 8
- **SETU** | Cybercrime and IT Security | Level 7
- **DKIT** | BSc (Hons) in Computing | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Education (Computer Science & Mathematical Studies) | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Robotics & Intelligent Devices | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Computer Science | Level 8
- **UCC** | Computer Science | Level 8
- **UCD** | Computer Science | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Computing programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Software Engineering | Networking | IT Security & Cyber Security | Cloud Computing | Web Development | IT Consultancy | Mobile App Development | Robotics

PRE-UNIVERSITY PHYSIOTHERAPY

5M5146 QQI LEVEL 5 IN SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE



Pre-University Physiotherapy would be ideal for any learners wishing to advance their education and progress to a career in physiotherapy. Learners develop the skills needed for assessing and treating clients whose movement is restricted by injury, illness or disability. This course provides an excellent foundation in the fundamentals of physiotherapy and develops the necessary skills required to progress to higher education.

COURSE CONTENT

- Anatomy & Physiology for Sport
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice
- Physiotherapy Assistant Theory
- Sport & Recreation Studies
- Customer Service
- Kinesiology
- Work Experience
- Exercise & Fitness
- Nutrition
- Sports Massage
- First Aid Responder
- ITEC Level 3 Diploma & Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **AIT** | Athletic & Rehabilitation Therapy | Level 8
- **AIT** | Sports Science with Exercise Physiology | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- Hanze University, Netherlands | Physiotherapy | Level 8
- **IT Carlow** | Sport Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy | Level 8
- **Portobello Institute** | Sports Therapy | Level 8
- **Sheffield Hallam University** | Physiotherapy | Level 8 (UCAS Application)
- **University of Wolverhampton** | Physiotherapy | Level 8 (UCAS Application)
- **Fontys University, Netherlands** | Physiotherapy | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Physiotherapy programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy | Cardio Respiratory Physiotherapy | Sport Massage | Physiotherapy Lecturing | Acupuncture | Health Promotion | Sports Rehabilitation | Sports Physiologist | Osteopathy | Craniosacral Therapy

PRE-UNIVERSITY SCIENCE

5M3807 QQI LEVEL 5 IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES



This programme has been designed specifically to support students in achieving the entry requirements for studying Science based programmes at Higher Education. This programme offers learners a mixture of classroom based subjects, laboratory techniques and industry based experience. This programme provides a clear pathway into a range of science related degree programmes.

All of the world's

25 largest Biotech & Pharma companies

have a significant presence in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Laboratory Skills
- Mechanics
- Maths for STEM
- Communications
- Health and Safety at Work
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **UCD/Maynooth University/DKIT** | Science | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Pharmaceutical Science | Level 7
- **TU Dublin** | Science - Common Entry | Level 8
- **TCD** | Biological and Biomedical Sciences | Level 8
- **MTU Cork** | Physical Sciences | Level 7
- **DCU** | Environmental Science and Technology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Science/Agricultural Science programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Laboratory Science | Pharmaceutical Industry | Bioscience | Physics | Chemistry

PRE-UNIVERSITY ANIMAL SCIENCE

5M2768 QQI LEVEL 5 ANIMAL SCIENCE



The aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to progress to a University Programme in the area of Veterinary Nursing/ Animal Science/ Science/ Agricultural Science.

Qualified
veterinary
nurses can
expect to earn

€25K -
€32K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Welfare
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Animal Grooming
- Safety & Health at Work
- Biology
- Laboratory Skills
- Word Processing

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **DkIT** | Science/Agricultural Science | Level 8
- **AIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **LYIT** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 7
- **UCD** | Veterinary Nursing | Level 8
- **UCD** | Agricultural Science | Level 8
- **TCD** | Zoology - Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- **UCD** | Animal Science (Equine)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in various roles including:
Veterinary Assistant | Dog Grooming Assistant | Animal Care Industry | Zoo Keeping Assistant |
Dog Warden | Boarding Kennels Assistant | Agriculture

PRE-UNIVERSITY MARKETING & BUSINESS

5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING



Business & Marketing online consists of social media, website creation, design, marketing, maintenance and online payments for products and services.

Website revenue for businesses in Ireland has grown 150% since COVID 19 in 2020. Digital Marketing jobs are in demand with 68% of Irish consumers doing more online shopping now than before the pandemic.

Learn how to create business clients' websites and establish their social media presence.

Two thirds of Irish e-commerce websites now turnover more than

€1 MILLION

COURSE CONTENT

- eBusiness
- Marketing Practice
- Advertising
- Digital Marketing
- Public Relations
- Behavioural Studies
- Work Experience
- Applied Economics
- Communications
- Maths (elective)

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TCD** | Global Business | Business, Economic and Social Studies (BESS) | Level 8
- **ATU Galway/Mayo** | Marketing and Sales/ Event Management with Public Relations | Level 8
- **GCD** | Business (Marketing) | Level 8
- **University of Galway** | Business Information Systems | Level 8
- **DCU/ DKIT/ UL** | Business Studies | Marketing | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Business (Marketing Management) | Digital Marketing | Advertising & Public Relations | E-commerce in Retail | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | BBS (Hons) Marketing/Business/Entrepreneurship | Level 8
- **UCD** | Business & Law | Level 8
- **CW/ CIT/ DBS / WIT/ LIT / LYIT** | Marketing | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Business Management | Social Media Management for Business | eBusiness | Digital Marketing Executive | Public Relations | Sales & Advertising | Independent Marketing Consultancy | Market Research | Entrepreneurship | Marketing Agencies

PRE-UNIVERSITY LAW

5M3789 QQI LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL STUDIES



Law is a stimulating and dynamic subject that dominates many aspects of our lives. Laws and legal processes dictate our relationships and interactions between people, business and governments at a local, regional, national and international level. This course prepares the learner for further study in realms of business, family, or criminal law among others. Equally, it equips the student with the skills and knowledge needed to progress into employment.

Entry-level
positions for
law start at

€70K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Conflict Resolution
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Criminology
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **AIT** | Business and Law | Level 8
- **DCU** | Law | Level 8
- **UCD** | Law | Level 8
- **TUD** | Law | Level 8
- **TCD** | Law | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Law | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice | Level 8
- **UL** | Criminal Justice | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Law | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Law graduates have many options to them as they progress. With a law qualification you can progress to work in :

Chambers | Litigation | Real estate | Family court | Criminal courts

PRE-UNIVERSITY SPORTS SCIENCE

5M3807 QQI LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES



If you are interested in how athletes achieve success from a human body and movement point of view or how the human body responds to physical activity, then this course is for you. Pre-University Sports Science course is engaging, and it will develop your knowledge, skills and confidence in the area.

Sports Science is fast becoming one of the most popular subjects to study at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

COURSE CONTENT

- Laboratory Skills
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Communications
- Work experience
- Sports Anatomy and Physiology
- Exercise and Fitness
- Word Processing
- Mathematics

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DCU** | Physical Education with Mathematics | Level 8
- **DCU** | Physical Education with Biology | Level 8
- **AIT** | Sports Science with Exercise Physiology | Level 8
- **DCU** | Sports Science & Health | Level 8
- **SLIGO IT** | Health Science & Physical Activity | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Sports Science & Health | Level 8
- **CARLOW IT** | Sport & Exercise Science | Level 8
- **GMIT** | Sport & Exercise Science | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

PE Teaching | Sports Scientist | Wellness Coordinator | Sports Coach | Sports Development Coordinator | Sports Development Officer | Fitness Consultant | Athletics Manager

PRE-UNIVERSITY TEACHING

5M3114 QQI LEVEL 5 IN GENERAL STUDIES



Pre-University Teaching lays the foundation for those who wish to progress to a career in education. Learners in the Pre-University Teaching programme will enhance their skills, knowledge and practical experience prior to progressing to higher education. This dynamic course provides progression opportunities to degree courses in various disciplines including teaching, arts and humanities.

84%

of graduates from this course progressed to a Level 8 degree

COURSE CONTENT

- Research and Study Skills
- Education and Training Concepts
- English Literature
- Law
- Journalism
- Psychology
- History
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DCU** | Post-Primary Teacher Education | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Digital Humanities | Level 8
- **Trinity College** | Politics, Languages, Sociology | Level 8
- **UCD** | Arts | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Education | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Arts | Level 8
- **NCI** | Psychology | Level 8
- **UL** | Psychology & Sociology | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of the Pre-University Teaching programme, you may progress to a degree which can lead to a career in:

Post Primary Teaching | Further Education Teaching | Law | Counselling | Journalism | Education Consultant | Special Educational Needs Teaching | Psychology

PRE-GARDA AND SECURITY STUDIES

5M2110 QQI LEVEL 5 SECURITY STUDIES



This is the perfect course for anyone inspired to join the Garda Síochána, defence forces, security organisations or those going on to further studies in criminology, law or related degrees. With specialist content around conflict resolution, criminology and legal studies, this comprehensive course will enhance both your study & career opportunities.

Budget 2023
announced
funding for **1,000**
new Gardaí

COURSE CONTENT

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Conflict Resolution
- Criminology
- Communications
- Security Industry Procedures
- Retail Security
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- First Aid Responder

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **The Garda College, Templemore** | B.A. in Applied Policing | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Law and Criminology | Level 8
- **UCC** | Criminology | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | DNA and Forensic Analysis | Level 8
- **GMIT** | Forensic Science and Analysis | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Arts – Criminology | Level 8
- **WIT** | Computer Forensics and Security | Level 8
- **LKIT** | Law with Criminal Justice | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in roles such as:

Security Guard | Security Technician | Retail Security Officer | Security Administrator | Sports Stadium Steward | Private Security | Door Security Staff | Apply for entry to An Garda Síochána, Prison Services and the Defence Forces

PRE – UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM

5M2464 LEVEL 5 JOURNALISM SKILLS IN MODERN SOCIETY



This award supports students in the creation and development of the skills needed to become a journalist in the modern world. Students learn to analyse and create content for a range of media platforms, experiment with different forms of media, and develop public relation skills. This course will also equip students with knowledge around digital technology needed to deliver breaking news to audiences worldwide.

Newspapers, TV stations and radio, are currently the biggest employer of journalists in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

- Media Analysis
- Research Skills for Journalism
- Technical Skills for Journalism
- Writing Skills for Journalism
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Public Relations
- Radio Programme Production

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DCU** | Journalism | Level 8
- **DIT** | Journalism | Level 8
- **TUD** | Journalism | Level 8
- **UCC** | Digital Humanities and IT | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Arts with Journalism | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Arts (Digital Arts and Technology) | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Media Studies | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Arts | Level 8
- **DCU** | Multimedia | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in locations such as:
Journalist | Reporter | Writer | Media Researcher | Copy Editor | Public Relations | Public Affairs
Consultant | Media Analyst

CHILDCARE & HEALTHCARE



NURSING STUDIES

5M4349 QQI LEVEL 5 NURSING STUDIES



Nursing Studies is a one-year course for students wishing to train as Nurses both here in Ireland and in the UK. Students achieving good grades during this course can apply to gain entry to Nursing Degree courses through the QQI entry system. It provides a solid foundation in Nursing theory and practice and allows students to accurately assess their suitability for a career in nursing. Applications are also invited from mature students wishing to pursue a career in nursing.

COURSE CONTENT

- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Care Provision and Practice
- Care Support
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Growth and Development
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- Word Processing

Additional Certification:

- First Aid Responder
- Patient Moving and Handling
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

68%

of graduates progressed to employment or a Level 8 nursing degree

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Midwifery | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Mental Health Nursing | Level 8
- **AIT** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU** | Children's and General Nursing (Integrated) | Level 8
- **UCD** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **UCAS** | Nursing Degree throughout the UK | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates could progress to a higher education place in a level 8 nursing degree in Universities and Institutes of Technology around the country through the QQI entry system.

They can also progress to employment in various areas including: :

Health Care Support | Home Care | Elderly Care | Disability Services | Day Care Services

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

5M4339 QQI LEVEL 5 HEALTH CARE SUPPORT



This one-year course will prepare participants for work with people in a hospital, long term care home, community development, residential care setting or respite care and nursing homes. This programme is ideal for both school leavers and experienced mature persons seeking to further their education. The completion of work placement as part of the program, will equip students with practical hands-on experience.

76%
of graduates secured
employment

COURSE CONTENT

- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Care of the Older Person
- Care Skills
- Human Growth & Development
- Care Support
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Additional

- Safe Guarding Vulnerable Adults
- Infection Prevention Control
- First Aid Responder
- Patient Moving and Handling
- Hand Hygiene and Infection Control

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **WIT** | Applied Health Care | Level 7
- **DCU/TCD /DKIT/UCD** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU/TCD/UCD** | Mental Health Nursing | Level 8
- **DCU** | Intellectual Disability Nursing | Level 8
- **UCD/TCD/DKIT** | Midwifery | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Mental Health Nursing | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including :

Care Assistant in Nursing Homes or Hospitals | Activity Coordinator | Personal Assistant in Schools | Care Assistant in Disability Services | Homecare Assistant

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL STUDIES

5M2786 QQI LEVEL 5 COMMUNITY CARE



This course will give students an insight into the areas of Psychology & Social Studies. It provides a combination of theoretical and practical training in the sectors of social care, community care and mental health. Students will learn about the roles and responsibilities of working in a caring environment and will have the opportunity to enhance their communication, computer and first aid skills.

92%

of students progress to third level education,

COURSE CONTENT

- Psychology
- Human Growth and Development
- Understanding Mental Health
- Work Experience
- Social Studies
- Intellectual Disability Studies
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Care Provision and Practice

Additional Training:

- First Aid Responder
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
- Child Protection
- People Handling
- Infection Control

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Social Care | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Social Care | Level 7 & 8
- **IADT, Dun Laoghaire** | Applied Psychology | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Social Science | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Psychology | Level 8
- **SETU Carlow** | Applied Social Studies | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Community Youthwork | Level 7
- **MIE** | BA Education | Level 8
- **ATU, Letterkenny** | Health and Social Care | Level 8
- **ATU, Castlebar** | Applied Social Care | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities open to graduates include:

Nursing Home Support Assistant | Apply for entry to An Garda Síochána & Defence Forces | ID Caring Services | Youth, Family and Community Work | Simon Community | Women's Aid

YOUTH WORK & SOCIAL STUDIES (WITH SNA)

5M4732 QQI LEVEL 5 YOUTH WORK

5N1786 QQI LEVEL 5 SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTING



Studying Youth Work is ideally suited to enthusiastic, fun-loving, critical-thinking, and creative people who are motivated to impact positively in young people's lives. Youth work encompasses a broad and diverse range of social, cultural, educational and political activities, which are based on young people's voluntary participation in leisure time activities that emphasise social inclusion and support civic engagement

1,165

SNA Jobs for
2022/2023

COURSE CONTENT

- Understanding Youth Work
- Working with Young People
- Community Addiction Studies
- Special Needs Assisting
- Social Studies
- Young People in Society
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

Additional Training:

- First Aid Training
- Làmh Training
- Child Protection

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Social Care | Level 8
- **TU Blanchardstown** | Community Development & Youth Work | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Social Science | Level 7
- **NUI Galway** | Community, Youth and Family Studies | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Community Youth Work | Level 7
- **UCD** | Psychology/Social Policy & Sociology | Level 8
- **Athlone IT** | Social Care Practice | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Youth Work Leader | Special Needs Assistant | Community Support Worker | Afterschool Coordinator | Youth and Community Organisers | Social Care Assistant | Residential Social Carer

EARLY LEARNING AND CARE (CHILDCARE)

QQI LEVEL 5 PROFESSIONAL AWARD IN EARLY LEARNING AND CARE



Our Advanced Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care will provide the student with a professional qualification now required to work in the ELC sector. This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with children in a variety of settings. Students will gain an insight into how children learn and develop, through class participation and professional practice placement. This award also provides students with the opportunity to progress into higher education and employment.

COURSE CONTENT

- Professional Practice Placement in ELC
- Children's Rights, Legislation and Regulation
- Holistic Care of Children (Birth to Six Years)
- Early Childhood Growth and Development
- Curriculum, Play and Creative Studies
- Understanding and Assisting Children with Additional Needs

Government investment in Early Learning and Childcare next year will reach

**€716
MILLION**

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Early Childhood Studies | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Social Care | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Early Childhood Studies and Practice | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Early Childhood Care and Education | Level 8
- **DCU** | Early Childhood Education | Level 8
- **DCU** | Education and Training | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in range of early education settings across the public and private sector:

Childcare Assistant | Special Needs Assistant | Classroom Assistant | Early Years Educator | Preschool Assistant | Child minding | Afterschool Assistant | Montessori Teacher

CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

5M2181 QQI LEVEL 5 APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES



Criminology and Psychology provides a unique insight into the world of crime, deviance, morality, conflict and justice. With a specific focus on the psychological, cultural and addiction risk factors associated with crime, this specialist course will provide the learner with the relevant skills, knowledge and experience needed to progress to education or work in forensic settings such as policing or prisons; legal settings such as a courtroom or chambers; or health and justice agencies.

COURSE CONTENT

- Psychology
- Criminology
- Intercultural Studies
- Social Studies
- Legal Practice & Procedures
- Communications
- Conflict Resolution
- Work Experience
- Criminal Law

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **AIT** | Applied Psychology | Level 8
- **UCC** | Criminology | Level 8
- **UCC** | Applied Psychology | Level 8
- **DCU** | Health and Society | Level 8
- **TCD** | Psychology | Level 8
- **UCD** | Psychology | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Psychology | Level 8
- **UL** | Criminal Justice | Level 8
- **UL** | Psychology & Sociology | Level 8
- **UL** | Criminal Justice | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice | Level 8
- **NUIM** | Law | Level 8
- **DCU** | Law | Level 8
- **UCD** | Law | Level 8
- **TUD** | Law | Level 8
- **NUIG** | Law | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Criminology and Psychology provides excellent progression to a career in social care, the Gardai, hospitals, research or working in a law practice administration.

Psychology graduates have many options to them as they progress. With a background in psychology, you can work in hospitals, prisons, schools, research, human resources, among other settings

PRE-PARAMEDIC FIRE & AMBULANCE (EMERGENCY CARE STUDIES)

5M4468 QQI LEVEL 5 COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES



Can you see yourself as a Firefighter, Paramedic, or working in the emergency services? Are you calm, work well under pressure and have a desire to help people? Do you want to work in a caring environment? Are you currently a member of the many volunteer organisations and enjoy the experience? Or would you like to progress to study for a degree? If Yes, then this is the course for you.

COURSE CONTENT

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Safety & Health at work
- Emergency Department Care Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Mathematics
- Medical Terminology
- Care Skills

Earn an average of

€47,603

as a Dublin
Firefighter Paramedic

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

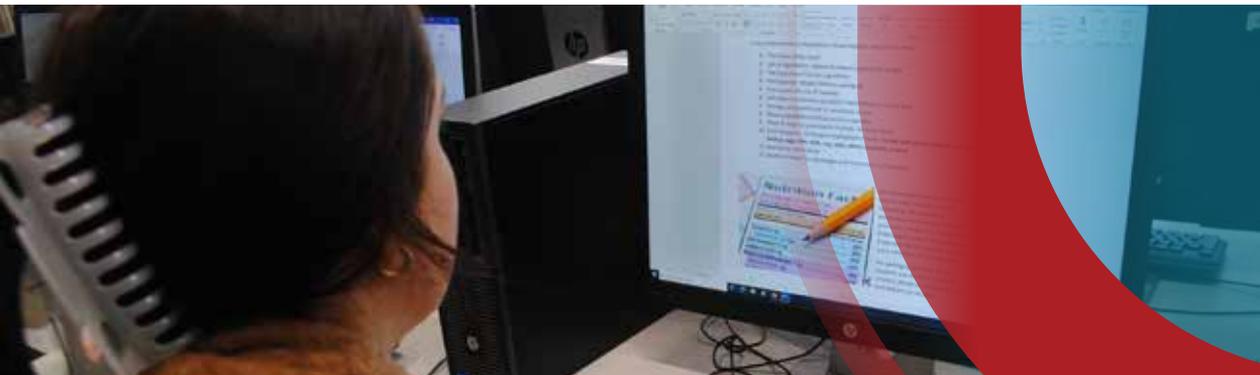
- **University College Cork** | Paramedic Studies | Level 8
- **University of Limerick** | Paramedic Studies | Level 8 (Mature Entry)
- **National Ambulance College** – Campuses based in Tallaght, Ballinasloe and Tullamore.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Application to Fire and Rescue for local recruitment training and career progression.

PHARMACY ASSISTANT

5M4468 QQI LEVEL 5 COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES



This course is designed to give you a solid foundation on which you can begin your career as a medical and pharmacy assistant. Learners will develop medical knowledge to recognise common ailments and the skills necessary to assist with issues in the medical and retail pharmacy sector. Learners can also gain entry to degree programmes from this course.

Earn an average of

€26,962

as a retail assistant

COURSE CONTENT

- Over the Counter Medicines Course
- Medical Terminology
- Nutrition
- Retail Selling
- Reception and Frontline Skills
- Safety and Health at Work
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Word Processing

Additional Modules

- First Aid Responder
- Mathematics

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **AIT** | Pharmaceutical Sciences | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Pharmaceutical Science | Level 7
- **TU Dublin/LYIT/Carlow IT** | Pharmacy Technician Studies | Level 6
- **GMIT** | Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science | Level 8
- **AIT** | Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Development & Analysis) | Level 7
- **Sligo IT** | Pharmaceutical Science with Drug Development | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Medical Counter Assistant | Pharmacy Store Manager | Medical Secretary | Pharmacy Health Care Adviser | Health Store Adviser | Medical Sales Assistant

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

5M3782 QQI LEVEL 5 HEALTH SERVICE SKILLS

CERTIFICATE IN MOVING & HANDLING, INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.



This course is aimed at learners who love the challenge of problem solving and helping people in practical ways to complete Activities of Daily Living. The specialist programme will guide learners to work as an assistant in an Occupational Therapy Department or as part of a Multi-Disciplinary Team. The role provides support to older, injured, ill or disabled patients to enable them to partake in everyday activities.

Qualified
Occupational
Therapist Assistants
can earn up to

€32K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Care Support
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Practice
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Theory
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Communications
- Human Growth & Development
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Work Experience
- Nursing Theory and Practice
- First Aid

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates who achieve the required standard may progress to further studies in the FET sector at level 6 or to IT Colleges/Universities:

- **Ulster University** | Occupational Therapy | Level 8
- **Cardiff University** | Occupational Therapy | Level 8
- **DkIT** | General Nursing | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- **Letterkenny Institute** | Higher Certificate in Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies | Level 6
- **Cavan Institute** | Health Services Supervisory Management | Level 6

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in locations such as hospitals, community settings, nursing homes, rehabilitation centres, in client's homes, day-care facilities or residential settings. Once qualified you can apply for a job as one of the following:

Occupational Therapist Assistant | Occupational Therapy Technical Instructor | Rehab Support Worker Hospitals & Community | Activity Coordinator | Care Assistant in Disability Services | Homecare Assistant | Healthcare Assistant

ADVANCED HEALTH AND SOCIAL STUDIES

6M2218 QQI LEVEL 6 SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION



If you hold a QQI Level 5 Health related award such as Healthcare Support, Nursing Studies or a QQI Social Studies Level 5 award in Applied Psychology and Social Studies or Youthwork, then why not take the opportunity to undertake further studies in advanced health and social studies. Our Level 6 award will equip you, the learner, with the necessary knowledge, skills and competence to undertake roles in person centred care and healthcare environments.

COURSE CONTENT

- Mental Health Awareness
- Disability Awareness
- Person Centred Planning,
- Rehabilitation Practice
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Learning Difficulty Awareness
- Health Promotion

Thousands of additional health and social care workers are going to be needed to deal with our growing and ageing population

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Social Care | Level 8
- **UCD** | Psychology | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Health and Physical Activity | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Early Childhood Studies | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Psychology | Level 8
- **Maynooth University/TU Dublin** | Community & Youth Work | Level 8
- **AIT** | Health Sciences with Nutrition | Level 8
- **WIT** | Health Promotion | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Community Youth Work | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Social Care | Youth and Community Organisers | Rehabilitation | Elderly Care | Community Intervention | Health Science and Nutrition | Youth Work Leader Disability | Direct Support Worker | Community Care Organisers

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN EARLY LEARNING AND CARE (CHILDCARE YEAR 2)

QQI LEVEL 6 CERTIFICATE IN EARLY LEARNING CARE



The programme is aimed at learners who wish to extend their knowledge, skills and competencies, and are interested in a career in Early Learning and Care with children aged from 0 to six years old, including those who may have an interest in working as Room Leaders/ Supervisors in Early Learning & Care settings.

Entry Requirements: Applicants for this course must have successfully achieved a Level 5 award in Early Learning & Care or equivalent.

COURSE CONTENT

- Advanced Professional Practice Placements in Early Learning and Care
- Sociology and Social Policy in Early Learning and Care
- The Developing Child
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Inclusive Early Learning and Care
- Supervision and Administration Skills in ELC
- A minimum of 150 hours of professional practice placement must be completed.

Graduates may seek employment with **100+** registered childcare providers in Co. Louth

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of third-level degree programmes in Universities or Institutes of Technology including:

- **DkIT** | Early Childhood Studies | Level 8 (Advanced Entry)
- **DCU** | Education - Early Childhood Education | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Early Childhood Education | Level 7 & 8
- **SETU** | Early Childhood Education and Care | Level 8
- **Marino Institute of Education** | Early Childhood Education | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Early Childhood Teaching & Learning | Level 8
- **Mary Immaculate College** | Early Childhood

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in range of early education settings across the public and private sector.

Room Leader (ECCE/School-Age) | Management Role in Early Learning & Care Setting | Early Learning & Care Practitioner | Early Years Educator | School-Age/Afterschool Practitioner | Childminder | Special Needs Assistant

ART & MEDIA



MULTIMEDIA, GAMES & VR

5M5048 QQI LEVEL 5 CREATIVE MEDIA



The Irish Games Development and Immersive Entertainment (AR and VR) Industries are rapidly growing. This course is the perfect starting point for anyone who was ever curious how a game is created, wants to create immersive worlds or is interested in the wider world of digital media. Students are introduced to the key skill used in the development of games, VR experiences and multimedia.

65 multinational games companies are currently based in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

- Games Analysis Design
- 3-Dimensional Computer Graphics
- 3D Modelling and Animation
- Digital Editing
- Animation
- Image Processing
- Web Authoring
- Programming Principles
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Augmented and Virtual Reality Development | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Computing in Games Development | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Games Design | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Creative Media | Level 7/Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Game Design and Development/ Games Art and Design | Level 8
- **SETU Carlow** | Computing in Interactive Digital Art and Design | Level 7
- **ATU Sligo** | Computing – Games Development | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

VR Specialist | Indie Game Developer | Game QA Tester | 2D/3D Digital Artist | Website Designer | Animator | Video Editor | Computer Programmer

FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION

5M5158 QQI LEVEL 5 FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION



Graduates will gain the skills and competence to work in television studio production crew roles or in single camera crew roles in a managed environment in a range of television and film production contexts.

The Film, TV and Animation sector in Ireland is estimated to be worth over

€692
million

COURSE CONTENT

- Film Production
- Television Studio Production
- Television and Film Editing
- Digital movie processing
- Scriptwriting
- Digital Editing
- Image Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Film & Television Production | Level 8
- **ATU Letterkenny** | Film & Media Production | Level 8
- **IADT** | Film & Television Production
- **TU Dublin** | Film & Broadcasting | Level 8
- **NUI Maynooth** | BA in Media Studies | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Creative Media | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Script Writer | Videographer | Video Editor | TV Studio Production Crew | Director

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

5M1984 QQI LEVEL 5 ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN



This course is offered to those who are looking to produce an exciting, competitive and creative body of artwork. Students will gain and develop skills in drawing, painting, embroidery, sculpture and various other media. During the course students will explore a broad range of media in an experimental way. Students can use work explored through a personal body of work for portfolio purposes for entry into Art and Design colleges.

After more than five year's experience, an Art Director in Ireland can expect a salary of over

€65K

COURSE CONTENT

- Drawing
- Painting
- Combined Materials
- Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Embroidery
- Design Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **NCAD** | All Studio Courses | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Fine Art | Level 8
- **IADT** | Design for Film | Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Art & Design - Common Entry | Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Art & Design Teacher Education | Level 8
- **Cardiff Metropolitan University** | Artist Designer: Maker | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Interior Design | Art and Design Education | Textile Design | Fashion Design | Painting | Printmaker | Curator | Graphic Design | Multimedia | Ceramicist

GRAPHIC DESIGN

5M1995 QQI LEVEL 5 GRAPHIC DESIGN



Graphic design is a form of communication as well as self-expression. It is about communicating visually in order to inform, educate, entertain or persuade. Students are offered the opportunity to explore aspects of design with a view to identifying strengths and achieving their aims, be it in assembling a portfolio to gain entry to a degree course, or to proceed to employment.

The average designer salary in Ireland is

€52K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Drawing
- Painting
- Combined Materials
- Printmaking
- Graphic Design Skills
- Design Skills
- Image Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **NCAD** | All studio courses | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Design- Visual Communication | Level 8
- **TU Dublin** | Creative Visual Media | Level 7/8
- **IADT** | Graphic Design | Level 8
- **IADT** | Interaction & User Experience Design | Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Graphic Design Communication | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Graphic Design | Animation | Multimedia | Fashion Design | Teaching | Product Design | Interaction Design | Motion Graphics | Interior Design

PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM AND DESIGN

5M2094 QQI LEVEL 5 PHOTOGRAPHY



Secure your qualification in this dynamic and fast-moving sector and gain a qualification to work in a visual industry with real rewards and influence people's perceptions daily. It will cover all aspects of photography, film production, editing and design, offering a hands-on, practical experience together with the creation of a high-quality portfolio.

The average
photographer
salary in Ireland is

€60K
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Image Processing
- Digital Photography
- Photography Techniques
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Digital Movie Processing
- Documentary Photography
- Portrait Photography
- Film Production

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **TU Dublin** | Photography | Level 8
- **Ulster University** | Photography with Video | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Creative Media | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Film and Television Production | Level 8
- **IADT** | Photography | Level 8
- **IADT** | Film and TV Production | Level 8
- **TUS Limerick** | Photography, Film, Video | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Freelance Photographer/Videographer | Aerial Photography/Video | Photojournalist | Portrait Photographer | Sports Photographer/Videographer | Magazine Editor | Video Editor | Social Media Manager

FASHION DESIGN & TEXTILE STUDIES

5M3865 QQI LEVEL 5 FASHION DESIGN



This Fashion and Textile course prepares learners for the creative and challenging world of fashion design and textiles. The course focuses on both two-dimensional textile printing, fabric manipulation, embroidery and textile construction in a specialist fashion environment that stimulates a culture of creativity.

OFI graduates have secured employment as fashion designers for Horshware, Dunnes Stores, Leigh Tucker, Anna Sui and more

COURSE CONTENT

- Fashion Industry and Design Studies
- Design Skills
- Garment Construction
- Drawing
- Pattern Drafting
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Combined Materials
- Embroidery
- Printed Textiles

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **NCAD** | Fashion Design | Level 8
- **NCAD** | Textile and Surface Design | Level 8
- **NCAD** | Applied Materials- Textile Art and Artefact | Level 8
- **IADT** | Design for Film | Level 8
- **Griffith College** | Fashion Design | Level 7/8
- **TUS Limerick** | Fashion Design | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Fashion Designer | Textile Designer | Textile Marketing and Sales | Fashion Merchandising | Stylist | Costume Designer | Pattern Drafter | Fashion Design Production | Bespoke Dressmaker/ Tailor

MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

5M2011 QQI LEVEL 5 MUSIC



The Music Performance & Production course has been designed to prepare learners for opportunities in the Music Industry. This is achieved by providing learners with essential music theory, an introduction to recording skills, music practice, event production and a broad insight into the music industry.

The average pay for a musician is

€58,690
per annum

Wages may be earned per hour or through royalties paid for composition or performance

COURSE CONTENT

- Music Industry Studies
- Music Theory and Practice
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Music Performance
- Event Production
- Irish Music
- Musicianship
- Radio Production
- Music Technology

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DKIT** | Music | Level 8
- **DKIT** | Audio & Music Production | Level 8
- **DCU** | Jazz & Contemporary Music Performance | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Music | Level 8
- **TUD** | Music | Level 8

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Music Producer | Recording Engineer | Artist Manager | Tour Manager | Booking Agent | Music Publicist | Composer | Radio broadcaster/engineer | Podcaster | Music Arranger | Performer | Teacher |

ADVANCED TV & FILM PRODUCTION

6M5130 QQI LEVEL 6 MEDIA PRODUCTION



This course is designed for those who wish to up-skill for employment or prepare a portfolio for TV and Film or Media Studies in higher education. Students will gain practical hands-on experience, learn about the Film industry and have full access to the Adobe Creative Suite for the duration of the course.

The Film, TV and Animation sector in Ireland comprises

11,960

jobs across the economy

COURSE CONTENT

- Media Ethics and Legal Framework
- Media Industry Awareness
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Television & Video Studio Production
- Digital Video Processing & Production
- Documentary Production
- Editing Practices & Techniques
- Scriptwriting for Film & Television Drama
- Film & Digital Video Production

PROGRESSION TO DEGREES

Graduates can progress to a variety of degree programmes including:

- **DkIT** | Film & Television Production | Level 8
- **Maynooth University** | Media Studies | Level 8
- **ATU Letterkenny** | Digital Film & Video | Level 7
- **DkIT** | Communications in Creative Media | Level 8
- **DkIT** | Media Arts & Technologies | Level 7
- **DkIT** | Theatre and Film Practice | Level 7

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Script Writer | Videographer | Video Editor | TV Studio Production Crew | Director | Digital Content Creator

Ó FIAICH INSTITUTE PART TIME/EVENING CLASSES

OFI offers a wide range of evening classes from hobby type classes to fully certified courses.

Our teachers are highly qualified, enthusiastic and committed to providing a quality education for each and every learner that enrolls. If you are considering returning to education, up-skilling, sampling a new career area or interested in meeting people with similar interests; enrolling in a night class in Ó Fiaich Institute may be for you.

SAMPLE OF CERTIFIED AWARDS/MODULES

- QQI Business Administration - Level 5 & Level 6
- QQI Train the Trainer – Level 6
- QQI Nursing Studies – Level 5
- QQI Healthcare Support - Level 5 & Level 6
- QQI Early Childhood Care & Education - Level 5 & Level 6

All the above QQI modules are well recognised workplace qualifications. Continuing with a work theme there are a variety of professionally certified courses on offer including Basic Food Hygiene and People Moving & Handling.

Many people however opt to take a hobby class to learn a new language or skill. It is also a chance to meet new people. All participants receive a certification of completion.

SAMPLE OF HOBBY/SPECIAL INTEREST/SHORT COURSES

- Digital Photography
- Tai Chi
- Introduction to Solidworks
- Dress Making & Design
- Couch to 5K
- Interior Design
- Flower Arranging
- Pilates
- Art and Design
- Makeup
- Computer Applications
- Language Courses

INFORMATION & ENROLMENT EVENINGS

Information and enrolment evenings are held in early September/January. Both are advertised in local newspapers, on our website and on the Institute's social media pages. Students usually enrol online but they can also enrol for their chosen course at information and enrolment evenings. Advice on courses may be obtained at any of the information evenings or by contacting us at the details below.

INDUSTRY TRAINING

OFI also offer training solutions to local industry with programmes tailored to meet the needs of specific businesses. This training can be delivered on site or on the college campus with employees. Both certified and non-certified solutions can be developed to support staff in the workplace.

Additionally under the new Skills to Advance initiative launched in early 2019, training is now available for various groups in the Irish workforce, particularly those who need to upskill to advance their working lives and careers. This training supports small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) who need assistance to invest in and develop their workforce.



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