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WELCOME!



Padraig McGovern

Principal



John Caraher

Deputy Principal



Conor Rafferty

Deputy Principal

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 is going directly into employment or progressing 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 places 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



60+

PLC/Pre-University
courses



Achieve a
qualification in

1 year



69%

of graduates
progress to higher
education



29%

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 60+ 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.



**HAFSA
AHMED ALI**

OFI Graduate:
Nursing with Midwifery

Progressed to:
DkIT - Midwifery



**CHARLIE
IRWIN**

OFI Graduate:
Pre Garda and Security
Studies

Progressed to:
DCU - International
Relations

**JOHANNA
SCHELLMAN**

OFI Graduate:
Art Craft and Design

Progressed to:
NCAD - Art and Design



JOMI ADEPARUSI

OFI Graduate:
Business & Computing

Progressed to:
Trinity College Dublin -
Business Economics and
Social Studies



FATOUMATA DIABY

OFI Graduate:
Beauty Therapy

Now employed:
Serenity Spa



JULIANNE SAN DIEGO

OFI Graduate:
Pre Uni Arts

Progressed to:
DCU - Journalism



PAUL EDEVBIE

OFI Graduate:
Sport Exercise & Coaching

Progressed to:
TUD - Sports Management
& Coaching

SEAN CUSSEN

OFI Graduate:
Pre University Arts

Progressed to:
Maynooth University
- Arts Degree



RHEYDINNE DONNELLY

OFI Graduate:
Applied Psychology and
Social Studies

Progressed to:
TUD - Social Care



KIMBERLY CARRACHER

OFI Graduate:
Biomedical &
Pharmaceutical Science

Progressed to:
DkIT - Science



PROGRESSION WITH PARTNERS



Ó Fiaich Institute of FET and Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT) established an advanced progression link which gives learners the opportunity to begin their studies in OFI and complete it in DkIT. Here is what it looks like:



Year	College	Qualification	Course Options
Year 1	OFI	QQI Level 5	Business & Computing
Year 2	OFI	QQI Level 6	Advanced Business & Computing
Year 3	DkIT	NFQ Level 7	Business & Management
Year 4	DkIT	NFQ Level 8	BB (Hons) Business & Management

Year	College	Qualification	Course Options
Year 1	OFI	QQI Level 5	Marketing & Social Media Management
Year 2	OFI	QQI Level 6	Advanced Business & Marketing
Year 3	DkIT	NFQ Level 7	Digital Marketing & Strategic Communications
Year 4	DkIT	NFQ Level 8	BA (Hons) Digital Marketing & Strategic Communications

Year	College	Qualification	Course Options
Year 1	OFI	QQI Level 5	Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science
Year 2	DkIT		BSc in Pharmaceutical Science <i>OR</i> BSc in Bioscience
Year 3	DkIT	NFQ Level 7	BSc in Pharmaceutical Science <i>OR</i> BSc in Bioscience
Year 4	DkIT	NFQ Level 8	BSc (Hons) in Science



ELIZABETH DAVEY

Currently in Year 3 DkIT

Elizabeth Davey studied Marketing in OFI at Level 5 and Level 6. She then progressed directly into Year 3 of the Digital Marketing & Strategic Communication Degree in DkIT, where she is a current student.



My time at OFI prepared me exceptionally well for the transition into DkIT, in fact, I would say I was more than prepared, which made the transition smooth and enjoyable. The course provided a strong academic and practical foundation that allowed me to adapt confidently to higher education in DkIT. I particularly appreciated the support and dedication of the lecturers, whose teaching style and guidance played a key role in deepening my understanding of the subject. Overall, OFI offered an excellent learning environment that thoroughly equipped me for the next stage of my education.



CONNOR SCOTT

Currently in Year 4 DkIT

Connor Scott studied Marketing in OFI at Level 5 and Level 6. Connor then progressed directly into Year 3 of the Digital Marketing & Strategic Communications Degree in DkIT where he is a current student.



This progression link has been extremely beneficial to me. Since joining DkIT, I have realised how well OFI prepared me for third year in DkIT. Knowledge and skills I didn't even know I had developed in OFI, I was able to apply to coursework and assignments. It gave me time to develop personally in OFI in a smaller college setting before joining larger lectures in DkIT



NICHOLA LEO

Currently studying a Masters Qualification

Nichola Leo studied Business and Computing in OFI at Level 5 and Level 6. Nichola then progressed directly into Year 3 of the Business and Management Degree in DkIT.

Nichola has successfully graduated from this degree and will continue her educational journey studying MBS in Entrepreneurship and Marketing.



NATIONAL TERTIARY OFFICE PROGRAMMES

Interested in Intellectual Disability Nursing?

Start your degree in OFI with a National Tertiary Office Programme.

Incorporating the Level 5 Nursing Studies and the BSc (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing, this innovative programme is one that will give the opportunity to learners to start their preparation for the Intellectual Disability Nursing degree programme in the Ó Fiaich Institute of FET leading to direct access to the third level college. Students will spend the first year of this programme in OFI and then progress to Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) to undertake the four-year BSc (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing programme.

GETTING STARTED

Step 1: Apply online at www.ofi.ie

Step 2: Select a Course: Bsc (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing

COURSE CONTENT

Learners in year one Ó Fiaich Institute will complete QQI Level 5 Nursing Studies (5M4349)

- Anatomy & Physiology 5N0749
- Nursing Theory & Practice 5N34425
- Human Growth & Development 5N1279
- Infection Prevention & Control 5N3734
- Care of the Older Person 5N2706
- Work Experience 5N1356
- Communications 5N0690
- Mathematics 5N1833
- Care Skills 5N2770

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

100% of Intellectual Disability Nursing graduates are in employment after 6 months of graduating, with 92% earning between €30-60k (DkIT/HEA Graduate Survey)



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. To access supports, students are required to declare their disability and provide documentation confirming their additional need. This fund is administered by SOLAS and is disbursed on the basis of applications made by OFI on behalf of qualifying students.

NEW LOW COURSE FEES FOR 2026

FEES

All courses now have a low course registration fee of €30. Make sure to confirm your place on a course by paying your registration fee.



LOW FEES
€30

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Standard minimum entry requirements on all courses

- Applicants must be 17+ years of age on entry to the course.
- Leaving Cert, LCVP, LCA or QQI Level 4 Major Award is essential.
- Mature applicant route available for applicants aged 23+.
- Competent written and spoken English required.
- Non-EU/EEA applicants must have permission to work in Ireland.

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.

All our Level 5 courses are open to school leavers over 17 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.

MINIMUM EDUCATION



APPLY ONLINE

www.ofi.ie

Ensure you apply
as soon as possible.

**Applications for
September 2026 are
now open!**

The purpose of the admissions interview is to pre-screen for work practice and industry placement and to assess which applicants will gain the most from joining one of our programmes. In preparation for the interview, consider why you've applied for the course, study the entry requirements, course modules and certification and be able to describe the knowledge, skills and experience you wish to develop and what your plan is after the course.

THE ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW





Non-EU/EEA applicants must have permission to work in Ireland. Additional entry requirements may vary depending on the course.

NON-EU/EEA APPLICANTS

English language proficiency is required for all courses. Learners may be called for interview where English is not the first language. This is to deem suitability to the course and/or provision of additional supports needed.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A mature applicant route is available for those who don't meet the minimum educational requirements.

To qualify, you must be aged 23 or over on January 1st of the year the course starts. We look forward to meeting at monthly Mature Student Coffee Meetings.



MATURE APPLICANTS

All applicants must be age 17+. A completed and signed Parental/ Guardian Consent form, Garda Vetting and Learner Contract will be completed by all applicants upon commencing the course.



AGE

STUDENT SUPPORTS

GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING SERVICE

Students in Ó Fiaich Institute can avail of confidential guidance and counselling supports. Our guidance counsellors are available for 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 (PA's) are on hand to work with qualifying students individually to ensure they reach their full potential. 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 PA's are here to help!

DISABILITY SERVICES

Ó Fiaich Institute is committed to supporting students. It is our priority to ensure accessibility to the campus and to support students in relation to their disability, guidance, learning and exam accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to disclose their needs and provide supporting documentation to access supports.

For more information please contact Karen Cawley at kcawley.ofi@lmetb.ie.

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

Students can benefit from 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.



ERASMUS+



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!

"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

- **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 of the 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, Board Games Club and Neurodivergence 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, Hallowe'en 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 and 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 facilitating the development of sporting excellence.

ALL SPORTS WELCOME

This programme awards sports scholarships to students across a wide 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

- Applicants must meet the entry requirements for their chosen course.
- Applicants should be currently competing at a high level in their chosen sport and intend on pursuing a full-time course at Ó Fiaich Institute.
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate good leadership qualities and be 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 2025-2026 academic year must complete an online Application Form in October 2025.

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

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

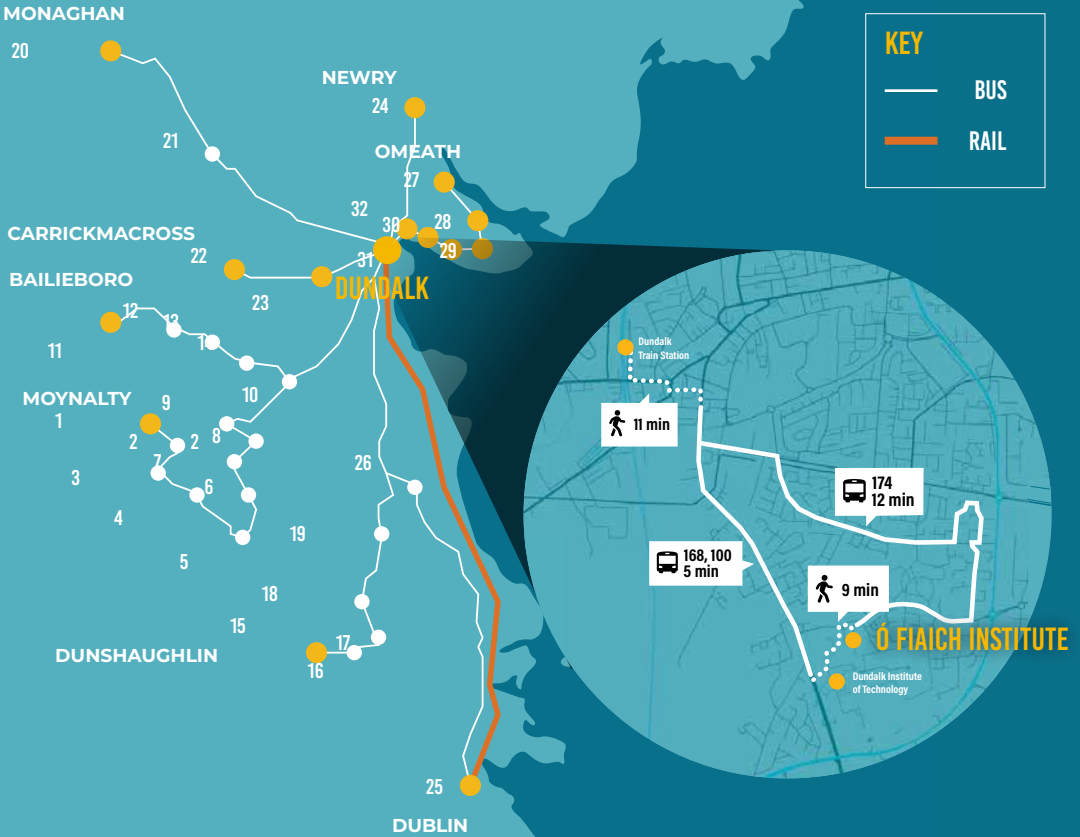
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SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to Keenan Timber Frame KTF for sponsoring the Sports Scholarship Programme in 2023/24.



GETTING HERE



ROYAL BREFFNI TOURS

Kells-Dundalk Service

- 1 Moynalty
- 2 Carlanstown
- 3 Kells
- 4 Silver Tankard
- 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

FINNEGAN COACHES

- 22 Carrickmacross
- 23 Knockbridge
- Dundalk

EAST COAST TRAVEL

- 24 Newry
- Dundalk

FINLAY COACHES

- 10 Ardee
- Dundalk

MATTHEWS COACH HIRE

- 25 Dublin
- 26 Drogheda
- Dundalk

MAVERICK MINIBUS

- 27 Omeath
- 28 Carlingford
- 29 Riverstown
- 30 Lordship
- 31 Bellurgan
- 32 Ballymack
- O'Faich Institute

COME VISIT US

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday,
4th of March
5pm – 8pm



OPEN DAY

Thursday,
5th of March
9am – 3pm



VIRTUAL VISIT



SCAN ME!



SENSORY VISIT

If you would like to visit our campus at a quieter time, please contact our Additional Education Needs Coordinator, Karen Cawley at **kcawley.ofi@lmetb.ie**

SCHOOL VISITS

We would love to visit your school and facilitate a college talk for students in transition year, fifth year or sixth year. We believe it is crucially important for students to be aware of all college pathways available. Our school liaison team will deliver a fun, engaging talk including goody bags for those who book in early.

To reserve a date and time for your school visit, please email

Deputy Principal, Conor Rafferty at **crafferty.ofi@lmetb.ie** or phone us on **0429331398**

CHOOSE TO SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

If your next step is
HIGHER EDUCATION
look out for this



If you see this badge on the course page, this course is designed to provide preparation and access to Higher Education in Institutes of Technology and Universities.

If your next step is an
APPRENTICESHIP
look out for this

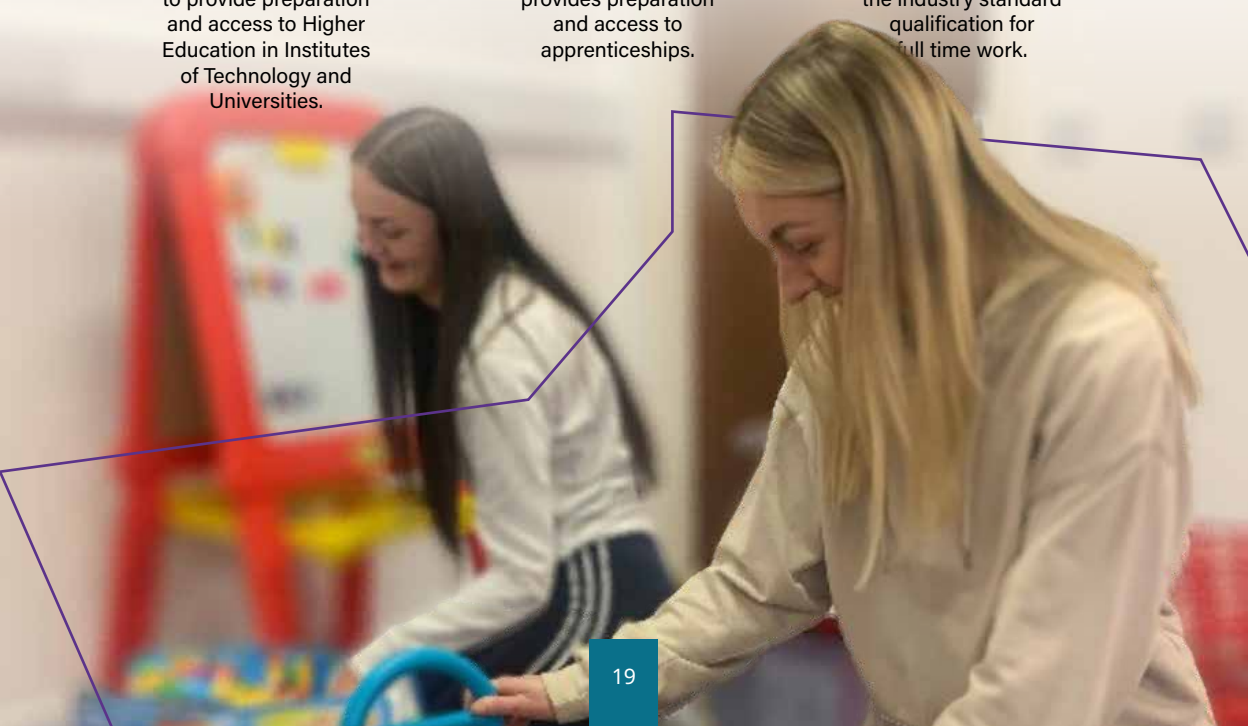


If you see this badge on the course page, this course provides preparation and access to apprenticeships.

If your next step is
FULL TIME WORK
look out for this



If you see this badge on the course page, this course provides the industry standard qualification for full time work.





BUSINESS & COMPUTING

Accountancy, Payroll and Human Resources

Advanced Business & Computing (Level 6)

Advanced Business & Marketing (Level 6)

Auctioneering, Estate Agency & Valuation **NEW 2026**

Business & Computing

Computer Science & Mobile Apps

Digital Marketing with Generative AI **NEW 2026**

English & I.T for Career Development **NEW 2026**

Event Management & Marketing

Marketing and Social Media Management

Medical & Legal Office Administrator

Office & Reception Administrator

ACCOUNTANCY, PAYROLL & HUMAN RESOURCES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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, financial services 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

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 | Financial Services



ADVANCED BUSINESS & COMPUTING (LEVEL 6)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



6M4985 QQI LEVEL 6 BUSINESS

This dynamic Business and Computing course explores modern business practices 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 or Year 3 of a Business degree depending on performance

COURSE CONTENT

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

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 | Business
Development Manager | Auditor | Company
Secretary | Human Resource Manager.



ADVANCED BUSINESS & MARKETING (LEVEL 6)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



6M4985 QQI LEVEL 6 BUSINESS

Step into the world of business leadership and marketing strategy with this advanced course designed for future managers, entrepreneurs, and brand builders. You'll gain the practical skills and global insight to succeed in today's fast-paced business world — from developing marketing plans and managing teams to using AI and data for smarter decisions. In 2025, Irish businesses invested over €1.7 billion in advertising, proving that marketing expertise powers every industry — from tech and fashion to tourism and finance. Graduates start around €45,000, with experienced professionals earning up to €90,000+ in roles such as Marketing Manager, Business Development Executive, or Brand Strategist.

COURSE CONTENT

- International Marketing
- Marketing Management
- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Sales & Marketing Management
- Web Authoring
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Consultative Planning

98%

of graduates advance
directly into Year 2 or Year 3 of
a Marketing Business degree,
determined by performance

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Business & Marketing Management |
Entrepreneur/Small Business Owner | Digital
Marketing Specialist | Sales Executive |
Business Development Executive | Marketing
Communications Coordinator | Marketing
Research Analyst | Web Content Manager |
Business and Marketing Consultant | Legal
Business Expert





AUCTIONEERING, ESTATE AGENCY & VALUATION

5M2102 QQI LEVEL 5 BUSINESS STUDIES

This year-long course is designed to equip learners with key Auctioneering and Estate Agency skills, as well as an understanding of a comprehensive range of modern business functions such as IT, Economics, Marketing, Valuation and Law. Estate Agents work within the residential and commercial buildings sector; selling, letting, managing, valuing and advertising properties. This course will enable the learner to work in a professional manner in the Estate Agency industry or progress onto various professional Real Estate and Auctioneering programmes at various Universities and Institutes of Technology.

In Ireland, employment in this occupation is spread across a number of roles including estate agents, marketing professionals, procurement officers, conference managers and many more

COURSE CONTENT

- Estate Agency Practice
- Valuation
- Business Administration
- Business Law
- Communications
- Spreadsheets
- Word Processing
- Applied Economics
- Work Experience

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Auctioneering Practice | Estate Agency and Valuation | Property Management | Property Letting

BUSINESS & COMPUTING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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
- Information and Administration
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Start Your Own Business
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

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





COMPUTER SCIENCE & MOBILE APPS

5M0529 QQI LEVEL 5 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

This course is designed to let students shape their own unique path in computing, with opportunities to specialise in Computer Programming, Web Design, Mobile App Development, and Databases. It provides the essential skills needed to launch a successful career in the computing industry, offering real rewards and excellent future prospects.

The worldwide number of professional software developers is projected to exceed

29M

by 2027

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Programming
- Software Architecture
- Maths for IT
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Database Methods
- Web Authoring
- Mobile Technologies
- Networks & Cyber Security

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates go on to work in a wide range of computing roles, including:

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



DIGITAL MARKETING WITH GENERATIVE AI

5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING

Step into the future of business and marketing with this hands-on, industry-focused course. You'll learn how leading companies use AI and digital strategy to reach customers, build brands, and drive growth. From creating powerful social media campaigns to using Generative AI tools for design and content, this course combines creativity with real business insight. With Irish companies investing over €1.7 billion in advertising in 2025, skilled digital marketers are in huge demand. Graduates gain the expertise to work with brands, influencers, and online businesses — or to launch their own ventures — in a fast-growing, high-earning sector.

COURSE CONTENT

- Digital Marketing
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Marketing Practice
- Behavioural Studies
- Work Experience
- Applied Economics
- Communications
- Accounting Manual and Computerised
- Maths (elective)

There is a major

142%

increase in demand for
business professionals in
the field of AI.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Digital Marketing Executive | AI Marketing Specialist | Social Media Manager | Creative Director (AI & Media) | Brand Strategist | Content Creator | Influencer Marketing Manager | E-Commerce & Digital Sales Executive | Marketing Data Analyst | Digital Advertising Specialist | Entrepreneur / Start-Up Founder



ENGLISH & I.T FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

5M3114 QQI LEVEL 5 GENERAL STUDIES

Prepare for the modern workplace with our English & IT for Career Development course. This programme combines practical IT training with essential business and communication skills to help you succeed in any professional setting. You'll learn to use key digital tools, create professional documents, and explore areas such as digital marketing and customer service. Work experience is included, giving you the chance to apply your new skills in a real workplace. Whether you're aiming for employment or further study, this course provides a strong foundation for your future career.

90%

of jobs now
require digital skills

COURSE CONTENT

- Digital Marketing
- Research & Study Skills
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Safety & Health at Work
- Spreadsheet Methods

Electives:

- Engineering
- Healthcare
- ESOL

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates go on to work in a wide range of computing roles, including:

Office Administrator / Receptionist | Digital Marketing Assistant | Customer Service Representative | Data Entry / Office Support Staff | Sales or E-Commerce Assistant | IT Support Assistant | Social Media Assistant | Healthcare or Engineering Office Administrator (depending on elective)



EVENT MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING

Event Management is one of Ireland's most exciting and fast-growing business sectors. From festivals and weddings to conferences, trade shows, and tourism events, skilled organisers bring brands and communities together. This course gives you the business, marketing, and planning skills to design and promote unforgettable experiences — including how to use digital and social media marketing to reach the right audience. Graduates can expect average salaries of around €50,000, with opportunities in event management, brand promotion, tourism, and corporate marketing.

The events industry
contributes over

€3.5bn

annually for the Irish
economy

COURSE CONTENT

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

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



MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING

Marketing and business professionals are the creative minds driving today's digital world. With over 4 million social media users in Ireland, companies in all industries need experts who understand digital marketing, branding, and influencer promotion to grow their audience. This course builds your business insight and marketing skills, from planning powerful campaigns to using AI tools to track real results. Graduates start around €35,000, with experienced professionals earning up to €90,000+ in roles like Marketing Executives, Digital Marketers, or Social Media Strategists.

95%

of Marketing graduates
have progressed to
work/further study

COURSE CONTENT

- Digital Marketing
- Marketing Practice
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Behavioural Studies
- Work Experience
- Applied Economics
- Communications
- Accounting Manual and Computerised
- 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 | AI Marketing Strategist | Influencer Marketing Manager



MEDICAL & LEGAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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.

In
2024
office administrators
are the most in demand
professionals within the
support sector.

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

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



PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



OFFICE & RECEPTION ADMINISTRATOR

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

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

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





BEAUTY, SPORT & WELLBEING

Advanced Beauty Therapy

Advanced Sport & Health Studies (Level 6) **NEW 2026**

Barbering

Beauty Therapy

Nail Technology **NEW 2026**

Holistic Health Studies

Hospitality & Tourism

Personal Trainer with Pilates

Personal Training & Gym Instructor

Pilates Teacher Training

Professional Hairdressing

Professional Makeup Artistry

Reflexology Practitioner Training **NEW 2026**

Sports Conditioning & Exercise Performance

Sports Massage with Pilates

Sports, Exercise & Coaching

Hospitality and Tourism with Cabin Crew Studies

Yoga Teacher Training



ADVANCED BEAUTY THERAPY

ITEC LEVEL 3 MICRODERMABRASION

ITEC LEVEL 4 SKIN PEELING

ITEC LEVEL 4 SKIN NEEDLING

ITEC LEVEL 4 LASER IPL

ITEC LEVEL 4 NAIL TECHNOLOGY

An advanced
Beauty Therapist
can earn up to

€40
per hour

The Advanced Beauty Therapy course at Ó Fiaich Institute of FET offers highly specialised treatments such as Skin Peeling, Skin Needling, Laser IPL and much more. This beauty course is ideal for students who wish to advance their current beauty qualifications and further their career within the Beauty Industry. We offer students an ideal opportunity to train to the highest standard for L4 ITEC Qualifications. Learners must hold complete Level 5 Beauty Therapy course or ITEC equivalent qualifications.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Specialised Skin Clinics | Beauty Salons
| Hotel Spas | Laser Clinics | Nail Salons

COURSE CONTENT

- Skin Needling
- Skin Peeling
- Microdermabrasion
- Laser IPL
- Nail Technology
- Work Experience

Additional Training:

- LED Light Therapy
- Lash & Brow Treatments



ADVANCED SPORT & HEALTH STUDIES (LEVEL 6)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



6M5147 QQI LEVEL 6 ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS, RECREATION AND EXERCISE

Introducing our innovative QQI Level 6 course in Advanced Sport & Health Studies, designed to provide students with a comprehensive foundation in the field of sport and exercise. This programme combines essential Sports principles with specialised knowledge in sports and exercise science, offering a unique blend of theoretical understanding and practical skills. Students will explore key areas such as Sports Psychology, Nutrition, and Health, tailored specifically to the sports industry. This approach not only equips students with a great background but also prepares them for diverse roles in the ever-growing sports and fitness sector. With experienced instructors and state-of-the-art facilities, this course promises an engaging and dynamic learning experience for those aspiring to pursue a successful career in the sports industry.

Careers in sport
have risen by

18.7%

in the last 3 years
in Ireland

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of this programme you will achieve the Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Sports, Recreation and Exercise 6M5147. The learner may then be eligible to apply to progress to the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) with a higher education provider.

COURSE CONTENT

- Sports Industry Practice
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Sports Psychology
- Sports Nutrition
- Health Promotion
- Exercise & Fitness
- Maths



BARBERING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



5M3351 QQI LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN HAIR DRESSING

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.

Learners must secure their own work experience in salon/barbershop to complete the course.

COURSE CONTENT

- Hairdressing Theory and Practice
- Hairdressing Science
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Safety and Health at Work
- Reception and Front Office Skills
- Word Processing
- Barbering Techniques

Barbering is currently
**one of the
most sought-
after trades**

after the impact
of Covid 19

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Barber Shops | Hair Salons | Demonstrators
| Salon Owner | Film, Theatre and TV
Hair Specialist Stylist | Salon Manager |
Hairdressing Tutor | Cruise Ships

**You can enter the industry as a junior barber
or progress to a level 6 Barbering course in
our feeder schools.**



BEAUTY THERAPY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



ITEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA FOR BEAUTY SPECIALISTS
ITEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FACIAL ELECTRICAL TREATMENTS
ITEC LEVEL 2 AWARD IN GEL POLISH TECHNIQUES
ITEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN EYEBROW TREATMENTS AND EYELASH ENHANCEMENTS

This comprehensive Beauty Therapy course is designed for aspiring beauty professionals seeking in-depth training across a wide range of industry-relevant skills. The course combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience, equipping students to provide high-quality treatments and services in both salon and freelance settings.

COURSE CONTENT

- Skin & Eye Treatments
- Makeup
- Manicure & Pedicure
- Gel polish
- Waxing
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness
- Facial Electrical Treatments
- Anatomy and Physiology (for Beauty Specialist)
- Eyebrow Treatments and Eyelash Enhancements

As a self-employed
Therapist you can
earn approximately

€40
per hour

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Beauty salons | Pharmacies | Hotel spas
| Skin Clinics | Beauty Therapist / Beauty Specialist | Makeup Artist | Manicurist / Pedicurist | Waxing Technician / Hair Removal Specialist | Eyelash & Eyebrow Technician | Facial & Skincare Specialist



NAIL TECHNOLOGY

ITEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN NAIL TECHNOLOGY

**ITEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN EYEBROW TREATMENTS
AND EYELASH ENHANCEMENTS**

ITEC LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN NAIL ART

**ITEC LEVEL 3 AWARD IN CLIENT CARE AND
CONSULTATION**

**ITEC LEVEL 3 AWARD IN HEALTH AND SAFETY
IN THE SALON**

ITEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN MAKE-UP

QQI LEVEL 4 CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

As a self-employed
Therapist you can
earn approximately

€30-€40
per hour

Step into the exciting world of beauty and creativity with our Nail Technology & Nail Art course — a perfect blend of theory, hands-on practice, and digital flair. Designed for aspiring nail technicians and beauty professionals, this course will equip you with the skills, confidence, and artistic touch to create stunning looks and deliver high-quality treatments in today's beauty industry.

COURSE CONTENT

- Nail Technology & Nail Art (Theory + Practical)
- Manicures & Pedicures
- Gel Polish & Nail Extensions (Acrylic & Gel)
- Nail Wraps & Sculptured Nails
- Eyebrow Treatments & Eyelash Enhancements (lash lifts and lash extensions)
- Make-Up
- Client Care, Communication & Salon Health & Safety
- Digital Media

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Freelance Beauty Professional & Social Media Brand | Offer nail, lash, and make-up services while growing an online following | Create tutorials, reviews, or promotional content | Salon Owner / Manager | Combine client care, safety, and business marketing skills to run your own salon | Beauty Content Creator / Influencer | Use your digital media skills to showcase your beauty work on TikTok, YouTube, or Instagram | Beauty Brand Collaborator | Work with product companies creating campaigns, tutorials, or branding materials



HOLISTIC HEALTH STUDIES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



ITEC DIPLOMA HOLISTIC MASSAGE ITEC DIPLOMA IN REFLEXOLOGY ITEC CERTIFICATE IN DIET & NUTRITION REIKI LEVEL 3 PRACTITIONER

Massage therapists
can earn up to

40K
per year

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 and Nutrition.

COURSE CONTENT

- Holistic/Swedish Massage
- Reflexology
- Reiki
- Micro-Credential Aromatherapy
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business
- Awareness
- Work Experience
- Indian Head Massage

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

ITEC qualifications are internationally recognised and enable learners to enter employment as qualified professionals.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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

- Tourism Principles & Practice
- Tourism Information & Administration,
- Customer Service,
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Food Preparation
- Restaurant Hospitality
- Event Management

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of Level 5, students are eligible for advanced entry to the following courses in DKIT:

Level 7 – B.A. Hospitality Management

Level 7 – B.A. in Event Management

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

PERSONAL TRAINER WITH PILATES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



ITEC DIPLOMA IN PILATES TEACHING ITEC DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING

This course offers learners an exciting, rewarding and satisfying career within the exercise and fitness sector. Learn the skills and knowledge required to qualify as a personal trainer and a pilates teacher. This is a competitive employment sector that continues to rise globally.

The global pilates market continues to rise with an expected

10%

market growth predicted by 2028.

COURSE CONTENT

- Pilates Teaching
- Principles of Exercise
- Supporting Clients in Exercise and Physical Activity
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Gym Based Exercise
- Personal Training
- Health and Safety

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Pilates Studios | Spa Centres | Holistic Health Centres | Leisure Centres | Sports and Fitness Centres | Hotels | Self Employment



PERSONAL TRAINING & GYM INSTRUCTOR

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



QQI LEVEL 5 SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE

ITEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN PERSONAL TRAINING

This course provides the learner with the knowledge and practical skills for employment in the exercise and fitness sector. Learners will gain the necessary skills to plan, advise, assist and provide personal training.

In Ireland, personal trainers can expect to earn

**€25-
€45**
per hour

COURSE CONTENT

- Sport and Recreation Studies
- Exercise and Fitness
- Nutrition
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Sports Psychology
- Communications
- Work Experience

Additional:

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Personal Training | Gym Instructor | Soccer Coach | Leisure Attendant | Youth and Community Work | Sports Development | Sports Officer





PILATES TEACHER TRAINING

ITEC DIPLOMA IN PILATES TEACHING ITEC DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING

Successful students gain an industry standard in Pilates Teaching and up-skill as a fitness professional. On successful completion, students will receive an ITEC Diploma. This qualification will equip learners with the practical experience and knowledge to gain successful employment in the sport and fitness industry. There is also the potential to start your own fitness business.

The global pilates market continues to rise with an expected

10%

market growth predicted by 2028.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules (Mornings)

- 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

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



PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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.

Learners must secure their own work experience in salon/barbershop to complete the course.

COURSE CONTENT

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

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

You can enter the industry as a junior stylist or progress to a level 6 Hairdressing course in the Hairdressing Apprenticeship in Dundalk.





PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP ARTISTRY

ITEC DIPLOMA IN FASHION, THEATRE & MEDIA MAKEUP

ITEC CERTIFICATE IN EYEBROW TREATMENT & EYELASH ENHANCEMENTS

ITEC LEVEL 2 MANICURE AND PEDICURE

ITEC LEVEL 2 GEL POLISH TECHNIQUES

A Freelance
Makeup Artist can
earn from

€50
per hour

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 makeup 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
- Digital Marketing
- Eyelash & Eyebrow Treatments
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness.

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



NEW 2026

REFLEXOLOGY PRACTITIONER TRAINING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



A comprehensive reflexology practitioner training program that equips students with the full range of knowledge and practical skills required to confidently and professionally practice reflexology upon completion. Students will graduate with a thorough understanding of anatomy and physiology, professional conduct and business awareness, and a deep insight into the body's energy pathways and reflex zones.

Massage therapists
can earn up to

40K
per year

COURSE CONTENT

- Reflexology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness

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

Graduates will hold an internationally recognised qualification that allows them to practice professionally, and progress to advanced CPD courses and postgraduate training.



SPORTS CONDITIONING & EXERCISE PERFORMANCE

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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.

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

Strength and
Conditioning coaches
can earn up to

38K
per year

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 MASSAGE WITH PILATES

ITEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN SPORTS MASSAGE

ITEC LEVEL 4 CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS MASSAGE

ITEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PILATES TEACHING

In Ireland, a sports therapist can expect to earn approximately

€48,500
per year

This course will provide learners with the necessary qualifications to successfully complete sports massages and treat soft tissue injuries and insults. It will also enable learners to provide rehabilitation exercises to injured clients and to deliver matwork pilates classes on a one-to-one or group basis.

COURSE CONTENT

- Exercise & Fitness
- Work Experience
- Communication
- Sport & Recreation
- Nutrition
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Psychology
- ITEC Strength & Conditioning

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Sports Massage Therapist | Pilates Instructor | Physiotherapy Clinics | Leisure Centres | Pilates Studios | Holistic Centres | Health Centres



SPORTS, EXERCISE & COACHING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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

88%

of graduates have
progressed to work and/
or further study

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.

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Exercise & Fitness
- Work Experience
- Communication
- Sport & Recreation
- Nutrition
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Psychology



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM WITH CABIN CREW STUDIES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M5011 QQI LEVEL 5 TOURISM WITH BUSINESS

IAOT CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY STUDIES

Tourism and the hospitality industry are experiencing rapid growth in Ireland and further afield. Graduates from this course will be well equipped to work in these fast paced sectors. A wide range of exciting opportunities await graduates from working in the airline business as cabin Crew or Ground Staff to working in hotels, bars, restaurants and events both big and small.

88%

of graduates have
progressed to work and/
or further study

COURSE CONTENT

- Tourism Principles & Practice
- Tourism Information & Administration,
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Food Preparation
- Restaurant Hospitality
- Event Management
- Ready for Take Off

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of Level 5, students are eligible for advanced entry to the following courses in DKIT:

- Level 7 – B.A. Hospitality Management
- Level 7 – B.A. in Event Management

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Cabin Crew Member | Passenger Service Agent | Airport Security | Event Management | Restaurant Supervisor | Conference & Banqueting





YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

ITEC DIPLOMA IN YOGA TEACHING

The Level 3 Diploma in Yoga Teacher Training is a 200+ hour teacher training course. ITEC accredited, this is an international qualification, enabling Yoga graduates teach abroad or in Ireland. This course is a comprehensive grounding in Yoga teaching which enables the student to learn both the theory and practice of yoga from basic principles to the complexities of giving a class – all in one academic year.

There are currently

135

job opportunities as a
yoga teacher in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules (Mornings)

- Yoga 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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students can gain employment within holistic centers, fitness studios or set up as a freelance yoga teacher.

Students can progress to further teacher training such as 300 hour or 500 hour Yoga Teacher Training.

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

Advanced Animal Science (Level 6)

Advanced Architectural Technology (Level 6) **NEW 2026**

Agriculture Studies **NEW 2026**

Animal Science & Care

Architectural Technology & Design

Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science

Canine Obedience & Training

Carpentry & Construction Studies

Engineering Technology

Environmental & Sustainability Studies

Forensic Science **NEW 2026**

Pre-Apprenticeship Skills

Science & Laboratory Techniques

ADVANCED ANIMAL SCIENCE (LEVEL 6)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



6M5153 LEVEL 6 QQI ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE

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.

Salary scale for a dog
warden in Ireland is
approx

€834 -
€900

per week

COURSE CONTENT

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

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



ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY (LEVEL 6)



The Advanced Architectural Technology & Course offers an exciting opportunity for students to further develop their design, technical, and creative skills within the built environment sector. This progression course provides a direct pathway to Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), where successful graduates can advance into Year 2 of the Architectural Technology and Design or Building Surveying degree programs. Only applicants who have successfully completed a Level 5 qualification in Architectural Technology & Design, Carpentry & Construction Studies, or Engineering Technology will be considered eligible for interview for this course.

COURSE CONTENT

- Building Technology and Design
- Architectural Drawing and Presentation
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Architectural Model Making
- Parametric CAD (BIM)
- Design Skills
- Surveying
- Mathematics

A recent survey by the
Higher Education Authority
found that

80%

of third-level graduates
in Ireland were in
employment nine
months after graduation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be well-prepared for rewarding careers in:

Architectural Technology & Design |
Construction Technology | Engineering in
the built environment | Building Surveying.

Successful completion of this course, by meeting the mandatory grade requirements, provides a direct progression pathway to second year of Architectural Technology & Design or Building Surveying at Dundalk Institute of Technology.





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.

The agri-food sector
accounts for around

7%

of Economy wide GVA

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

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



ANIMAL SCIENCE & CARE

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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
- Biology
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Animal Behaviour
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Canine Obedience & Training
- Maths

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





ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

5M1940 QQI LEVEL 5 IN COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN

Architectural Technology & Design provides learners with the opportunity to enhance their competencies, skills and understanding required for architectural design. Students can use this QQI level 5 programme to gain entry to different Built Environment courses at university level. Learners will become familiar with fundamentals of architectural design, consideration of construction materials and how to fully meet the needs of the client.

(All Candidates to be Interviewed.)

Due to a shortage of architects, engineers, building and quantity surveyors in the workforce, these fields have become some of the most in-demand programs in Ireland.

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Safety and Health at Work
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Communications
- Mathematics
- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Design Skills, Work Experience
- CAD



BIOMEDICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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 practices 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
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Maths for STEMS
- Safety and Health at work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy and Physiology

>24K

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Laboratory Science | Pharmaceutical Industry | Bioscience | Physics | Chemistry



CANINE OBEDIENCE & TRAINING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2768 QQI LEVEL 5 ANIMAL SCIENCE

Canine Obedience and Training 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 behaviour or obedience training, studying Canine Obedience & Training is a pathway that allows access to all of these opportunities.

Experienced and established dog trainers can expect to earn up to

€60
per hour

COURSE CONTENT

- Animal Welfare
- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Animal Grooming
- Biology
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Animal Behaviour
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Canine Obedience & Training
- Maths

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in various roles including:

Animal Psychology | Canine Obedience | Veterinary Assistant | Training Service Dogs | Animal Behaviour | Assistant Animal Care Industry | Zoo Keeping Assistant | Dog Warden | Boarding Kennels Assistant



CARPENTRY & CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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

of graduates have progressed to work and/or further study

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

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

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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
- Mechanics
- Engineering Drawing
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Engineering Workshop Theory
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Renewable Energy Systems

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





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
- Communiations
- Work Experience
- Environmental Studies
- Soil Science & Growing Media
- Applied Permaculture/Permaculture Design
- Plant Identification & Use

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

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





FORENSIC SCIENCE

5M3807 QQI LEVEL 5 LABORATORY TECHNIQUES

This course provides learners with the knowledge and practical skills to analyse and understand scientific evidence in a laboratory setting. Forensic evidence is used to enhance investigative work which may be required by the judicial system.

Employment in this area
is projected to grow

14%
from 2023 - 2030

COURSE CONTENT

- Laboratory Skills
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Criminology
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Criminal Law

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Laboratory Assistant | Research | Public Sector Employment | Laboratory Science



PRE-APPRENTICESHIP SKILLS

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Wood Fabrication
- Computer Aided Design
- Maths
- Communications
- Building Construction
- Building Services
- Work Experience

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
- Maths for STEM
- Safety and Health at work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy and Physiology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Laboratory Science | Pharmaceutical Industry | Bioscience | Physics | Chemistry





PRE-UNIVERSITY

Pre-Garda & Security Studies
Pre-University Accounting & Finance
Pre-University Animal Science
Pre-University Architecture
Pre-University Arts
Pre-University Arts with Journalism
Pre-University Business
Pre-University Computing with Networks & Cyber Security
Pre-University Law
Pre-University Marketing & Business
Pre-University Music & Sound
Pre-University Nursing with Midwifery
Pre-University Occupational Therapy
Pre-University PE & Science Teaching **NEW 2026**
Pre-University Physiotherapy
Pre-University Science
Pre-University Sports Science
Pre-University Teaching
Pre-University Veterinary Nursing

PRE-GARDA & SECURITY STUDIES

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2110 QQI LEVEL 5 SECURITY STUDIES

This is the perfect course for anyone inspired to join An 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.

There will be

6,000

new Gardaí recruited over
the next 4 years

COURSE CONTENT

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Conflict Resolution
- Criminology
- Communications
- Security Industry Procedures
- Retail Security
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- Outdoor Leadership and Safety

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 ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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.

COURSE CONTENT

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

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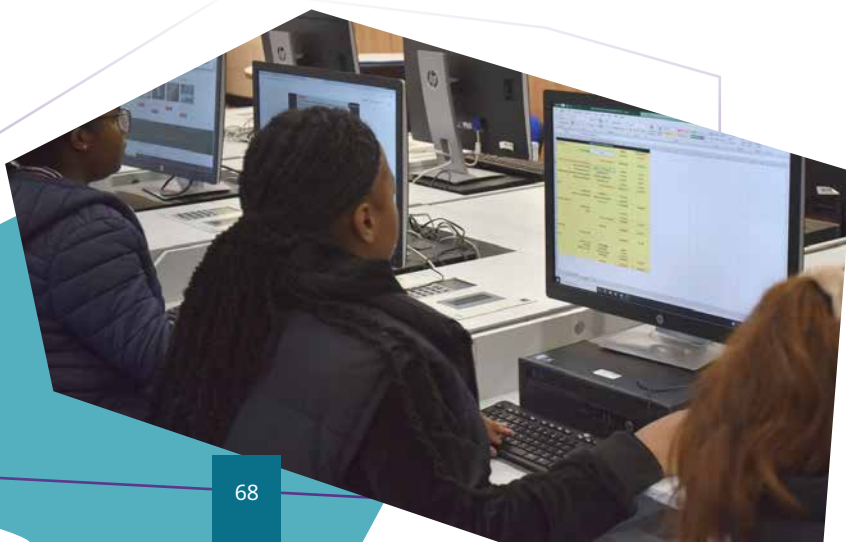
4th Largest

provider of Financial
Services in the EU

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





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 and experienced
veterinary nurses
can expect to earn

€35k+
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Welfare
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Animal Grooming
- Biology
- Animal Behaviour
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Canine Obedience & Training
- Maths

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 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. Students can use this QQI level 5 programme to gain entry to different Architectural, Engineering and Construction degrees courses at university level. Learners will become familiar with fundamentals of architectural design, consideration of construction materials and how to fully meet the needs of the client.

Entry level
positions start at

€65K

per year for Architecture
Construction or
Engineering disciplines

COURSE CONTENT

- Safety and Health at Work
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Communications
- Mathematics
- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Design Skills
- Work Experience
- CAD

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 | Building Surveying | Construction Technology | Construction Management"





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.

86%

of last year's graduates
progressed to a
Level 8 degree

COURSE CONTENT

- Research and Study Skills
- Law
- Journalism
- English Literature
- History
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Social Studies
- French

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 ARTS WITH JOURNALISM

5M3114 QQI LEVEL 5 IN GENERAL STUDIES

Pre-University Arts with Journalism offers learners a foundation in the skills and knowledge required to progress to higher education within this sector. This course delivers a broad range of modules providing the learner with a great insight into areas such as journalism, humanities, teaching, editing and much more.

73%

of Irish Journalists are
employed in full time
permanent contracts

COURSE CONTENT

- Journalism
- Research & Study Skills
- English Literature
- History
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Psychology
- Law
- Social Studies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the successful completion of Pre-University Arts with Journalism, learners will have the opportunity to progress onto Higher Education in fields such as:

Journalism | Education | Humanities |
Editing | Law | Psychology | Marketing



PRE-UNIVERSITY BUSINESS

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2102 QQI LEVEL 5 IN BUSINESS STUDIES

Pre-University Business 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

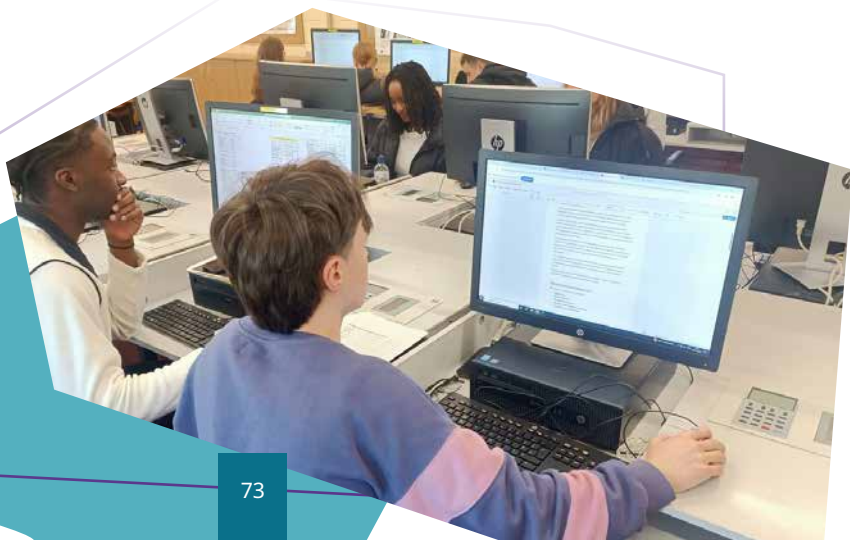
COURSE CONTENT

- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Start Your Own Business
- Communications
- Business Administration
- Information and Administration
- Economics
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

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 NETWORKS & CYBER SECURITY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



5M0529 QQI LEVEL 5 IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Students in the Pre-University Computing programme develop a broad range of skills essential for supporting, developing, and maintaining IT systems. The course explores key areas such as programming, software applications, web design, databases, and cybersecurity, equipping learners with the knowledge and practical abilities needed to progress to a wide variety of computing degree programmes.

Global cybercrime
damage is expected
to reach

€10

trillion annually by 2025

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Programming
- Work Experience
- Software Architecture
- Maths for IT
- Mobile Technologies
- Communications
- Database Methods
- Web Authoring
- Networks & Cyber Security

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Upon successful completion of the Pre-University Computing programme, students can progress to a degree leading to careers in areas such as:

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





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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Law graduates have many options open 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 MARKETING & BUSINESS

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M2069 QQI LEVEL 5 MARKETING

Since Covid-19, online marketing in Ireland has exploded as more people shop, advertise, and pay digitally. This course gives you the creative, business, and AI-driven marketing skills every modern company needs — from social media management and digital design to e-commerce and online advertising. You'll learn how to help real brands grow their online presence and reach new audiences. Graduates can start around €35,000, with experienced professionals earning up to €90,000+ in roles such as Digital Marketing Executive, Social Media Manager, or Brand Strategist.

COURSE CONTENT

- Advertising
- Marketing Practice
- Public Relations
- Digital Marketing
- Accountancy Manual & Computerised
- Behavioural Studies
- Work Experience
- Applied Economics
- Communications
- Maths (elective)

95%

of Marketing graduates
have progressed to
work/further study

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 | AI Marketing Strategist



PRE-UNIVERSITY MUSIC & SOUND

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Musicianship
- Music Technology

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



PRE-UNIVERSITY NURSING WITH MIDWIFERY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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 any of the 5 Nursing degree courses - General Nursing, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability Nursing, Midwifery or Childrens Nursing. 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

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.

COURSE CONTENT

- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Growth and Development
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Care Skills
- Care of the Older person

Additional Certification:

- First Aid Responder
- Patient Moving and Handling
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults





PRE-UNIVERSITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

5M3782 QQI LEVEL 5 HEALTH SERVICE SKILLS

CERTIFICATE IN MOVING & HANDLING , INFECTION

PREVENTION & CONTROL AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Qualified Occupational
Therapist Assistants
can earn up to

€32k
per annum

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.

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

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





PRE-UNIVERSITY PE & SCIENCE TEACHING

QQI LEVEL 5 SPORT, RECREATION, FITNESS

This course provides learners with knowledge and practical skills of the sports, fitness and science sectors to enable progression to higher education in these fields. Learners will engage in a range of both theory and skills based activities to gain the fundamental knowledge of these subject areas.

Many countries, including Ireland are prioritising Physical Education subjects for students

COURSE CONTENT

- Laboratory Skills
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Maths for STEM
- Exercise and Fitness
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy and Physiology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will allow successful candidates to progress to employment in areas including:

Teaching | Sports and Fitness | Education | Sports Centres | Humanities | Community and Youth Work



PRE-UNIVERSITY PHYSIOTHERAPY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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.

In Ireland the
average salary for
Physiotherapy Assistant is

€38k
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- ITEC Anatomy and Physiology
- 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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Sports physiotherapist | Women's health
physiotherapist | Sports massage therapist
| Sports rehabilitator | Osteopath |
Craniosacral therapist | Sports physiologist





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

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

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 SPORTS SCIENCE

PRE-UNIVERSITY SPORTS SCIENCE

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
- Maths for STEM
- Exercise and Fitness
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy and Physiology

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.

86%

of last year's graduates
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
- Irish (Optional)

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-UNIVERSITY VETERINARY NURSING

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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 and experienced
veterinary nurses
can expect to earn

€35k+
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Welfare
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Animal Grooming
- Biology
- Animal Behaviour
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Canine Obedience & Training
- Maths

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course will allow successful candidates to seek employment in various roles including:

Veterinary Nurse | Veterinary Assistant | Dog Grooming Assistant | Animal Care Industry | Zoo Keeping Assistant | Dog Warden | Boarding Kennels Assistant | Agriculture





CHILDCARE & HEALTHCARE

Advanced Early Learning & Care (Level 6)

Advanced Health & Social Studies (Level 6)

Advanced Supervisory Management (Level 6) **NEW 2026**

Advanced Health Service Supervisory Management (Level 6) **NEW 2026**

Applied Psychology & Social Studies

BSc (Hons) Intellectual Disability Nursing **NEW 2026**

Criminology & Psychology

Early Learning & Care (Year 1)

Emergency Services (Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance)

Healthcare Assistant

Nursing Studies

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Physiotherapy Assistant

Pre-Paramedic Training

SNA with Early Learning & Care (Year 1)

Speech & Language Therapy Assistant **NEW 2026**

Youth Work & Social Studies (with SNA)

ADVANCED EARLY LEARNING & CARE (LEVEL 6)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



QQI LEVEL 6 CERTIFICATE IN EARLY LEARNING & CARE

This 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 0 - 6 years. Students will be qualified to work as a Room Leader, Supervisors in Early Learning & Care settings, and progressing to Management. Entry Requirements: Applicants for this course must have successfully achieved a Level 5 award in Early Learning & Care or equivalent.

Graduates may seek
employment with

100+
registered childcare
providers in Co. Louth

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
- Level 6 SNA module

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in a range of Early Learning and Care setting across the public and private sector in Ireland and abroad such as:

Early Years Educator | Management Role in Early Learning & Care Setting
Preschool Educator | Montessori Teacher | Aims Support Worker | Afterschool Teacher | Childminding | Au Pair | Summer Camp Facilitator Tutor





ADVANCED HEALTH & SOCIAL STUDIES (LEVEL 6)

6M2218 QQI LEVEL 6 SOCIAL & 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.

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

COURSE CONTENT

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

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 SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 6)

6M4978 QQI LEVEL 6 HEALTH SERVICES SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

For those interested in developing their career in retail, hospitality or office based roles, this course is for you! Expand your professional skills portfolio with this dynamic, leadership focused programme designed to enhance your potential. Learners will be equipped with practical tools to help navigate today's workplace demands. Whether you're looking to advance in your current role or step into a new career, this course offers real world skills that will open doors to higher education and employment opportunities.

Graduates can progress to level 7 and Level 8 degree programmes in Arts, Hospitality, Business, Finance and more.

The most sought
after qualification
for Supervisors
in commercial
environments
(oiluna.ie)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can also find employment in various areas including:

Grade III Clerical Officer | Retail Supervisor |
Office Team Leader | Hospitality Supervisor |
Events / Project Coordinator | Accounts and
Payroll | Administrator

COURSE CONTENT

- Conflict Management
- Supervisory Management
- Leadership
- Work Experience
- Statutory Workplace Policies and Procedures
- Payroll Manual and Computerised
- Managing People
- Project Management



ADVANCED HEALTH SERVICE SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 6)

6M4978 QQI LEVEL 6 HEALTH SERVICES SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

This one-year Level 6 programme is designed for qualified Health Care Assistants who wish to progress their careers and develop advanced knowledge and leadership skills within the healthcare sector. The course prepares learners for supervisory or senior care roles across hospitals, long-term care facilities, community and residential settings, and home care services. Through a combination of classroom learning, professional practice, and reflective development, students will enhance their competence, confidence, and ability to support both patients and teams in a professional care environment.

COURSE CONTENT

- Conflict Management
- Supervisory Management
- Leadership
- Work Experience
- Rehabilitation Practice
- Managing People
- Person-Centred Planning
- Health Promotion

The numbers of managers working in the health service has grown by

35%

over the last 5 years.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can advance to Senior Health Care Assistant, Team Leader, or Supervisor roles in hospitals, residential, and community care settings. Further study opportunities include degree pathways in Nursing, Health and Social Care, or Health Service Management at institutions such as DkIT, TUD, ATU, and SETU, or progression to Level 7 and Level 8 healthcare-related programmes through CAO or advanced entry routes.





APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL STUDIES

5M2181 APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

This course will give learners insights into the areas of Psychology and Social Studies. It provides a combination of theoretical and practical training in the sectors of social care, community and intellectual disabilities. Students will learn about the roles and responsibilities of working in the community, as well as enhancing their computer, communication and first aid skills.

92%

of students progress to
third level education

COURSE CONTENT

- Psychology
- Intercultural Studies
- Social Studies
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Human Growth & Development
- Young People & Society
- Equality and Disability

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities open to graduates include:

Nursing Home Support Assistant | Apply for entry to An Garda Síochána and Defence Forces | ID Caring Services | Youth, Family and Community Work | Charities | Shelters





BSC (HONS) INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY NURSING

5M4349 QQI LEVEL 5 NURSING STUDIES

The course is designed to equip learners with the academic foundation, confidence, and practical skills needed to succeed at undergraduate level. Participants will gain the competencies required to progress into a professional nursing programme and to pursue a rewarding career in Intellectual Disability Nursing.

Combining the QQI Level 5 Nursing Studies programme with the BSc (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing, this route allows students to begin their studies within the Further Education (FE) sector and progress directly into higher education. Learners will complete their first year AT Ó Fiaich Institute, before progressing to Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) to complete the four-year honours degree programme.

COURSE CONTENT

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Nursing Theory & Practice
- Human Growth & Development
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Care of the Older Person
- Mathematics
- Care Skills

100%

of Intellectual Disability
Nursing graduates are
in employment after 6
months of graduating

CAREER PROGRESSION

- Successful completion of Year 1- NFQ level 5 Major Award in Nursing Studies from QQI 5M4349
- Successful completion of Year 3 - NFQ level 6 Higher Certificate in Nursing Studies from DkIT
- Successful completion of Year 4 - NFQ level 7 Bachelor of Science in Intellectual Disability Nursing Studies
- Successful completion Year 5 - NFQ level 8 Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing is awarded by DkIT.

Throughout the course, students will receive additional supports in areas such as Mathematics, ICT, and Study Skills, helping them to build confidence and prepare effectively for their transition to higher education at DkIT.



CRIMINOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



5M3789 QQI LEGAL 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.

The average salary
for a Crime Scene
Investigator in Ireland is

€76,543
per year

COURSE CONTENT

- Psychology
- Criminology
- Word Processing
- Business Law
- Legal Practice & Procedures
- Communications
- Conflict Resolution
- Work Experience
- Criminal Law

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.



EARLY LEARNING & CARE (YEAR 1)

5M21473 QQI LEVEL 5 PROFESSIONAL AWARD IN EARLY LEARNING & CARE

Have you always wanted to work with children? This one year full time programme will provide you with the qualification required to work in the Early Learning and Care sector. Gain an insight into how children grow, develop and learn through play. Each week learners will engage in placement in a creche setting, while learning simultaneously through class participation.

In October 2025, a pay increase was introduced for the ELC sector bringing wages up on average by

10%

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

Additional Training:

- Paediatric First Aid Training
- Manual Handling

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduations can progress onto Stage 2 to complete Level 6 Early Learning and Care in OFI or to a variety of Level 7 & Level 8 degree programmes in DKIT, DCU, Maynooth, Marino, TUS.

Graduates can progress to employment in a range of Early Learning and Care setting across the public and private sector in Ireland and abroad such as:

Early Years Educator | Preschool Educator | Montessori Teacher | Aims Support Worker | Afterschool Teacher | Childminding | Au Pair | Summer Camp Facilitator



EMERGENCY SERVICES (PRE-PARAMEDIC FIRE & AMBULANCE)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



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.

Earn an average of

€47,603

as a Dublin
Firefighter Paramedic

COURSE CONTENT

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Safety & Health at work
- Emergency Department Care Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Mathematics
- Nursing Theory and Practice Care Skills
- Emergency First Responder
- People Handling

Additional Training:

- PHECC Emergency First Responder (EFR)
- PHECC First Aid Responder
- Manual Handling/Patient
- ROSPA - Fire warden training
- Safeguarding of vulnerable people
- MAPA Management of actual and potential aggression

OFI can facilitate further training such as EMT training in addition to providing pathways that allows students gain experience with voluntary organisations such as Irish Red Cross, Civil Defence and The Order of MALTA.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



5M4339 QQI LEVEL 5 HEALTH CARE SUPPORT

This one-year programme equips students with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to work effectively in a variety of healthcare environments, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community and residential care settings, respite services, and nursing homes. It is suitable for both recent school leavers and experienced mature learners seeking to enhance their qualifications or pursue a career in healthcare. A supervised work placement forms an integral part of the course, providing students with valuable hands-on experience in real-world care settings.

Qualified HCAs typically start on

€33k

per year per year, with strong career and progression pathways in healthcare

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can work as Health Care Assistants in hospitals, nursing homes, or community settings, with progression to Senior HCA or Team Leader roles. Further study options include QQI Level 6 Healthcare or Supervisory Management, and degree pathways in Nursing, Social Care, or Health Sciences at institutes such as DkIT, TUD, ATU, and SETU.



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PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIP



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. On completion of this course students can apply 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.

68%

of graduates progressed
to employment or a Level
8 nursing degree

COURSE CONTENT

- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Care Support
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Growth and Development
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Care of the Older Person

Additional Certification:

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

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





OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

5M3782 QQI LEVEL 5 HEALTH SERVICE SKILLS

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

Qualified Occupational
Therapist Assistants
can earn up to

€32k
per annum

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.

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

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





PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSISTANT

5M5146 QQI LEVEL 5 IN SPORTS, RECREATION & EXERCISE

Physiotherapy assistant would be ideal for any learner who wants to work in this newly-developing role. Learners will develop the skills needed to assist physiotherapists with their caseload, and clients with different elements of treatment/rehabilitation.

In Ireland the
average salary for
Physiotherapy Assistant is

€38k
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

- ITEC Anatomy and Physiology
- 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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can progress to a career in the following areas:

Physiotherapy Assistant in Private Practice |
Rehabilitator



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PRE-PARAMEDIC TRAINING

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- Care Skills

Additional Training:

- PHECC Emergency First Responder (EFR)
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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SNA WITH EARLY LEARNING & CARE (YEAR 1)

PATHWAY TO
HIGHER
EDUCATION



PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT



5M21473 QQI LEVEL 5 SNA WITH EARLY LEARNING & CARE

This one year programme is designed to provide learners with the knowledge and practical skills required to work as a Special Needs Assistant in a variety of educational settings.

Learners will have the opportunity to gain work experience in an Early Years Setting, working and caring for children with a variety of needs. Upon successful completion of the course, learners will be qualified to work as an SNA in Early Years settings such as creches, pre-schools but also in primary and secondary schools.

Budget 2026 announced that

“1,717

additional special needs assistants (SNAs) working across primary, post-primary, and special schools from September 2026

”

COURSE CONTENT

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can progress to employment in a wide range of settings across the public and private sector, both in Ireland and abroad such as:

Special Needs Assistant | Early Years Educator | Preschool Educator | Montessori Teacher | Aims Support Worker | Afterschool Teacher | Childminding | Au Pair | Summer Camp Facilitator





SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY ASSISTANT

5M3782 QQI LEVEL 5 CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH SERVICE SKILLS

This one-year programme has been designed to provide learners with the understanding, knowledge, skills and competence to pursue a career as a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. These skills can be applied to a wide range of sectors catering for those who have difficulties with communication including eating and swallowing.

Qualified Speech & Language Therapy Assistants are vital in multi-disciplinary teams.

COURSE CONTENT

- Speech and Language Therapy Practice
- Speech and Language Therapy Theory
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Care Support
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Rehabilitation Support
- Human Growth and Development
- Work Experience
- Communications

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

Speech and Language Therapy, Healthcare, Early Learning Studies, Education, Humanities





YOUTH WORK & SOCIAL STUDIES (WITH SNA)

5M4732 QQI LEVEL 5 YOUTH WORK 5N1786 QQI LEVEL 5 SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTING

1,194

SNA Jobs 2023/2024

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.

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
- Lámh Training
- Child Protection

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





ART & MEDIA

Art & Design Portfolio Preparation **NEW 2026**

Art, Craft and Design

Digital Media & Design **NEW 2026**

Digital Animation & Game Design

Film & Cinematography

Film Production

Graphic Design

Journalism & Podcasting **NEW 2026**

Multimedia, Games & VR

Music Performance & Industry

Music Technology

Photography Studies



ART & DESIGN PORTFOLIO PREPARATION

5M1984 QQI LEVEL 5 ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

Each student will create a personal body of work compiled through a series of projects that integrate the art, craft and design specialisms. The Institute has an extensively equipped specialist art and craft practice room. In the studio, students can explore and develop their area of interest through disciplines such as drawing, ceramics, textiles, printmaking and painting. On completion of this course students can continue by applying to Third Level education.

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

€65k
per annum

COURSE CONTENT

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

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
| Web Designer | Ceramicist | Product Designer





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.

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COURSE CONTENT

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

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





DIGITAL MEDIA & DESIGN

5M5048 QQI LEVEL 5 DIGITAL MEDIA AND DESIGN

Digital Media and Design is a dynamic QQI Level 5 course that introduces learners to the creative, technical, and design skills essential for today's media landscape. Using the full Adobe Creative Suite — including Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects, and Audition — students gain hands-on experience producing professional-standard digital content.

Learners will explore graphic design, digital imaging, video and audio production, layout and typography, motion graphics, and content creation for web and social platforms. The course emphasises strong visual communication, creative problem-solving, and industry-standard workflows used across design, marketing, media, and creative industries.

This course is ideal for anyone with an interest in visual creativity, digital storytelling, and modern design practices — offering an exciting gateway into Ireland's growing creative media and design industries.

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

€65k
per annum

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
| Web Designer | Ceramicist | Product Designer

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Advertising
- Digital Editing
- Image Processing
- Animation
- Web Authoring
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production





DIGITAL ANIMATION & GAME DESIGN

5M5048 QQI LEVEL 5 CREATIVE MEDIA

With Ireland's rich tradition of storytelling, Ireland's gaming and animation studios have produced internationally acclaimed works, contributing to the nation's reputation for creativity and innovation. Aspiring animators and game designers will benefit from this course, which emphasises both technical skills and artistic expression, preparing them for a career in an industry that continues to expand and captivate audiences worldwide.

The Irish animation industry has quadrupled in size over the past decade.

The annual salary for Animators is

€24-64K
in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates progress to employment in various areas including:

2D Animator | 3D Animator | Game Designer | Video Production Editor | 2D/3D Digital Artist | Environment and Character Designer





FILM & CINEMATOGRAPHY

5M5158 QQI LEVEL 5 FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION

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

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

€692
million

COURSE CONTENT

- Film Production
- Television and Film Editing
- Digital movie processing
- Scriptwriting
- Cinematography Camera Operations
- Media Analysis
- Image Processing
- Radio Production
- Communications
- Work Experience

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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





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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

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





JOURNALISM & PODCASTING

5M3114 QQI LEVEL 5 IN GENERAL STUDIES

This QQI Level 5 Journalism and Podcasting course offers a dynamic introduction to media production, reporting, and digital storytelling. Students develop essential skills in news writing, interviewing, editing, and audio production while exploring media ethics and current affairs. Through practical projects, learners create their own podcasts and news content, gaining hands-on experience with industry tools. Ideal for aspiring journalists, content creators, or broadcasters, this course provides a strong foundation for further study or media careers.

In Ireland, podcasts reach

1.3m
per month

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Podcast Host/Producer, Content Creator, Podcast Advertising And Sales, Voiceover Artist. Learners will also have the opportunity to progress onto Higher Education in fields such as journalism, education, and marketing.

COURSE CONTENT

- Research and Study Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Information and Communications Systems
- Creative Writing
- Writing Skills for Journalism
- Radio Programme Production
- Digital Marketing
- Scriptwriting





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.

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multinational games
companies are currently
based in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT

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

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





MUSIC PERFORMANCE & INDUSTRY

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.

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or through royalties paid for
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COURSE CONTENT

- Music Industry Studies
- Music Theory and Practice
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Music Performance
- Event Production
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Musicianship
- Music Technology

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





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PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIES

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, 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
- History of Photography

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



Ó FIAICH INSTITUTE

PART TIME/EVENING CLASSES



OFI offers a wide range of evening classes from hobby to 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.

A QQI module/award is a well-recognised workplace qualification. Some of the QQI awards/modules we offer include

- QQI Healthcare Support Level 5
- QQI Special Needs Assisting Levels 5 & 6

SAMPLE HOBBY/SPECIAL INTEREST/SHORT COURSES

- Tai Chi
- Stained Glasswork – Beginners and Advanced
- Flower Arranging
- Floor and Wall Tiling
- Art, Drawing & Painting
- Makeup and Self Care
- Language Courses
- Baking with Chef Karl
- Knitting for Beginners



INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT EVENINGS

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

SKILLS TO ADVANCE

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. Further information is available by emailing skillstoadvance@lmetb.ie



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