

PROSPECTUS 2017/2018



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PRE-EMPLOYMENT COURSES • LEVEL 5/6 COURSES



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Principal and Deputy Principal's Welcome

DFEi provides Further Education and Training (FET) courses and has experience in delivering a diverse range of programmes such as: Post Leaving Certificate, Apprenticeships, Labour Market Activation Courses and part-time Night classes. DFEi's courses educate and train learners for employment or further/higher education progression. Courses are dynamic, meet specialist standards and are aimed at providing learners with the knowledge and skills to build a satisfying career. All of DFEi's courses are quality assured and fit into the National Framework for Qualifications.

Principal: Cecilia Munro
Deputy Principal: Susan Henry
Board of Management: www.dfei.ie

Aithnímid gur infheistíocht ollmhór i do thodhchaí é, do rogha chun staidéar a dhéanamh linn. Tá súil againn gur féidir linn taithí shaibhir a dhéanamh as an infheistíocht sin agus guímid gach rath ort i do chuid staidéir.

DFEi's community is supported through dedicated facilities and equipment. Learners are encouraged to become active participants in their own learning and a strong emphasis is placed on each learner having an effective college experience while in DFEi.

DFEi is a constituent college of the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)
CEO: Paddy Lavelle
DDLETB board: www.ddletb.ie

Mission Statement

To provide a holistic approach where the value of each person is equally recognised, fostered and nurtured in DFEi's educational environment.

Disclaimer The information contained in this prospectus is up-to-date at the time of publication. An offer of a course place is conditional on DFEi receiving approval and funding from the DES, DDLETB and SOLAS. Course content is reviewed on a regular basis and changes may be made to awards, course modules and facilities. Applicants are advised to check all awards and progression links on a regular basis with the relevant Institution.





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Wednesday 25th January 2017
10.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday 5th April 2017
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 4th September 2017
2.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 8th September 2017
10.00am - 2.00pm

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Administration Office

Opening hours
Mon-Fri 8.30am – 4.30pm

Location

DFEi is accessible from the M50, by bus, dart and rail.





Benefits of studying at DFEi

- Affordable courses
- Committed and experienced staff
- Excellent range of quality assured courses
- Flexible entry requirements
- Friendly and efficient student support service
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Learner centred approach
- No CAO points required for course entry
- Opportunity from here to go anywhere
- PLC maintenance grants available
- Small classes
- Stepping stone to employment or further/higher education
- Superb resources and facilities

Learners at DFEi include

- Graduates
- International learners
- Learners seeking employment
- Learners seeking to progress to further/higher education
- Learners wishing to upskill
- Mature learners
- Recently unemployed
- School leavers
- Second-chance learners

DFEi's facilities include

- Animal Health Care Suite
- CAD Studio
- Computer Suites
- Construction Workshops
- Design/Architectural Studio
- Digital Radio Studio with Adobe Audition
- Electronics Laboratory
- Learning Centre
- Machine Shop
- Modern Classrooms
- Nursing Suites
- Photographic Studio
- Science Laboratory
- Sound Production Studio with iMac Digital Sound Studio
- Sustainable Technology Workshop
- TV and Film Studio with Avid Media Composer
- Wet Trades Workshop
- Wi-Fi Access

The Hub

The Hub is DFEi's learner canteen and is the centre of all of DFEi's activities as it is a dedicated area for learners to relax and experience college life. Serviced by modern kitchen facilities learners can purchase hot food, relax, use computers and play pool. The Hub is also equipped as a live venue with a stage, sound booth and acoustic panelling.

Teaching and Learning

DFEi's teaching staff adopt a wide variety of teaching methods and are acutely aware that not all learners learn in the same way and come from a variety of different backgrounds. Integral to teaching in DFEi is the use of Moodle, an eLearning Platform, which provides learners with an online learning resource. DFEi is piloting a project in Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) using iPads as a learning tool in order to develop the independent capacity of each learner. DFEi is working with eCollege in order to augment course provision by providing learners with the opportunity to complete industry standard qualifications online.

FIT

Fast Track into IT (FIT) supports a number of DFEi courses and assists in developing in job seekers, new marketable skills to compete for sustainable jobs in the emerging knowledge economy. Supports provided include internships and work experience opportunities.



Guidance and Counselling

These services are available to all learners throughout the academic year and are offered on a confidential basis. The Guidance Counsellor is available to discuss all aspects of course work and to assist in future career decisions. Career workshops including CAO, UCAS, study skills, time management and research skills are scheduled throughout the year. Personal counselling is available including referrals to specialised counselling services as relevant.

Learners Activities Officer

The Activities Officer coordinates all events, including clubs and societies (such as Cybersecurity, Chess and the African Society) within DFEi and liaises with the Student Council regarding developments and learner issues. Events include: team building weekends, live events and fundraising for charity.

Student Council – The Learner Voice

The Students Council comprises of representatives from all classes who are elected by the learners to make a valuable contribution to DFEi Life. Two members, a male and female are elected annually to DFEi's Board of Management. DFEi is part of DDLETB's Student Society.

Annual Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony is the highlight of the DFEi calendar and is held in early September.

Educational Supports

Educational Supports are provided for learners with either learning or health difficulties through the HEA Fund for learners with Disabilities. These supports have to be applied for and may be in the form of assistive technologies, one-to-one tutorials or examinations considerations. Refer to www.dfei.ie/admissions for further information.

Qualifications

DfEi graduates gain major qualifications certified by either QQI or BTEC.



QQI AWARD



Approved Centre from Pearson

Some courses offer additional certification from the following range of examining bodies.



National Framework of Qualifications

The major certification offered on all of DfEi's courses are fully recognised at either Level 5 or Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The NQF is a nationally and internationally recognised framework that is designed so that different levels of qualifications can be commonly recognised. A key purpose of the framework is to enable access and progression opportunities within education and training.

Progression to Further or Higher Education

DfEi courses offer progression options either within DfEi or in partnership with the Institutes of Technology, Universities in Ireland and those in the UK. A sample of the progression opportunities for each course are listed on each course page.

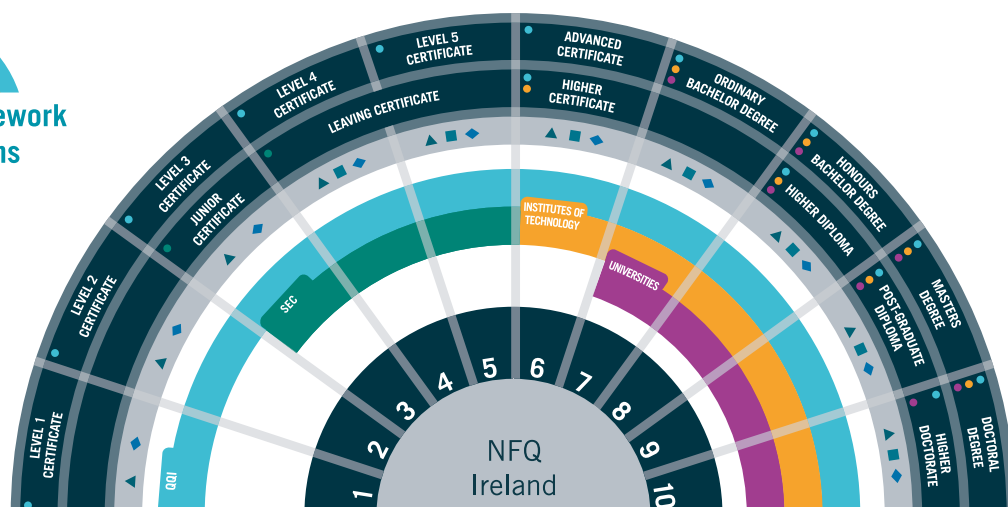
It is very important that all applicants check their course of study, the links associated with the award level and different component grades required prior to embarking on their course of study at DfEi.

The Higher Education Links Scheme

The Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS) reserves a number of places on specified courses for those who hold a full QQI certificate in a related area. For more details visit www.cao.ie or check with the relevant 3rd Level Institution.

Universities and Colleges Admissions Services

DfEi graduates are also eligible to apply to UCAS (www.ucas.com) which is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Services in the UK using either the QQI or BTEC Awards. Full details are available from the guidance office in DfEi.



AWARDING BODIES

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) makes awards in further and higher education and training
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Skills)
- Institutes of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

- Major Awards: named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
- Minor Awards: are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- Supplemental Awards: are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- Special Purpose Awards: are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement

As DFEi is funded by the European Social Fund (ESF), there are no tuition fees for EU Nationals. The following websites will advise learners of the different funding options available, www.welfare.ie or www.studentfinance.ie. DFEi has made every effort to keep course fees to a minimum and will make flexible payment plans to suit individual learners needs.

Fees

The following standard fees apply to all courses within DFEi

- Non-Refundable course acceptance fee €40
- PLC annual Government Levy €200
- Non-EU Nationals fee €3,653 with relevant visa

The following variable fees apply to all courses within DFEi. Full details available at www.dfei.ie

- Student Services fee to cover course ID card, materials, photocopying, equipment, licenses etc
- Examination fee to cover professional examination certification
- Other costs to cover books, field trip expenses or additional certification

The following exemptions to fees apply

	Medical Card	Grant	VTOS	BTEA	NON-EU
Non-Refundable Course Acceptance Fee			Exempt		
Student Services Fee			Exempt		
PLC Government Levy	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
Examination Fee	Exempt QQI only		Exempt		

Sources of Funding

PLC Maintenance Grant Scheme

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) provides a means-tested maintenance grant scheme for those attending full-time further education. All applications for grants are made on-line through SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland). Refer to www.susi.ie.

VTOS (Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme)

This scheme applies to all courses within DFEi and is designed to assist unemployed people over 21 with an opportunity to return to full time education without losing benefits. Early application, directly to DFEi, for this funding is required, as there are a limited number of places. Refer to www.vtos.ie.

BTEA (Back to Education Allowance)

This scheme is run by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and allows people in receipt of certain social welfare payments to retain those payments whilst participating in full-time further education course. Refer to www.welfare.ie.

HEA Fund for Learners with Disabilities

The Fund for Students with Disabilities allocates funding to further and higher education colleges for the provision of services and supports to full-time learners with disabilities. Applications to the fund are made on behalf of an eligible learner by DFEi. Refer to www.heai.ie.

Other Funding Sources

Learners are advised to check Local Partnerships including Southside, Bray, Northside and Wicklow Working Together for any funding that maybe available.

Five Step Admissions Process 2017/2018

Step 1 - Application
Apply online No application fee charged
Step 2 - Interview
Attend for an informal interview
Step 3 - Acceptance of Place
Secure course place with a €40 acceptance fee
Step 4 - Registration
Pay the relevant course fees and supply the relevant documentation
Step 5 - Induction
Attend for induction and commence the course

For further details on admissions:

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DFEi life



College Awareness Week

DFEi provided a week's long schedule of events for all learners in November 2016. This included careers talks from SmartFutures.ie, Campaign Against Drugs, You are what you Drink, visits from the IOT's, African Cultural Society Event, DFEi Album Launch and CAO/Study Skills Workshops. DFEi was involved in the CAW launch with the Animal Care Learners representing DFEi and meeting the Minister for Education Richard Bruton.

The week culminated with a Doggie Shave or Dye and nail painting event. Once the dogs were preened the annual sponsored dog walk took place through Dún Laoghaire to the east pier. Over €2,500 in much needed funds were raised for the DSPCA and Blue Cross Charities.



DFEi's Graduation Ceremony

DFEi's Graduation Ceremony was held in September 2016 in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. Awards and certificates were presented by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Mary Michelle O'Connor TD and also attending the event was Paddy Lavelle (CEO DDLETB), Dr Anna Doona (President of IADT), Cllr Cormac Devlin and members of DFEi's Board of Management. A large cohort of graduates received their certificates and awards in the presence of their families and friends who supported them during their period of study in DFEi. A Memorandum of Understanding to solidify the progression arrangements between DFEi and IADT was signed prior to the ceremony.



Students Council Trip 2016

The Students Council Teambuilding weekend took place in October 2016 in Glencree with class reps and teachers spending the weekend on team building activities. The weekend started off with a walk up to Powerscourt Waterfall through Crone Wood, continued with team building activities at the hostel and culminated in a drum circle workshop with djembe drums.



DFEi's African Society

The very active African Society organised a cultural event during CAW which showcased the best of African food, dress and dance. The event was well attended in the canteen where many different cultures mingled to get a better understanding and appreciation of each other.



IrelandSkills at DFEi

DFEi hosted the IrelandSkills competition in Cabinetmaking in November 2016. Six participants, either apprentices or further education/higher education learners, took part in the competition. Representing DFEi was Dara Howlett who is currently completing the Level 5 Furniture Design and Making Course. Dara is the first female participant in the competition for this trade.



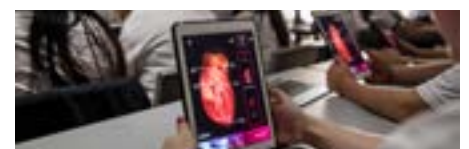
World Diabetes Day and Science Week 2016

DFEi hosted an educational/awareness talk on Diabetes and raised some much needed funds for scientific research into diabetes. Speakers included Vicky Doyle from Diabetes Ireland and James O'Reilly, a cyclist, who has Type 1 Diabetes.



DFEi Learners visit SAP

As part of its commitment to DFEi, FIT organised a trip to SAP in CityWest Campus in Kildare. Learners from the Software Development and Electronic Technology Courses, Level 5 and Level 6 received first-hand information on the latest trends in software development and technical solutions for businesses.



iTunesU Technology Enhance Learning Project

In 2015 DFEi became involved in the DDLETB's iTunesU project where iPads were introduced as teaching and learning devices within the classroom. There use in class is to augment the teaching and learning taking place but to also help learners gain a better understanding of the subject matter through using different media i.e. visual, sound and movement. Tara Lovett, qualified VET and teacher on the Animal Care Courses in DFEi, showcased the work she embarked on and discussed the development of the course material at the DDLETB's inaugural TEL Conference in September 2016.



ANIMAL HEALTH CARE PROGRESSION ROUTES

Animal Care

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Advanced Certificate in Animal Health Care

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Universities and Institutes of Technology
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

These courses are designed to equip learners with the knowledge and the skills to work in a variety of areas within the Animal Health Care sector, or to progress to Higher Education through the Higher Education Links Scheme. Learners will study core areas of Animal Health Care and are enabled to put theory into practice through experiential learning in a fully equipped Animal Health Care Suite. These courses are delivered by specialists who are currently practising within the profession. Regular field trips and the handling of a wide variety of animals are key features of these courses.

Career Options

Graduates may seek employment in: veterinary clinics, dog grooming parlours, pet shops, catteries/dog kennels, animal welfare organisations, agricultural, science industries, farms (including petting farms), zoos, wildlife parks, and self-employment (both in Ireland and abroad).

Animal Care

Level 5 QQI Award



Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

As there is an emphasis on the science subjects, Biology, Animal Anatomy and Physiology, a background in science would be desirable, but not essential.

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award Animal Care (5M2768)
- AniEd Canine First Responder Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Welfare
- Animal Behaviour
- Small Animal Husbandry and Housing
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Biology
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Mathematics

Progression Opportunities

DFEI: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Animal Health Care at DFEI.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (AL731)

Athlone Institute of Technology

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (DK784)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BSc in Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology (GA770 and GA780)

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (DN310)

Bachelor of Science (DN200)

Bachelor of Agricultural Science (DN250)

University College Dublin



Advanced Certificate in Animal Health Care

Level 6 QQI Award



Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Animal Care
- Mature applicants with relevant experience are welcome

For those learners who apply with a Level 5 Award in Animal Care, a minimum of three distinctions to include any of the following level 5 modules: Animal Grooming, Veterinary Assisting Skills, Animal Welfare, Small Animal Husbandry, Animal Anatomy and Physiology, and/or Work Experience.

Certification

- Level 6 QQI Award Animal Science (6M5153)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Animal Science and Health
- Large Animal Husbandry
- Wild Animal Management
- Animal Grooming Advanced
- Canine Obedience and Training
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Communications
- Mathematics (Optional)

Additional Information

Learners as part of this programme must complete six weeks' work placement: five weeks' in a veterinary practice and one weeks' compulsory residential course in an agricultural college (to gain large farm animal experience).

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, both at Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (AL731)

Athlone Institute of Technology

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (DK784)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BSc in Wildlife Biology (TL852)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Institute of Technology Tralee

BSc in Veterinary Nursing (LY847) - Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Letterkenny Institute of Technology



ARTS, BUSINESS AND HUMANITIES **i** PROGRESSION ROUTES

Arts, Culture and History: Pre-University Arts

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Office Administration (with Legal and Medical Studies)

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Business Studies (with Law): Pre-University Course

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Marketing and Event Management

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1



Advanced Certificate in Administration

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

This course is an excellent foundation course for the Bachelor of Arts degree in University College Dublin, National University of Ireland Maynooth, and other Universities. This course enables the learner to develop an in-depth knowledge of archaeology, local history, folklore and ethnology. Learners will also gain knowledge of the cultural richness of modern Europe, while developing media skills in the areas of; research, journalism, organisation and communications.

Career Options

Graduates may seek employment in private and public heritage centres, museums, libraries and archives, community information services and other areas of the information society. Career opportunities also exist for arts officers, curators, conservationists and arts education officers.

Arts, Culture and History: Pre-University Arts Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Culture and Heritage Studies (5M2154)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Archaeology
- Folklore and Ethnology
- Local History
- European Studies
- Political Studies
- Writing Skills for Journalism
- Traditional Black and White Photography
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

Special Features

Throughout the year, learners will participate in a broad range of interesting projects, field trips, cultural visits and guided tours; National History Museum, Newgrange/Melifont, Dublinia and Christchurch, UCD Folklore Archive, European Parliament, Glasnevin Museum and Cemetery Tour, Ferricarrig Heritage Park, Castlebar Museum of Country Life, etc.

Additional Information

Learners have an option to participate in an intensive three to five days Arts, Culture and History field trip, which takes place in March/April to the heritage sites of the north-west or east coast of Ireland. An additional charge will apply.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Contemporary Culture and Society (DC238)

BA in Humanities (DC009)

Dublin City University

BA in English, Media and Cultural Studies (DL821)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Culture and Heritage Studies (CW067 and CW098)

Institute of Technology Carlow

BA in European Studies (TA021)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BA in European Studies (MH108)

BA in Politics (MH112)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Bachelor of Arts (CK101)

University College Cork

Bachelor of Arts (DN500)

University College Dublin

Testimonial

"I found the teachers very helpful at all times. Their encouragement gave me the confidence to continue with my studies, taking the Higher Education Links route from DFEi to UCD. The academic skills and (using Moodle) that I gained during my year at DFEi provided me with the ideal preparation for third level education."

Katie Nicholson completed her BA in Music and Folklore at University College Dublin and is currently working full time in the tourism industry.



Overview

This course will equip learners with a high standard of administrative, business, legal, medical and essential IT skills for the modern office. Learners also gain a range of transversal skills such as organisational and communication skills, which are highly sought after by today's employers. Learners are introduced to the world of legal and medical practice. Legal studies enables learners to get an overview of legal principles and procedures. Medical Terminology provides learners with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to pursue an administrative career in healthcare or related fields.

The course is aimed at:

- School Leavers
- Those who have been in the workforce before, but now need to update and develop new skills
- Those who wish to acquire IT skills for the first time
- Those who wish to defer a college place in order to improve their IT skills

On completion of the Level 5 course, learners have the option to progress to the Level 6 course in Administration at DFEi, where learners will acquire advanced IT skills and the knowledge and capacity to work at supervisory level.



- IT Security
- Computer Essentials
- Presentation
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets

Office Administration (with Legal and Medical Studies) Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award Office Administration (5M1997)
- ICS Skills: New ECDL

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Information and Administration
- Word Processing
- Text Production
- Payroll Manual and Computerised
- Bookkeeping Manual and Computerised
- Audio Transcription
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Medical Terminology
- Communications
- Work Experience
- New ECDL

Special Features (New ECDL)

In addition to the core Microsoft applications as part of the New ECDL (Word Processing, Spreadsheets and PowerPoint) learners will also be offered: Computer Essentials, Online Essentials, and Online Collaboration.

Computer Essentials and Online Essentials modules set out essentials, concepts and skills, relating to the use of devices, file creation and management, networks and data security, web browsing, effective information search, online communication and e-mail.

Online Collaboration sets out concepts and skills relating to the setup and use of online collaborative tools, such as storage, productivity applications, calendars, social media, web meetings, learning environments, and mobile technology.



Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Administration at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BBus in Entrepreneurship and Management (DL823)
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)
National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Human Resource Management (NC005)
National College of Ireland

BSc in Human Resource Management (DT398)
Dublin Institute of Technology

Career Options

Graduates may seek employment in administration, customer Service, payroll/accounts, secretarial, frontline management, and receptionist roles. These positions are available in solicitor's offices, medical practices/hospitals, financial service industry, education, tourism, call centres, insurance/banks, local authorities, offices in both the private and public sectors.



Overview

This course is designed to develop the existing skills of learners who have completed a Level 5 course in one of the following areas: Office Administration, Computer Studies, Information Processing or Business. The course is designed to allow the learner to gain advanced knowledge and skills in the general area of office management. The learners will receive specialist training in up to date Microsoft Office applications and Office Administration as well as developing speed and advanced accuracy in text production. In addition this course provides a range of core subjects which are essential to the understanding of Business and Office environments.

Advanced Certificate in Administration

Level 6 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award Office Administration or Business Studies
- Other relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Proficiency in computer skills
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

Level 6 QQI Award Administration (6M5013)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Administration Practice
- Customer Service
- Personal and Professional Development
- Spreadsheets
- Word Processing
- Payroll Manual and Computerised
- Supervisory Management
- Database Methods

Assessment

The following techniques will be used to assess the knowledge and skills that learners will have achieved on successful completion of modules:

- Learner Record
- Collection of Work
- Skills Demonstration
- Assignment
- Examinations (written)
- Project

Special Features

Learners will have the option of undertaking an additional class in digital interactive documentation. Using the industry standard, Adobe Acrobat programme, a range of pdfs can be produced for either screen, web or print.

Interactive fillable forms and digital newsletters etc. featuring drop down menus, interactive buttons, check boxes, digital signatures, attachments, security and audio comments are all covered. This is an extremely useful skill to have for document creation and management in today's office environment.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BBS in Management (MH401)

BA in Finance (MH401)

BA in Accounting and Finance (MH403)

BBS in Business and Management (MH404)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Human Resource Management (NC005)

National College of Ireland

Bachelor of Business Studies (TL831) - Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Institute of Technology Tralee

Career Options

Graduates may seek employment in administration, customer Service, payroll/accounts, secretarial, frontline management, and receptionist roles. These positions are available in solicitor's offices, medical practices/hospitals, financial service industry, education, tourism, call centres, insurance/banks, local authorities, offices in both the private and public sectors.



Overview

This course is designed to give learners an in-depth knowledge of concepts relevant to the business world with an emphasis on Accounting, Economics, Marketing and Law. By combining IT components with these business concepts, learners will gain the knowledge, skill and competence to meet the increasing demand from employers for qualified graduates who are proficient in a wide range of business skills. This Pre-University course is an excellent foundation for those who wish to pursue business degree programmes in UCD, Maynooth, DCU and other Universities. A two week work placement in the second term provides learners with the opportunity to gain experience in a business or legal workplace.

Career Options

Graduates of this course may pursue careers in a wide range of areas including: legal, finance, accountancy, marketing, general administration, human resources, retail and information technology.



Business Studies (with Law): Pre-University Course Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Business Studies (5M2102)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Accounting Manual and Computerised
- Applied Economics
- Business Law
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Marketing Practice
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Mathematics (Optional)

Special Features

- Two weeks work placement
- Court visits
- Site visits
- Professional guest lectures

Progression Opportunities

DfEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Administration at DfEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a wide range of business related higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology. Examples are shown below. However a full list of programmes to choose from will be given to all learners at induction in September.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Commerce (DN650)

University College Dublin

BA in Accounting and Finance (DC115)

BSc in Marketing, Innovation and Technology (DC240)

BA in Economics and Law (DC230)

Dublin City University

BSc in Marketing (DT341)

BSc in Business and Management (DT365)

BSc in Business and Law (DT321)

BSc in Retail and Services Management (DT343)

BSc in Human Resource Management (DT398)

Dublin Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Business Studies (DL823)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BBS in Business and Accounting (MH407)

BBS in Management (MH404)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Bachelor of Arts (CK101)

Bachelor of Commerce (CK201)

Bachelor of Law (CK301)

University College Cork

Testimonial

"Coming to DfEi and completing a PLC course in Business Studies with Law was the best foundation I needed for entry to Third Level Education. It prepared me for the rigours of continuous assessment, carrying out research and meeting deadlines in DCU."

Ekilove Ekhaton completed her BA in Economics, Politics and Law at Dublin City University and is currently working full time in the banking sector.



Overview

This course is intended for learners who have an interest in the practical areas of marketing and event management. Modern business practices using relevant innovative technologies are at the core of this course. On this multidiscipline course, learners will be taught by teachers with relevant digital marketing and event management experience. Learners will gain practical experience by assisting in marketing initiatives and events throughout the year. Guest speakers from the industry are an integral component of this programme.

Career Options

Graduates of this course may seek employment in digital marketing in such roles as PPC advertising, search engine optimisation and social media marketing. Employment opportunities also exist in public relations as a PR officer, press officer or event manager.

Marketing and Event Management

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Business Studies (5M2102)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Business Administration Skills
- Desktop Publishing
- Digital Marketing
- Event Management
- Marketing Practice
- Digital Photography
- Public Relations
- Web Design
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Mathematics (Optional)

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Administration at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology. Examples are shown below. However a full list of programmes to choose from will be given to all learners at induction in September.

Testimonial

"Studying Marketing and Event Management at DFEi provided me with an opportunity to develop my personal and interpersonal skills, while gaining the additional skills required for the PR industry. It was a very challenging course, but I really enjoyed it."

Michelle Roche currently studying for a BA in Marketing Practice at the National College of Ireland (NCI).

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Commerce (DN650)

University College Dublin

Bachelor of Business Studies (DC111)

BSc in Marketing, Innovation and Technology (DC240)

BA in International Relations (DC231)

Dublin City University

BSc in Event Management (DT413)

BSc in Tourism Marketing (DT412)

BA in Tourism Management (DT406)

BSc in Hospitality Management (DT401)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Arts Management (DL822)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BBS in Marketing (MH404)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Marketing Practice (NC020)

National College of Ireland

BA in Event Management (DK752)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BBS in Event Management with Public Relations (GA376)

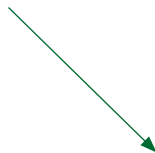
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

ARTS, BUSINESS AND HUMANITIES - SECURITY PROGRESSION ROUTES

Police and Security Studies

Level 5 QQI Award

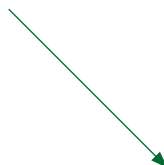
DFEi Year 1



Advanced Certificate in Security Operations and Management

Level 6 QQI Award

DFEi Year 2



Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards



Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

This course is designed to prepare learners with the necessary qualifications to work in the security industry or to prepare for application to the police, armed forces, prison service or naval service. Learners will complete modules which meet the requirements for licensing in both Door Security Procedures and Guarding Services. Throughout their training, learners will complete work experience placements with recognised security companies.

Career Options

Graduates may find opportunities in many parts of the security industry including An Garda Síochána, the Defence Forces, the Airport Police, the Garda Reserve, the Prison Service or Fire Services. Employment opportunities arise in the private security sector in areas such as: industrial, retail, event, door, mobile patrol and static guard security.

Police and Security Studies Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

- One of the following:
- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
 - Leaving Certificate Applied
 - Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
 - Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award Security Studies (5M2110)
- First Aid Certificate – Irish Red Cross
- Safe Pass Certificate (Options)
- Static Guarding Licence (PSA)
- Door Security Procedures Licence (PSA)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Criminology
- Door Security Procedures
- Customer Service
- Security Industry Procedures
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Safety and Health at Work
- Intruder Alarm and Access Control
- Closed Circuit Television and Lighting
- Guarding Skills
- First Aid
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Word Processing

Special Features

- Two weeks work placement
- Court visits
- Site visits (e.g. Google)
- PSA licenses
- Professional guest lectures

Additional Information

- Learners on this course complete the Level 4 QQI Door Security and Guarding Skills minor awards to acquire the DSP Door Security (Licensed Premises) licence as well as the Security Guard (Static) licence
- Learners have the option of completing their work experience in St James Hospital
- Employers actively seek our learners for employment in the security industry environment
- Learners will undertake Garda Vetting prior to commencing their work experience.

Progression Opportunities

DfEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Security Operations and Management at DfEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, both at Universities and Institutes of Technology.



Irish Red Cross



An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí
The Private Security Authority

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Business (BN014)

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown

BEng in Electronic Engineering (CW527)

Institute of Technology Carlow

BB in Business (DK816)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BA in Business (NC009)

National College of Ireland

BA in Criminal Justice Studies (WD150)

BSc in Computer Forensics and Security (WD161)

Waterford Institute of Technology



DfEi and Google Mentoring Agreement

Google Security is currently mentoring learners from this course. DfEi learners are now in the unique position of being able to gain first-hand practical knowledge of how a world class international organisation manages their security, while at the same time gaining best practice theoretical knowledge from leading security professionals.

Testimonial

"Since graduating from DfEi in 2014, I have been working in Dublin Airport security as a staff trainer and I am hoping to get into the Airport Police in the coming year. I love my work and having this qualification from DfEi played a major part in getting this job. My hard work paid off.

Michaela Grant, Staff Trainer Dublin Airport

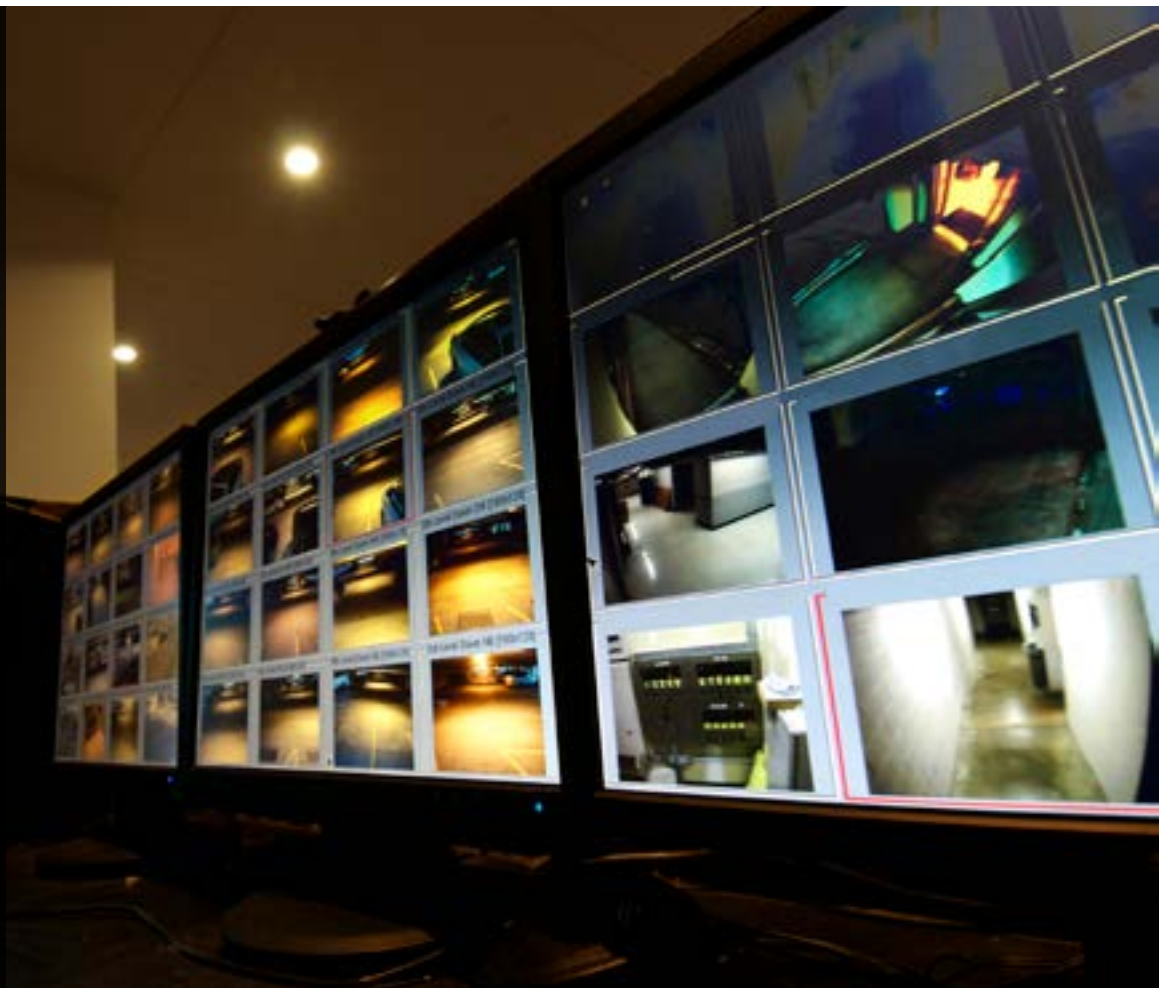


Overview

This course is designed to develop the learner's understanding of Security Business Management and acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to work independently or at supervisory level in the security industry. It also prepares learners for a career at management level in other business sectors. As part of this course, learners complete industrial experience placements in a supervisory capacity with recognised security companies. This course is of particular relevance to those learners who are interested in a career with, An Garda Síochána, the Defence Forces or the Prison Service.

Career Options

Graduates may find supervisory employment in the security sector as a retail security professional, security officer, head doorman and control room operative. Graduates may also join An Garda Síochána, Defence Forces, Airport Police, Prison Service, Customer Service or Fire Service.



Advanced Certificate in Security Operations and Management Level 6 QQI Award



Irish Red Cross



An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí
The Private Security Authority

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Security Studies or Security Systems Technology or equivalent
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

- Level 6 QQI Award Security Operations (6M4980)
- First Aid Certificate – Irish Red Cross
- Safe Pass Certificate (optional)
- Static Guarding Licence (PSA)
- Door Security Procedures Licence (PSA)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Crime Prevention
- Business Management
- Supervisory Security Management
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Customer Service
- Personal and Professional Development
- Communications
- Conflict Management
- Spreadsheet Methods

Additional Information

- Learners have the option of completing the Level 4 QQI Door Security Procedures minor award as part of this course to acquire their DSP (Door Supervisor Licenced Premises) licence from the Private Security Authority (PSA)
- Employers actively seek our learners for employment in the security industry environment
- Successful graduates of this course may apply to the Security Institute of Ireland to become a member
- Graduates of this course are equipped to start their own business in the security area. The supervisory skills gained, combined with Entrepreneurial skills place DFEI graduates in an ideal position to start up and gain a contractor's licence with the PSA. Crime prevention is a growing industry in Ireland. Graduates may consider further study in new emerging global crimes such as IT security, fraud and financial crime

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, both at Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Business (BN014)

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown

BEng in Electronic Engineering (CW527)

Institute of Technology Carlow

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Dundalk Institute of Technology

BA in Business (NC009)

National College of Ireland

BA in Criminal Justice Studies (WD150)

BSc in Computer Forensics and Security (WD161)

Waterford Institute of Technology



Testimonial

"From my work experience in St James Hospital, I could see the advantage of doing the Level 6 Award in Security Operations and Management. The Level 6 QQI course will give me the skills to progress in the Security Industry to becoming a Supervisor/Manager."

Emma O'Neill, graduate of Police and Security Studies, currently studying the Advanced Certificate in Security Operations and Management at DFEI.



- **Animal Health Care** graduates were offered all of the QQI places in UCD Veterinary Science in 2015 and 2016
- DFEi staff in **Animal Care** are piloting a DDLETB's iTunesU Project involving the use of iPads to create independent thinking, to provide different ways of learning and to assist learners in taking control over their own learning



- The **Arts, Culture and History** Course is a direct route into Bachelor of Arts Degrees nationwide
- All of the **Administration** graduates of 2016 are either in employment or studying the **Advanced Certificate in Administration** at DFEi
- 50% of DFEi's **Business Studies** graduates were offered a Business related Degree at Universities nationwide



- **Graduates** are completing the following degrees: Veterinary Nursing UCD, Science UCD, Arts UCD, European Studies IT Tallaght, Accounting and Finance IT Tallaght, Business and Entrepreneurship IADT **or working in:** Animal Grooming, Tourism, Banking, Security and in Accountancy Firms





SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Laboratory Techniques: Pre-University Science

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Food Science and Nutrition: Pre-University Science

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Computing and Electronic Technology

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Software Development

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Advanced Certificate in Computing and Electronic Technology

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Advanced Certificate in Software Development

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

This hands-on laboratory skills course provides an introduction to the world of science and covers a variety of subjects related to laboratory and physical sciences. The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to work independently and under supervision in a science laboratory and or to progress to science based programmes at third level. Regular field trips and visits from guest speakers are key features of this course.

Career Options

This course prepares learners for careers typically found in the following sectors: chemical industry, biopharma-pharchem, cosmetic science, food and beverages, physical and mathematical sciences, medical devices, education and research, environmental science, human biology and health, science journalism. Learners may seek employment in many other types of companies such as business, requiring an aptitude for science.

Laboratory Techniques: Pre-University Science

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Laboratory Skills
- Microbiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

Additional Information

Learners should use this course as a stepping stone into a recognised degree programme in order to achieve a high level qualification.

The Expert Group on Future Skills Needs has identified that scientific related jobs are difficult to fill due to a lack of suitable graduates.

Nine out of the top ten global Biopharma-Pharchem companies are located in Ireland (for example Pfizer, Merck, Amgen). These companies operate research, manufacturing and service activities in Ireland and the sector is expected to grow. There is an acute need for technicians, senior process scientists and engineers.

Twenty of the top thirty medical global device companies (Abbot, Boston Scientific and Medtronic) are also located in Ireland. They operate large production facilities, which are expected to grow. The sector is strong on exports and Ireland has an international reputation for delivering products and services in the following growth areas: Agri-food, Medical devices, chemical engineering, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

Scientific vacancies exist in three scientific sectors (1) manufacturing (mostly pharmaceutical), (2) professional, scientific and technical activities and (3) human health activities.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology. There are progression options in a wide range of areas including general science, biotechnology, forensic science, pharmaceutical science, sports science, food science and many other related areas.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Science (DN200)

BSc in Agricultural Science (DN250)

BSc in Food Science (DN261)

University College Dublin

Bachelor of Science (MH201)

Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (MH202)

Bachelor of Science in Biological and Medical Science (MH208)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Bachelor of Science (TR071)

Trinity College Dublin

BSc in Forensic and Environmental Chemistry (DT203)

BSc in Pharmaceutical Healthcare (DT422)

BSc in Food Science and Management (DT424)

BSc with Nanotechnology (DT227)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Sport Science and Health (DC202)

Dublin City University

Overview

This course is suitable for learners who are interested in preparing for a career as a food scientist and/or further education in food, science or agriculture sectors. A food scientist applies their knowledge of biology, chemistry and engineering to develop and improve foods and has a role to play in all aspects of the food chain from production, to processing, storage and marketing. The food industry, Ireland's largest industry, with Irish food companies being amongst the most successful in the world, employing up to 230,000 is expected to grow. This sector needs highly qualified graduates with a clear understanding of food, nutrition, health and their interrelationships.

Career Options

Learners should use this course as a stepping stone in order to obtain a high level qualification in the progression areas listed below. Alternatively learners may seek immediate employment in a range of companies and projects that seek graduates with a science aptitude. Career opportunities such as food technologists, food scientists, microbiologists, food safety consultants, technicians, food engineers, laboratory assistants and product development managers exist for graduates who complete further or higher education qualifications.



Food Science and Nutrition: Pre-University Science

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Laboratory Skills
- Microbiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Nutrition
- Food Safety and HACCP
- Fruit and Vegetable Production
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Special Features

- Work placement
- Hands-on laboratory experience
- Small class groups
- Visits to industry
- Professional guest lectures
- CAO advise

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology. There are progression options in a wide range of areas including food science, general science, agricultural science, sports science, culinary arts, applied science in nutrition and many other related areas. Example are shown below. However a full list of programmes to choose from will be given to all learners at induction in September.

Progression Examples

BSc in Food Science (DN261)

Bachelor of Science (DN200)

BSc in Agricultural Science (DN250)

BSc in Dairy Business (DN252)

University College Dublin

Bachelor of Science (MH201)

Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (MH202)

Bachelor of Science in Biological and Medical Science (MH208)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Bachelor of Science (TR071)

Trinity College Dublin

BSc in Nutraceuticals in Health and Nutrition (DT420)

BSc in Food Innovation (DT421)

BSc in Environmental Health (DT491)

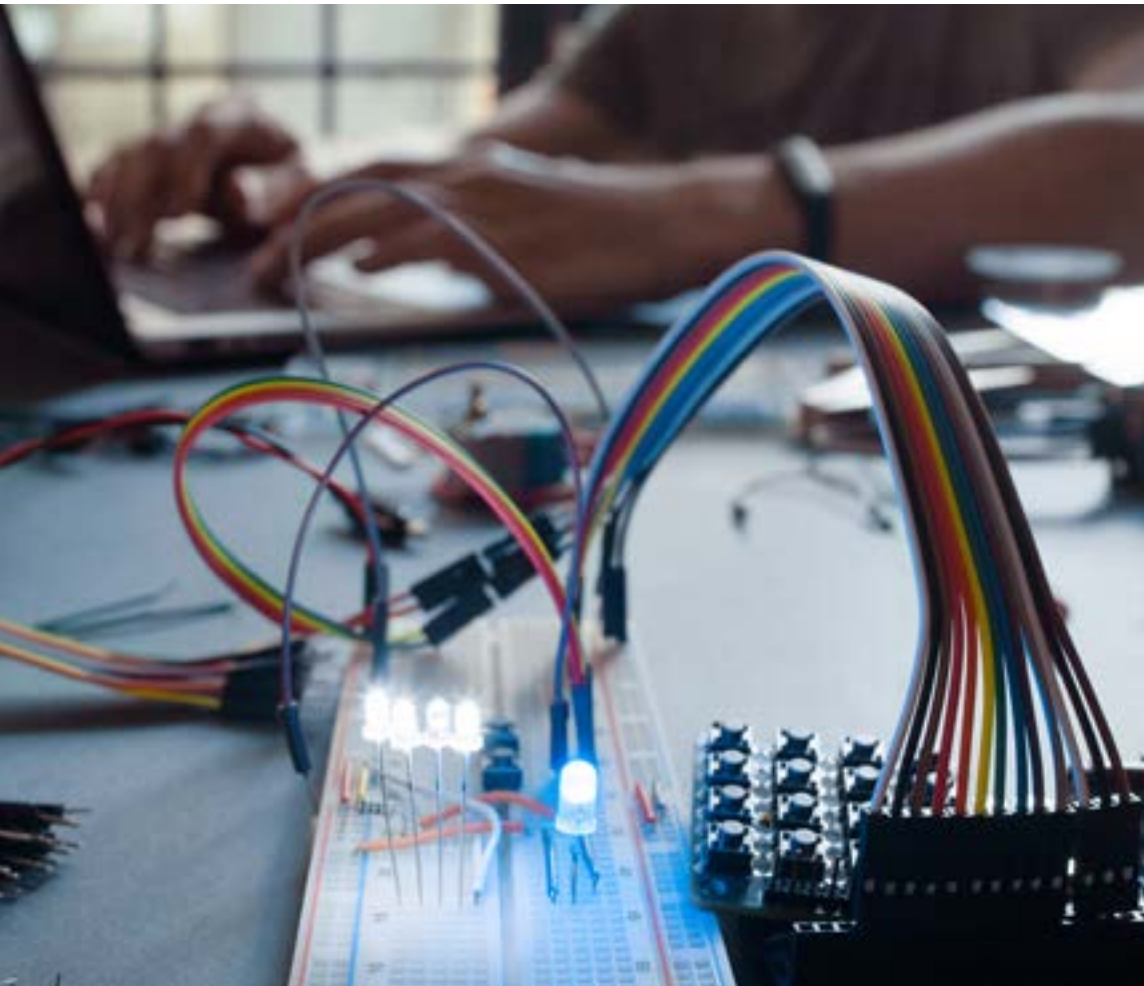
BSc in Clinical Measurement Science (DT229)

BA in Culinary Arts (DT407)

Dublin Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Applied Science in Nutrition, Food and Business Management (AS051)

St Angels's College Sligo



Overview

These courses are designed to give learners a firm foundation in the skills required to work or study in the electronics industry. Learners will study computer programming and implement circuits in real time applications and design, build and test their own embedded control systems. Learners will study PC construction, installation and maintenance and are prepared for the internationally recognised CompTIA+ award. These courses are supported by FIT (Fast Track into IT) which is a unique IT led initiative that offers learners the opportunity to acquire essential skills to gain employment in the thriving IT sector. Learners are given training in job interview techniques and CV preparation. Visits to companies are also organised by FIT with a view to possible internships.

Career Options

Graduates have found employment in diverse areas such as: network support, software development, electronic service technician, test and repair technician, electronic and computer engineering, access control installation, self-employment.

Computing and Electronic Technology Level 5 QQI Award



Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVF
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award Electronic Technology (CELTX)
- CompTIA Certification (Optional)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Analogue Electronics
- Electronics and Digital
- PCB Design and Fabrication
- System Maintenance
- Control Systems
- Computer Programming
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics

Progression Opportunities

DfEI: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Computing and Electronic Technology at DfEI.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Computer Science (DN201)
Bachelor of Science (DN200)

University College Dublin

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)
BSc in Computer Science and

Software Engineering (MH601/2)
BSc in Multimedia Mobile and

Web Development (MH601/2)
National University of Ireland Maynooth

BSc in Creative Media
Technologies (DL835)

BSc in Creative Computing
(DL836)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BEng in Electronics and
Communications Engineering
(DT008)

BTech in Networking Technologies
(DT080)

Dublin Institute of Technology

CompTIA

Advanced Certificate in Computing and Electronic Technology Level 6 QQI Award



Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Information Technology or Electronic Technology
- Other relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

- Level 6 QQI Award Electronic Technology (CETXX)
- CompTIA Certification (Optional)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Advanced Analogue Electronics
- Advanced Digital Electronics
- Electrical Principals
- Instrumentation and Robotics

- Microprocessors
- Networks
- Windows Programming
- Communications
- Mathematics (Optional)

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Computing
(TA322)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

BEng in Computer Engineering in Mobile Systems (BN117)
Blanchardstown Institute of Technology

BSc in Creative Media Technologies (DL835)
- Advanced entry into 2nd Year Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

Testimonial

"I commenced the Computing and Electronic Technology course in DfEI, without any real idea of how I wanted to progress. With the help of the dedicated teaching staff, by the time I had finished, I was inspired to aim for Computer Science in UCD, a course I had originally deemed too difficult for me to achieve. I am now in 2nd Year at UCD and still find myself calling upon the knowledge I acquired during my time at DfEI."

Andrew Mc Gurk,
Graduate, currently studying for a BSc in Computer Science in UCD.

Overview

These Pre University computer science courses provide an opportunity to train for a rewarding career in the IT industry. Learners will develop the skills to be able to design, create and maintain websites, databases and computer networks, as well as the fundamentals of computer programming using C++, C#, PHP, Javascript, and Visual Basic using Visual Studio, software architecture and technical support. These courses are supported by FIT (Fast Track into IT) which is a unique IT led initiative that offers learners the opportunity to acquire essential skills to gain employment in the thriving IT sector. Learners are given training in job interview techniques and CV preparation. Visits to companies are also organised with a view to possible internships.

Career Options

There are a number of possible job opportunities for learners with a solid programming background. The key areas of employment include: junior programmer, software developer, website design/maintenance, IT user support technician, network administration and network security.



Software Development Level 5 QQI Award



Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award Software Development (5M0529)
- CompTIA Certification (Optional)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- Software Architecture
- Programming and Design Principles
- Database Methods
- Maths for Information Technology
- Networking Essentials
- Web Authoring
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Software Development at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Computer Science (DN201)
University College Dublin

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)
BSc in Computer Science and Software Engineering (MH601/2)
BSc in Multimedia Mobile and Web Development (MH601/2)
National University of Ireland Maynooth

BSc in Creative Media Technologies (DL835)
BSc in Creative Computing (DL836)
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BSc in Computer Science (DT211/DT228)
Dublin Institute of Technology

CompTIA

Advanced Certificate in Software Development Level 6 QQI Award



Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Software Development or Information Technology or Electronic Technology
- Other Relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

- Level 6 QQI Award Software Development (6M0691)
- CompTIA Certification (Optional)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Project Management
- Object Orientated Programming
- Software Architecture
- Graphical User Interface Programming
- Multimedia Technology
- Web Development
- Relational Database
- Personal and Professional Development
- Communications

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Computer Science (DN201)
University College Dublin

BSc in Computer Science (DT211/DT228)
Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Computer Science and Software Engineering (MH601/2)

BSc in Multimedia Mobile and Web Development (MH601/MH602)
National University of Ireland Maynooth

BSc in Business Computing (AL750) - Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Athlone Institute of Technology

BSc in Creative Computing (DL836) - Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology



- The **Laboratory Techniques: Pre-University Science** course commenced in September 2016



- **Food Science and Nutrition: Pre-University Science** is a new QQI Level 5 course scheduled to commence in September 2017



- **Computing and Electronic Technology** graduates who applied for Computer Science in UCD were all accepted in 2016 through the Higher Education Links Scheme
- **Mathematics** is included in many of DFEi's courses
- **Graduates** are completing the following degrees:
Creative Media Technologies IADT, Physics and Instrumentation GMIT, Mechanical Engineering IT Tallaght, Computing DBS, Science and Computer Science UCD, Networking Technology DIT **or working in:** IT, Cybersecurity, Security Systems and Engineering Firms.



CRAFT, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Apprenticeship: Carpentry and Joinery

DFEi Year 1

Architectural Technology and Design

Level 5 QQI Award

DFEi Year 1

Construction and Engineering Technology

Level 5 QQI Award

DFEi Year 1

Furniture Making and Design or Musical Instrument Making and Design

Level 5 QQI Award

DFEi Year 1

Advanced Certificate in Architectural Technology and Design

Level 6 QQI Award

DFEi Year 2

Advanced Certificate in Furniture Design and Making

Level 6 QQI Award

DFEi Year 2

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

Operated in conjunction with SOLAS, each course is of 10 weeks' duration. The aim of this course is to equip apprentices with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary to work to the highest standard in this trade. Carpenters and joiners are required to prepare, build and install a wide range of wood products including doors, windows, floors, walls, staircases and roof trusses. On completion of the full SOLAS Advanced Craft Certificate, opportunities are available for advancement.

Career Options

Opportunities arise from time to time for promotion to supervisor level. Many apprentices use their apprenticeship qualification as a platform to launch careers such as managers, owners of businesses, teachers and instructors, amongst others.

Apprenticeship: Carpentry and Joinery SOLAS Award Advanced Craft Certificate

SOLAS

An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna
Further Education and Training Authority

How to become an Apprentice

- To become an apprentice and participate in the Apprenticeship Training Scheme, applicants must be registered with SOLAS
- To become a registered apprentice, individuals must first find employment with a company. The company then registers the apprentice with SOLAS
- As a registered apprentice, SOLAS allocates the apprentice to a college such as DFEi to complete Phases 4 and 6 of their training

Entry Requirements

- The minimum age at which the employment of an apprentice may commence is 16 years of age
- The minimum educational requirements are:
 - Grade D in five subjects in the Junior Certificate or an approved equivalent or
 - The successful completion of an approved Pre-Apprenticeship course or
 - Three years' work experience gained over sixteen years of age in a relevant activity

Areas of Study

- Carpentry/Joinery Practical
- Carpentry/Joinery Theory
- Technical Drawing
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Mathematics

Certification

On successful completion of the apprenticeship (following completion of Phase 7, on-the-job training while working with an employer), an Advanced Craft Certificate – Carpentry and Joinery (Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications) is awarded. This is recognised nationally and internationally as the requirement for craftsperson status.

Additional Information

DFEi has a strong tradition of training apprentices, having been involved in this area for over 50 years. DFEi is currently the only provider of Phase 4 and 6 Carpentry and Joinery apprenticeship in Dublin. DFEi has a strong tradition in preparing apprentices for the Department of Education and Skills IrelandSkills competition as well as the WorldSkills competition. DFEi has an excellent history of training winners in these competitions.

Progression Opportunities

On completion of the full SOLAS Advanced Craft Certificate, opportunities are available for advancement

- Apprentices are eligible to fill supervisory or technical positions in the construction industry
- Apprentices are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BTech in Timber Product Technology (DT169)

Advanced entry into 2nd year

Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Furniture Design and Manufacture (GA981)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year

BSc in Furniture and Wood Technology (GA982)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

Testimonial

"On completing my exams at DFEi, I felt relieved, but also a genuine sense of sadness that this was possibly the last time I would attend DFEi. It was a great experience to study under the instruction of some of the nicest, warmest people that I have ever had the pleasure to meet. The teachers were fantastic at all times and were always very understanding and supportive. I learned so much during my time at DFEi and I will carry these skills with me throughout my working life."

Mark Fox, qualified Carpenter and Joiner, currently in full time employment.



Overview

These courses meet the needs of learners who wish to develop a portfolio of valuable skills, for example: Architectural Drawing, CAD2D and 3D, Architectural Model Making and Design. These skills will equip learners to find employment in the architectural, engineering and design sectors and/or also to progress to third level colleges. Learners achieve a level of competence and confidence in their skills in order to maximise their abilities and potential for the future.

Career Options

Graduates will be equipped with the skills for employment opportunities in surveying, construction, 3D design within the architectural, engineering and design sectors



Architectural Technology and Design Level 5 QQI Award



Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 Award Computer Aided Design (5M1940)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Design Skills
- Safety and Health at Work
- Mathematics
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Communications
- Work Experience

Business Information Modelling (BIM)

Business Information Modelling techniques are a key focus of this course. Learners will be introduced to software such as Revit to

create the business information needs of an entire building project.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Architectural Technology and Design at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Visual Communication (DL862)
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

Bachelor of Architecture (DT101)
BSc in Architectural Technology (DT175)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Building Surveying (DK830)
Dundalk Institute of Technology

BSc in Architectural Technology (CW407)

Institute of Technology Carlow

BSc in Product Design (MH305)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Advanced Certificate in Architectural Technology and Design Level 6 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

- Relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant working CAD experience.

Certification

Level 6 Award Architectural Technology and Design (6M4989)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Architectural Drawing and Presentation
- Building Technology and Design
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Computer Aided Design (3D)
- Architectural Model Making
- Design Skills
- Personal and Professional Development
- Surveying
- Environmental Studies
- Communications

Additional Information

A Visual Design Exhibition of learner's work from these courses is held annually in DFEi, in May, providing an opportunity for learners to showcase the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Architectural Technology (CW468)
Institute of Technology Carlow

BSc in Building Surveying (DK830) - Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Dundalk Institute of Technology





Overview

DFEi has a long history of providing further education and training courses aimed at learners who want to work in the furniture industry. Learners develop essential craftsman's skills to assist them in gaining employment in this industry. In Year 1, learners will be introduced to the use of hand tools and woodworking machinery as they construct their furniture projects. In Year 2, learners further develop their skills to create more complex designs. They achieve a higher level of hand skills and wood machining competences using modern technologies including CNC.

Career Options

Graduate opportunities may include the following: furniture designer or maker, apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery, interior design, product design, construction industry, management/sales within the furniture industry or self-employment.

Furniture Design and Making Level 5 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 Award Furniture Design and Making (5M2012)
- Safe Pass Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Furniture Making
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Wood Finishing
- Veneering and Marquetry
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Furniture Design and Making at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Architecture (DT101)

BTech in Timber Product Technology (DT169)

BSc in Product Design (DT001)
Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Furniture Design and Manufacture (GA981)

BSc in Furniture and Wood Technology (GA982)
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology



Advanced Certificate in Furniture Design and Making Level 6 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 Award Furniture Design and Making or equivalent
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

Level 6 Award Furniture Design and Making (6M2230)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Furniture Making with Machinery
- Furniture Design
- Drawing
- Computer Aided Design (3D)
- Computer Numeric Control
- Wood Finishing
- Furniture Restoration
- Communications
- Work Experience

Additional Information

A Visual Design Exhibition of learner's work from these courses is held annually in DFEi, in May, providing an opportunity for learners to showcase the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BTech in Timber Product Technology (DT169)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Furniture Design and Manufacture (GA981)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
BSc in Furniture and Wood Technology (GA982)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology



Overview

Learners on this course will be introduced to the fundamentals of making and repairing stringed and fretted musical instruments, both acoustic and electric. Learners will make their own musical instrument for example a mandolin or a guitar. They will also learn specialist hand and machine craft skills in order to develop their creative abilities in this area. Learners who have an interest in music will find that they can enhance their skills by learning the rudiments of how instruments are made, stringed and generate sound.

Career Options

Successful completion of this course can lead to employment/self-employment opportunities in musical instrument repair and technology.



Musical Instrument Making and Repair

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 Award Creative Craft (5M1981)
- Safe Pass Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Furniture Making
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Drawing
- Safety and Health at Work
- Wood Finishing
- Design Skills
- Combined Materials
- Communications
- Information Technology
- Work Experience

Additional Information

- DFEi is one of the few colleges in Ireland where one can learn the highly specialist craft of making a musical instrument.
- This is a practical course where learning takes place primarily in workshops, which are stocked with specialist craft tools and commercial equipment.
- This course may include visits to auctions, museums and instrument collections to help build up ones knowledge on the development and history of instruments.
- A Visual Design Exhibition of learner's work from this course is held annually in DFEi, in May, providing an opportunity for learners to showcase the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Furniture Design and Making at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Interior Design (DT544)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Product Design Innovation (CW728)

Institute of Technology Carlow

BA in 3D Design, Model Making and Digital Art (DL828)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BSc in Furniture Design and Manufacture (GA981)

BSc in Furniture and Wood Technology (GA982)

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology





Overview

This course is suitable for learners who wish to adjust to a changing construction industry by broadening their knowledge base into energy efficient building techniques. Learners are introduced to the fundamentals of green building technology with an emphasis on energy, insulation, conservation and sustainable living. Practical skills such as solar/photovoltaic panel installation, retro fitting of domestic buildings, green building technology, energy upgrades and installation of insulation are completed in order to build up the learner's skill capacity in this area. On completion graduates are eligible to progress to construction, architecture and engineering programmes at Third Level or to progress directly into employment.

Career Options

Graduates can obtain employment in both the construction and the renewable energy fields completing roles in wind energy, solar power and energy efficiency.

Construction and Engineering Technology

Level 5 QQI Award



Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

For applicants who do not meet the above entry requirements, please contact DFEi.

Certification

- Level 5 Award Construction Technology (5M5010)
- Safe Pass Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Thermal Insulation Installation
- Wood Fabrication
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Building Construction
- Architectural Drawing
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Safety and Health at Work
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Special Features

Learners will take part in a number of field trips throughout their course of study, to various low energy dwellings, to experience first-hand the application of renewable energy technologies. An educational workshop for example in Cloughjordan Eco Village will provide learners with an opportunity to examine how communities are developing sustainable building strategies.

Specialist Resources include:

- Solar and Photovoltaic Panels
- Water Heat Exchangers
- Exchange Ventilation Unit
- Underfloor Heating System
- Insulation System

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Architectural Technology and Design at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BTech in Timber Product Technology (DT169)

BEngTech in Civil Engineering (DT004)

BSc in Construction Management (DT117)

BEngTech in Building Services Engineering (DT005)

Bachelor of Architecture (DT101)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Construction Building and Services Management (CW417)

Higher Certificate in Science Construction Technology (CW416)

BEng in Civil Engineering (CW478)

Institute of Technology Carlow

BSc in Construction Technology (DK745)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

Testimonial

"Through this course, I learned how to apply theory into practice. DFEi has an excellent range of energy efficient resources which assisted in making modern concepts easier through practical application."

Gary Stewart, currently studying for a BSc in Energy Management in the Institute of Technology Carlow.





COMMUNITY, HEALTHCARE AND NURSING PROGRESSION ROUTES

Community and Social Care (Mornings)

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Healthcare Assistant

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Nursing Studies

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Universities and Institutes of Technology

Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

This course is suitable for both mature learners and school leavers, who would like to work in the area of health and social care. This QQI Award provides the opportunity to pursue a fulfilling and rewarding career providing care and support to vulnerable people in the community. Learners will acquire knowledge of health and social care theories and best practice. Learners will also acquire practical experience on work placement. This could include a variety of settings such as resource centres, hostels for homeless, addiction services and youth projects.

Career Options

Graduates may find employment working with individual clients, clients in residential care or in the community e.g. resource centres, learning disability, family support, addiction services, youth projects or as a special needs assistant.

Community and Social Care (Mornings)

Level 5 QQI Award



Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

For applicants who do not meet the above entry requirements, please contact DFEi.

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award - Community and Health Services (5M4468)
- First Aid - Irish Red Cross Certificate
- Manual Handling - Safety First Training Certificate
- Elder Abuse - DFEi Certificate
- Child Protection - DFEi Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Care Provision and Practice
- Family Studies
- Social Studies
- Community Addiction Studies

- Human Growth and Development
- Child Health and Well Being
- Teamworking
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Mathematics (Optional)
- Communications

Special Features

- DFEi offers Mathematics as an optional module for learners
- This course is scheduled as a morning course to allow learners to study and work at the same time

Work Experience

This programme requires learners to undertake work experience that will bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults and in which they assume positions of trust. As a result all learners will undertake Garda Vetting prior to commencing their work experience.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

Bachelor of Social Science (MH107)

BA in Community Youth Work (MH116)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BSc in Applied Psychology (DL825)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Social Care (DT571)

BA in Early Childhood Education (DT572)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Social Care Practice (TAO25)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

Bachelor of Social Science (CK102)

Bachelor of Social Science - Youth and Community Work (CK114)
University College Cork

Emerging Health Occupations

Due to unprecedented demand, Ireland's health system is currently recruiting qualified staff who can treat and support dementia, disabilities, mental health and social issues. This course is an ideal stepping stone for either employment or educational progression in these specialist areas.

Testimonial

"I really enjoyed my year in DFEi. I found all the teachers great and always willing to help. I am now working full time in Autism Initiatives. I am also completing a level 8 degree in Applied Social Studies in the evenings in Carlow Institute of Technology. All of this would not have been possible without this excellent course."

Emily Kate Doyle, Graduate 2016



Overview

This course provides a recognised qualification for healthcare workers, currently in employment and those seeking to work in this sector. This Healthcare Support Award is one of the Department of Health and Children's recommended qualifications for Healthcare Assistants working in the public and private sector. In addition, the newly published National Quality Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People require all newly recruited care staff and those in posts less than one year, to commence training to Level 5 QQI or equivalent within two years of taking up employment. This course is the passport to work in the healthcare sector.

Career Options

Employers actively seek DFEi graduates for employment, as support workers, healthcare assistants in the public and private sectors, nursing homes, hospitals, agencies and community care.



Healthcare Assistant Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

For applicants who do not meet the above entry requirements, please contact DFEi.

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award - Healthcare Support (5M4339)
- First Aid - Irish Red Cross Certificate
- Manual Handling - Safety First Training Certificate
- Elder Abuse - DFEi Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Care of the Older Person
- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Palliative Care Support
- Safety and Health at Work
- Teamworking
- Communications
- Work Experience

Work Experience

Work experience of 20 days is a mandatory part of this course and it is the responsibility of the learner to secure an appropriate work experience placement. Learners may work in healthcare settings such as: nursing homes, health centres, day care or special needs centres.

This programme requires learners to undertake work experience that will bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults and in which they assume positions of trust. As a result all learners will undertake Garda Vetting prior to commencing their work experience.



Irish Red Cross



Safety First Training

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BSc in Health and Society (DC209)

Dublin City University

BSc in Applied Psychology (DL825)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care (BN011 and BN107)

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown

BA in Social Care Practice (WD192)

BA in Health Promotion (WD124)
Waterford Institute of Technology

Testimonial

"I was a bit scared at first, to go back to studying after so many years, but I absolutely loved the course. I met some wonderful people on the course. I have a good job, and I have my qualification which will always stand to me."

Annette Armstrong, employed as a full time Healthcare Assistant.



Overview

This course is designed to enhance learners awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse. It is also ideal for those who wish to pursue a nursing career. Learners will study core areas of nursing and are enabled to put theory into practice; using DFEi's fully upgraded nursing suites and through participation in work experience. This course is delivered by teachers including specialist nurses who bring a real depth of experience to their teaching. The success rates from this course are very high for progression to higher education in both Ireland and the UK.

Career Options

Employers actively seek DFEi graduates for recruitment in public and private sectors, nursing homes, hospital, agencies and community care.

Nursing Studies Level 5 QQI Award



Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

- Level 5 QQI Award - Nursing Studies (5M4349)
- First Aid - Irish Red Cross Certificate
- Manual Handling - Safety First Training Certificate
- Elder Abuse - DFEi Certificate

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Biology
- Care Provision and Practice
- Human Growth and Development
- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Mathematics (Optional)

Specialist Module Options (Choose One)

- Caring for Children in Hospital
- Maternity Care Support
- Understanding Mental Health

Additional Information

- Learners wishing to apply for nursing in Ireland must satisfy the minimum requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) - www.nursingcareers.ie
- DFEi offers Mathematics for learners who do not have the relevant grade (Leaving Certificate Ordinary)
- Learners are required to undertake work experience that will bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults and in which they assume positions of trust. As a result all learners will undertake Garda Vetting prior to commencing their work experience.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills at DFEi.

UK Universities (UCAS Application)

DFEi has a link to a number of Nursing Degree Programmes in the UK, in particular those offered by Southampton University.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Testimonial

"I really enjoyed this course because of the wide variety of subjects. For example, I completed a child related module and I aim to specialise in nursing for children in the future."

Connie Doyle, graduate, currently completing a nursing degree in Southampton University.

Progression Examples

BSc in General Nursing (DC215)
Dublin City University

BSc in Social Care (DT571)
Dublin Institute of Technology

BSc in Applied Psychology (DL825)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BSc in General Nursing (DN450)

BSc in Psychiatric Nursing (DN4523)

BSc in Midwifery (DN452)
University College Dublin

BSc in General Nursing (TR091 and TR093)

BSc in Midwifery (TR913)
Trinity College Dublin

BSc in General Nursing (CK710)
University College Cork



Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills

Apply online at dfei.ie

Overview

This course offers holders of a Level 5 health-related award the opportunity to undertake further study in this area. Learners will acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to undertake Supervisory Management roles in the community and in a range of health services settings. Successful completion will offer enhanced opportunities in employment and will also enable learners to progress to other appropriate programmes leading to awards at higher levels of the NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications).

Career Options

Graduate employment exists in supervisory roles, working in the residential and non-residential health and social care settings, such as: resource centres, nursing homes, homeless services, care centres, crèches and family support.



Advanced Certificate in Health Services Supervisory Management Skills

Level 6 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award - Nursing Studies or Community and Health Services
- Other relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Degree Graduates
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area
- Healthcare staff who wish to update their skills in the area of management and leadership

Certification

- Level 6 QQI Award - Health Services Supervisory Management Skills (6M4978)
- First Aid - Irish Red Cross Certificate (Optional)
- Manual Handling - Safety First Training Certificate (Optional)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Supervisory Management
- Conflict Management
- Health Promotion
- Personal and Professional Development
- Disability Awareness
- Gerontology
- Information and Administration
- Communications

Assessment

The following techniques will be used to assess the knowledge and skills that learners will have achieved on successful completion of modules:

- Learner Record
- Collection of Work
- Skills Demonstration
- Assignment
- Examination (written)
- Project

Additional Information

On completion, successful participants will acquire the theoretical knowledge enabling them to understand the role and responsibilities of a supervisor, acquire a range of supervisory and management skills, develop good interpersonal and communication skills as well as develop good work practices appropriate to their role as a supervisor.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Testimonial

"I really enjoyed this course. Our class was small so we received a lot of one to one help and attention from our teachers. It was a great to have achieved a level 6. It prepared me for my degree course."

Naoimi Clifford, graduate, currently studying for a BA in Psychology in NCI.

Progression Examples

BA in Social Care Practice (AL860)

Athlone Institute of Technology

BA in Early Childhood Care and Education (BN030)

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown

BA in Social Care Practice (TA025)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

BA in Applied Social Studies (CW758)

Institute of Technology Carlow

Bachelor of Social Science (CK102)

BA in Law and Business (CK307)

University College Cork



- **Architectural Technology** graduates were offered all of the QQI places on DIT's Architecture Degree courses in 2015 and 2016



- **Furniture and Musical Instrument Design and Making** courses are an excellent opportunity for learners to gain invaluable experience while waiting for an apprenticeship
- DFEi consistently educates and trains **apprentice** learners who represent their country nationally and internationally in skills competitions



- DFEi staff in **Nursing Studies** are piloting a DDLETB's iTunesU Project involving the use of iPads to create independent thinking, to provide different ways of learning and to assist learners in taking control over their own learning



- **Graduates** are completing the following degrees: Architectural Technology DIT, Visual Communication IADT, Furniture and Wood Technology GMIT, Planning and Environmental Management DIT, Nursing Midwifery UCD, General Nursing Trinity, Child Nursing University of Southampton, Social Studies NUIM **or working in:** Architects Offices, Wood Manufacturing, Carpentry and Joinery, Furniture Sales, Nursing Homes, Respite Centres and Hospitals.



Institiúid Breisoideachais Dhún Laoghaire
Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

MEDIA: FILM, JOURNALISM, RADIO AND SOUND

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Creative Digital Media Or TV and Digital Film Production

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Journalism: Pre-University Arts and Media

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Digital Radio Production

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Sound Production

Level 5 QQI Award
DFEi Year 1

Higher National Diploma in Music Production (HND)

Level 6 BTEC Award
DFEi Two Year Course

Advanced Certificate in TV and Digital Film Production

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Advanced Certificate in Journalism for the Digital Age

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Advanced Certificate in Digital Radio Production

Level 6 QQI Award
DFEi Year 2

Higher National Diploma in Music Production (HND)

Level 6 BTEC Award
DFEi Two Year Course

Universities and Institutes of Technology
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

Note: Applicants are advised at all times to confirm linked awards, additional component requirements, application processes and scoring systems with the Admissions Offices of the relevant Higher Education Institutions.



Overview

This course is an excellent foundation course for media degrees in: Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology, Institute of Technology Tallaght, National University of Ireland Maynooth and other Universities. Learners will be exposed to the radio, film and photography processes and procedures; used by digital media studios today in program making. Learners will gain practical knowledge of how different media products are produced, as well as an understanding of how the relationships between producer, financing and the audience impact on one another.

Career Options

Graduates from this course usually opt to advance to further studies, however others have gained direct employment as: floor managers, camera operators, data wranglers, radio broadcasters and production assistants.

Creative Digital Media Production

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Media Production (5M18518)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Film Production
- Traditional Black and White Photography
- Desktop Publishing
- Media Analysis
- Radio Programme Production
- Scriptwriting
- Communications
- Work Experience

Special Features

This is a very practical course enabling the learner to develop a personal portfolio of work; structured and produced to radio, television and video industry standards. Learners will use professional digital cameras, Avid Media Composer (editing software), Adobe Audition, Adobe Illustrator as well as darkroom practice and techniques.

Additional Information

Learners will produce a portfolio of materials from their course work in Film, Scriptwriting, Photography, Radio and Desktop Publishing which may be used for application to the IADT and other Higher Education Institutes.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Television and Digital Film or Digital Radio Production at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, both at Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Film and Broadcasting (DT504)

BA in Photography (DT599)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (TA022)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

BA in Film and Television Production (DL834)

BA in Photography (DL833)

BSc in Creative Media Technologies (DL835)

BA in English Media and Cultural Studies (DL821)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Film and TV Production (DK864)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (BN021 and BN112)

Blanchardstown Institute of Technology

BSc in Multi Media (DC133)

Dublin City University

BA in Media Studies (MH109)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Testimonial

"During my time at DFEi, I acquired both practical and theoretical skills. These helped me to secure a third level place. The practical assignments completed in DFEi simulated the work environment and afforded me a large amount of creative freedom."

Oran Desmond studied Creative Digital Media Production, followed by Advanced TV and Digital Film Production in DFEi. He is now studying for a BA in Photography in IADT.



Overview

This course is an excellent foundation for Film and Television degrees in; Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology, Dublin Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology Tallaght, National University of Ireland Maynooth and other Universities. Learners will acquire practical skills in both Film and Television Production, including single camera production, non-linear film and video editing. Through the study of Media Analysis, learners gain knowledge of how the relationship between the producer, the advertiser and the audience impact on one another. These skills will be evidenced in a portfolio of work including Film, Scriptwriting and Photography.

Career Options

Graduates usually opt to advance to further studies, while others have gained direct employment as: production managers, production coordinators, directors and assistant directors.



TV and Digital Film Production

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Film and Television Production (5M18519)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Television and Film Editing
- Film Production
- Traditional Black and White Photography
- Media Analysis
- Digital Movie Processing
- Scriptwriting
- Communications
- Work Experience

Special Features

This is a very practical course where the learner will develop a personal portfolio of work; structured and produced to television and video industry standards. Learners will use professional digital cameras, and practice editing techniques using Avid Media Composer (software) as well as darkroom practice and techniques.

Additional Information

Learners will produce a portfolio of materials from their course work in Film, Scriptwriting, and Photography, which may be used for applications to Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology and other Higher Education Institutes.

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Television and Digital Film at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Film and Television Production (DL834)
BA in Photography (DL833)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Film and Screen Media (CK105)

University College Cork

BA in Media Studies (MH109)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Film and Broadcasting (DT504)

BA in Photography (DT599)

BA in Creative and Cultural Industries (DT597)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (TA022)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

BA in Film and TV Production (DK864)

BA in Digital Humanities (DK861)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (BN112)

Blanchardstown Institute of Technology

BA in Communication Studies (DC131)

Dublin City University

Testimonial

"This course was a fantastic experience for me. It helped me transition from school life to college life in a controlled manner. Due to completing this course at DFEi, I had a significant head start on learners coming straight from the Leaving Certificate in terms of skills, knowledge and maturity."

David Toolan has progressed to the BA in Film and Television Production in IADT, Dún Laoghaire.



Overview

This course is an excellent upskilling and portfolio course for learners who wish to progress to either media or TV/film degrees or employment. Learners gain highly practical skills in a range of techniques used in today's TV and digital film industry. Areas covered include: drama, documentary news packages and single camera interviews. Graduates have received offers of direct entry to second year in the BA in Film and TV in IADT, and offers of both second and third year advanced entry in the BA in Film Broadcasting in DKIT.

Career Options

Most graduates opt to advance to further studies, while others have gained direct employment with media broadcasters, film and TV companies and web content related employment.

Advanced Certificate in TV and Digital Film Production

Level 6 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Relevant Level 5 QQI Award
- Degree Graduates
- Mature applicants with relevant experience are welcome

Certification

Level 6 QQI Award Film and Television Production (6M18534)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Documentary Production
- Scriptwriting for Film and Television Drama
- Editing Practice and Techniques
- Film and Digital Video Production
- Research and Reporting for Digital Media
- Television and Video Studio Production
- Personal and Professional Development
- Communications

Special Features

This is a very practical course where the learner will develop a personal portfolio of work; structured and produced to television and video industry standards. Learners will use professional digital cameras, editing techniques and practice using Avid Media Composer software. This course includes field reporting techniques with group trips to record material for news packages. Past trips have included: Commissioner of Irish Lights, IMMA, The DLR Lexicon and Eirakon.

Additional Information

Learners will have an extensive portfolio from their course work in Television and Film, Scriptwriting. This portfolio may be used for application to the IADT and other Higher Education Institutes.

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Film and Television Production (DK864)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Film Broadcasting (DT504)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (TA022)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

BA in Film and Television Production (DL834)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in TV, Radio and New Media Broadcasting (TL802)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year

Institute of Technology Tralee

Testimonial

"I spent two years at DFEi, graduating with a Level 6 QQI Award in Advanced TV and Film Production. Given the competitiveness of the industry I was really delighted to get an internship straight from college. DFEi helped me prepare for the workplace and I left with the skills that employers required."

Callum Filcroft is currently working as a videographer and editor at Lensmen.



Overview

These programmes are designed to equip learners with the skills, knowledge and confidence for a career in journalism in this digital world. In year 1, all aspects of the industry will be studied including, making contacts, interviewing and the craft of writing. Social media and traditional sources will be used to find and publish news. Learners will attain the know-how to get articles published in print and online.

In year 2, learners will gain new skills and learn about broadcast journalism through DFEi's radio station 'The Wave'. Learners will also generate two blogs, based on news and opinion. Both journalism courses have a strong record of progression to third level institutions.

Career Options

Graduates have progressed on to work in the print and digital media as freelance or staffing journalists, writing or editing content. Graduates also work in press offices and as print, design and layout assistants.



Journalism for the Digital Age: Pre-University Arts and Media Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Journalism (5M2464)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Research Skills for Journalism
- Writing Skills for Journalism
- Technical Skills for Journalism
- Media Analysis
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Political Studies
- Photographic Techniques
- Desktop Publishing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Journalism for the Digital Age at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in English, Media and Cultural Studies (DL821)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Creative Digital Media (TA022)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BA in Media Studies (MH109)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Bachelor of Arts (DN500)

University College Dublin

BA in Journalism (DT582)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Media Studies (DC291)

Dublin City University

Advanced Certificate in Journalism for the Digital Age Level 6 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Journalism or equivalent
- Degree Graduates
- Applications are welcome from mature learners who have significant previous experience in Journalism

Certification

Level 6 QQI Award Media Production (6M5130)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Editing and Sub-Editing
- Feature Writing
- News Writing
- Media Ethics and Legal Framework
- Media Industry Awareness
- Radio News Broadcasting
- Journalistic Research Skills
- Personal and Professional Development
- Communications
- Shorthand

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Media Studies (MH109)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Journalism and Visual Media (GC450)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
Griffith College Dublin

BA in Journalism (DT582)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
Dublin Institute of Technology

Testimonial

"Without the support of the teachers at DFEi, I would not be completing the BA in Journalism at DIT and stepping closer to a career in Journalism."

Michelle Dardis, graduate



The Wave 107.8 FM
is DFEi's radio station.
For more information visit
www.thewaveonline.ie

Overview

Radio is a medium that is adapting to the new digital age. Whether the learner is interested in traditional broadcasting or the world of online radio, these courses are designed to give the learner the best chance to acquire the skills needed to compete in this dynamic field of modern media production.

Working with the latest digital resources, learners will learn from a team of radio professionals to produce a range of items including music shows, news bulletins, studio and location recordings, and podcasts. Learners will also become part of the team that runs The Wave, DFEi's radio station.

Career Options

Radio courses at DFEi provide learners with entry level skills in radio broadcasting and production techniques and are suited to those seeking employment in the commercial radio sector. Graduates can be found working as producers, presenters, researchers and sound operators across a range of radio stations in Ireland and abroad.

Digital Radio Production Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 QQI Award Radio Production (5M4511)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Radio Programme Production
- Voice Production for Broadcasting
- Sound Engineering and Production
- Media Analysis
- Event Production
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Political Studies
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Level 6 QQI Advanced Certificate in Digital Radio Production at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Creative Digital Media (TA022)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

Bachelor of Arts (MH101)

BA in Media Studies (MH109)
National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in Journalism (DT582)

BA in Film and Broadcasting (DT504)
Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Communications (DC131)

BA in Law and Politics (DC258)

BA in Politics and Media (DC265)

Dublin City University

Advanced Certificate in Digital Radio Production Level 6 QQI Award

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Level 5 QQI Award in Radio Production or equivalent
- Degree Graduates
- Applications are welcome from learners with relevant experience in this area

Certification

Level 6 QQI Award Media Production (6M5130)

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Broadcasting Presentation Skills
- Radio Techniques
- Radio Documentary Production
- Radio News Broadcasting
- Journalistic Research Skills
- Media Industry Awareness
- Media Ethics and Legal Framework
- Personal and Professional Development
- Communications

Progression Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Media Studies (MH109)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

BA in TV, Radio and New Media Broadcasting (TL802)

Advanced entry into 2nd Year
Institute of Technology Tralee

Testimonial

"Through this course, I secured a career at Spin 1038, Spin Southwest and 98FM as a presenter, producer and entertainment reporter. I have now expanded my reach into the International radio market, working on two of Australia's most successful radio stations, KIIS 1065 Sydney and KIIS 1011 Melbourne."

Riyadh Khalaf, Digital Radio Production graduate.

Overview

This course is for learners who are interested in a career in music and sound engineering or music promotion. This course provides a combination of practical and theoretical tuition in all aspects of digital sound engineering and music production. Learners will record performers and musicians in an all iMac digital sound production facility, fully equipped with a comprehensive selection of state-of-the-art equipment. Learners will also gain practical experience setting up sound facilities for live performances and location recording. The course is an excellent foundation for progression to the HND in Music Production at DFEi.

Career Options

Opportunities exist throughout the music industry and beyond: TV and radio, live sound, theatre, recording studios, music marketing and management.



DFEi Music is DFEi's music label. Each year learners record and produce an original eclectic mix of tracks on CD and market it as part of their course work.

Sound Production

Level 5 QQI Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate Established/ LCVP
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Relevant Level 4 QQI Award
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Level 5 Award Sound Production
5M2149

Duration

One Year

Areas of Study

- Sound Engineering and Production
- Music Technology
- Ethnomusicology
- Event Production
- Music Industry Studies
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Radio Programme Production
- Desktop Publishing
- Work Experience
- Communications

Special Features

As well as learning about in-studio recording, learners will get the opportunity to gain invaluable experience organising gigs, setting up sound facilities for live performances and doing on location recording.

Specialist resources include

- Sound Production Studio with iMac Digital Sound Studio
- Digital Radio Studio with Adobe Audition
- Internal live venue with stage and sound booth

Progression Opportunities

DFEi: Graduates may progress to the Higher National Diploma in Music Production at DFEi.

Elsewhere: Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes, at both Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Progression Examples

BA in Creative Music Production (DL704)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Commercial Modern Music (DT506)

Bachelor of Music (DT501)

Dublin Institute of Technology

BA in Applied Music (DK860)

BA in Production of Music and Audio (DK865)

Dundalk Institute of Technology

BA in Music Technology (MH102)

National University of Ireland Maynooth

Testimonial

"Having completed a QQI Level 5 Award in Sound Production, I progressed to DCU to study for a BSc in Multimedia. I now work at Universal Music, in the Press promotions Department.

This course is the perfect springboard to a career in the music industry. The expertise and support of the teachers made me believe that I could achieve my goals, and the course was always up-to-date and industry-relevant."

Steve Greal, currently employed at Universal Music



DFEi Music is DFEi's music label. Each year learners record and produce an original eclectic mix of tracks on CD and market it as part of their course work.

Overview

This two year Higher National Diploma course gives learners the opportunity to acquire a wide range of skills in Sound Engineering, Music Production and other aspects of the music industry such as running a music business, understanding the science of sound, legal and health issues. Taught by professionals working in the industry, this course will prepare learners for careers in the media, entertainment and music fields. Learners will work with performers and musicians in a purpose built industry standard professional recording studio. Editing, mixing and production take place in a state-of-the-art all iMac digital sound production facility. All workstations are equipped with software including Pro Tools, Ableton Live and Reason.

Career Options

Opportunities exist throughout the music industry and beyond: TV and radio, live sound, theatre, recording studios, music marketing and management.

Higher National Diploma in Music Production (HND) Level 6 Edexcel/BTEC Award

Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate (Minimum of C3 in two subjects at Leaving Certificate Higher Level)
- Full Level 5 QQI Award in Sound Production or equivalent
- Mature applicants are welcome

Certification

Edexcel/BTEC Award:
Higher National Certificate in Music Production or Higher National Diploma in Music Production

Duration

Two Years

Areas of Study (Year One)

- Creative Arts Research Skills
- Music in Context
- Music Health and the Law
- Music Notation
- Music Production Analysis
- Principles of Musical Sound
- Sound Creation and Manipulation
- Studio Recording and Engineering

Areas of Study (Year Two)

- Applied Music Production Techniques
- Audio Electronics
- Computer Music Composition and Production
- Critical Music Listening
- Public Performance Technology
- Music Studio Production
- Preparation, Process and Production in the Creative Arts
- Research Project

Special Features

Second year learners run a music enterprise managing their own label. They record original music and take charge of all aspects of the project, from recording and production to running live events, design and marketing.

Additional Information

For the last number of years, the Vantastival Festival in Beaulieu House, Co. Louth has hosted a DFEi music stage. Learners gained incredible practical experience through running all aspects of the venue from auditions to stage set up and performance.

Progression Opportunities

While the HND course has a strong practical element, learners are also armed with the academic expertise and qualifications required to gain advanced entry into degree programmes both here in Ireland and in the UK. Learners who successfully complete the HND will usually require just one more year in a UK University to gain their degree.

Testimonial

"As a result of completing this course, I gained advanced entry into the third year of a Sound Technology Degree in the University of South Wales. On graduating, I was employed by RTE in their TV Sound Department."

Stephen Knowles graduate of the Higher National Diploma in Music Production.

Progression Examples

BA in Creative Music Production (DL704)

Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology

BA in Music Production (GC455)
Pulse College Dublin

One Year Top up Degrees

BSc in Creative Industries Popular Music Technology (PH10)

University of South Wales

Advanced Entry Links into 2nd or 3rd Year of Degree Programmes

BA in Creative Music Technologies (4F74)
University of South Wales

BSc in Music Technology (J931)

University of South Wales
Trinity Saint David





- The **Higher National Diploma in Music Production (HND)** graduates can avail of a 1 year top-up degree in the UK



- DFEi is the only FET centre in the greater Dublin area to offer **Digital Radio Production** at QQI Level 5 and Level 6



- The **Journalism for the Digital Age: Pre-University Arts and Media** course is a direct route into Bachelor of Arts Degrees nationwide



- Graduates of **TV and Digital Film** and **Creative Digital Media Production** use these courses to prepare portfolios for Media/Film Degree programmes at the Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dún Laoghaire and at Dundalk Institute of Technology
- **Graduates** are completing the following degrees: Music Technology NUIM, Creative Media Production IADT, Film and Television Production DKIT, Film and TV Production IADT, Journalism DIT, Media Studies NUIM, TV Radio and New Media Broadcasting IT Tralee **or working in:** TV and Film, Radio Broadcasting, Newspapers, Freelance Journalism and Public Relations.

Night Classes



Director of Adult Education: Pat Kiersey

As one of Ireland's largest providers of Night Classes, Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute (DFEi) is extremely proud of its Evening Programme.

- Optimise your career opportunities with certified professional course from Healthcare, Business, Computing, Media, Childcare, Arts and Languages.
- Take a hobby course to relax, learn and socialise. The hugely varied range includes ever-popular Yoga, Sugar Craft and Painting.
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- Over 100 courses are available.
- Courses are offered in both the Autumn and Spring terms. Autumn enrolment commences in July. Enrolment for the Spring term starts in mid-December. Enrolment may be completed online, by post or in person.
- All programmes are run by highly qualified and experienced professionals in a friendly, supportive and client-led environment. DFEi is ideally located near DART and bus for Dublin commuters and those living in South Dublin and North Wicklow. Approximately 70 free car parking spaces are available in the evenings with extensive street parking nearby.
- DFEi is a QQI approved provider and is widely recognised for the quality of its full time provision.

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