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Prospective students can download a copy of this prospectus from our website at:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
Welcome to NUI Galway’s Adult Learning & Professional Development courses. In this prospectus, you will find all the advice and information you need on studying at NUI Galway.

We offer an extensive range of professional, part-time and flexible courses in a variety of subject areas. Awards are offered at Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters level. All our tutors are experienced educators who have a particular interest in working with adult learners. We also provide a range of specialist support services, which will assist you in your progress through your chosen course.

So, whether you want to enhance your career or study for your own enjoyment, whether you live near Galway or further away, or whether you have had a little or a lot of formal education - keep reading, investigate the possibilities and consider which path suits you best!

The team at the Centre look forward to welcoming you to NUI Galway and wish you every success in your learning experience.

Nuala McGuinn
Director, Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development
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WHY STUDY AT NUI GALWAY

We are celebrating 50 years of experience in delivering courses to adult learners across the western region and nationally. During this time we have secured a wealth of experience and knowledge in meeting the needs of adult learners.
We offer a wide range of part-time study options in areas such as Archaeology, Business Studies, Information Technology, History, Psychology, Social Care, Languages, Science & Technology, Early Childhood Studies, Play Therapy and many others.

**Flexible modes of delivery**
We offer classroom-based courses, online and blended learning courses and modular study options so that you can study at your own pace and fit your study programme around your work and personal life.

**Experienced educators**
Our lecturers and tutors have a particular interest in working with adult learners and have an in-depth knowledge of their subject area, with insights into the latest research and development findings. They are supportive of you and provide encouragement and feedback at every stage of your learning journey.

**Small class sizes**
You will experience smaller class sizes, giving you the chance to really get to know your classmates and lecturers and participate fully in an adult learning community. Our teaching approach provides you with an opportunity to discuss and debate your subject area, share real-life experiences and make your experienced learning count.

**Excellent career prospects**
NUI Galway is the oldest and largest University in the west of Ireland and is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability. Our adult learning courses provide a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area.

**Student support**
You will be offered a range of specialist support services, including study and examination techniques, academic writing workshops and careers advice, which will help you to succeed in your chosen course.

**Internationally recognised**
NUI Galway is in the top 250 most international universities in the world according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

**World-leading Teaching and research**
NUI Galway is ranked among the top 1% of universities in the world for the quality of our teaching and research.

NUI GALWAY IS CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE TOP IRISH UNIVERSITIES FOR EMPLOYABILITY
WORKING WITH INDUSTRY AND ORGANISATIONS

We have developed courses in collaboration with industry, community organisations and professional bodies. Our courses provide practical, real-world knowledge and skills that are career-focused and industry-relevant and can be tailored to suit the needs of a particular organisation.

Students will have an opportunity to enhance their knowledge through our informative course materials and interactive teaching style. They will also be able to apply their learning directly in the workplace by undertaking assessments which are practice-based and apply to authentic workplace problems ensuring an immediate return on time and investment for employers and employees.

Our students will also develop key transferable skills during the course of their studies, including critical-thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills which will assist them in their daily working lives. The development of these skills will have an impact on a much wider scale, providing a higher skills base, greater workplace productivity and increased innovation for employers.

OUR CURRENT PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- SOLAS - learning works
- IRISH PRISON SERVICE
- gretb
- Regional Skills WEST Partnerships for Skills
- Medtronic
- Next Level SKILLNET
- foróige
- PWP
- Youth Work Ireland Midlands
- Boston Scientific
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT (CPD)

A range of our courses also support Continuing Professional Development (CPD). CPD is the means by which professionals maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge and skills and develop the personal qualities and competencies required in their working lives.

There are a number of opportunities to take modules from our suite of courses on a standalone basis. Courses may take place over 1-2 days or via online learning over a number of weeks. Each module has a specific number of credits attached to it and you may consider this option for upskilling and developing your continuing professional development portfolio. You may also build accumulated modules towards an overall award at a later stage. For our full list of CPD modules, visit www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/cpd/
Choosing the right course

Deciding to enrol on a Certificate, Diploma or Degree course is an important step in your life. It will require immense time commitment on your part and there is also a financial consideration, so making the right course choice is essential.

It is important that you spend time researching the options available and exploring the course most suited to your educational needs.

You might want to consider some of the following when you are making your choice:

• Research which course suits your talents, experience and interests before you begin studying;
• Consider what pace of study (full-time, part-time or modular) suits your needs best;
• Read the relevant section of this information booklet and contact the course administrator listed if you require further course details, or perhaps set up an appointment to meet them if you wish to discuss the course in person;
• Attend any of the information evenings provided by the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development. A full list of events is found on www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/events. Information sessions for entry in September of each academic year usually take place from April to June of that year so keep up-to-date with our website of upcoming events;
• Check course entry requirements – while there are no formal educational entry requirements for many of our courses, certain courses require candidates to have some work experience in the area of study, partake in an informal interview or perhaps meet the University’s entry criteria for adult learners. As each course varies, you are advised to contact the course administrator for specific details;
• If you are unsure about which course to take, you could consider a foundation course in Science, Technology and Engineering or in Business Studies. These courses are valuable as preparatory ones for students interested in progressing to further studies in Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Commerce.
Managing your study

We are conscious of the many demands placed on you as an adult learner and that is why all new courses are developed on a modular basis. This means that you are provided with manageable amounts of learning to enable you to combine your work and family commitments with your studies. As a general rule, it is recommended that if you are a student in a classroom-based course, you should spend at least two hours studying or researching at home for every hour spent in class. This may need to increase coming up to examination time.

The amount of study time involved in a blended learning course depends on the individual student. You complete each module at your own pace. You must also allow time to complete assignments. Most blended learning courses involve attendance at workshops or classroom-based lectures at different stages during the academic year. The number and duration of these activities vary across the different courses. If you choose to apply for a fully online course you will not be required to attend class, however you will be supported at home, by an online tutor for each module on offer.

Assessment is required for all courses that lead to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Masters. Course assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment, including written essays, written examinations, and projects or practical assignments, for example, field trips. Some courses which do not lead to an award, for example, the short, non-accredited courses, do not involve any assessment.

Modes of Study

Our part-time courses at NUI Galway are offered in a number of flexible ways for adult learners. These include:

Classroom-based

For our classroom-based courses, you attend lectures each week in NUI Galway or at our outreach locations. As well as the time spent in the classroom, you also spend time studying on your own and completing assignments. Classes generally take place in the evenings or at weekends, while a small number of part-time courses are offered during the day. Formal examinations may also be scheduled for these courses at the end of each semester.

Blended learning

Certain courses are taught using blended learning, which allows you to study at times that suit you best. Blended learning is simply an extension of what was traditionally called distance learning. It is a combination of self-instructional learning materials, traditional face-to-face lectures and workshops, online discussions, self-assessment activities and continuous assessments. A number of our blended learning courses also require students to attend formal examinations, however this requirement will vary depending on the course you are applying for. When you enrol on a blended learning course, you receive a set of self-instructional learning materials to use at your own pace. This material is also available online using our designated learning portals.

Blended learning courses also involve online activities. Your e-tutor will provide help and feedback in your online classroom activities and you will also be able to discuss course topics with other students on a virtual discussion board. Before embarking on a blended learning course, you should be comfortable with using computers and basic software packages. However, you don’t need to be an expert. Your course tutors and the course administrator will provide you with training and support when you begin the course.

Online learning

In an online learning course you receive all your course materials and teaching online through the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). There is no requirement to attend class at any stage during the course. You will interact with your module tutor and fellow students through the VLE. Discussion forums are provided as part of each module through which all communication happens and in some courses webinars are provided on a regular basis which connects students and their tutors in real time. In a fully online course, students are encouraged to actively engage with the online discussion forums on their module as communication is at the heart of online learning.

Modular

A number of the online courses at NUI Galway allow you to do your course at your own pace, one module at a time. This enables you to complete an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification in your own time, although some time limits apply. This flexible approach to learning takes into account your learning needs and the pace at which you can complete your studies.
Course Fees

Fees Payment Schedule
Once a student accepts a course place, an advance booking deposit is paid initially. This is a non-refundable deposit which becomes part of the overall fee once registered. The deposit is generally €400, but may vary across courses and must be paid online, using the online application system to accept your course place. The remaining fee may be paid in two instalments (i.e. on course commencement and at the start of semester 2).

Alternative payment plans may be put in place for students to pay course fees on a flexible basis. If you require this facility, you are advised to contact the course administrator to find out more about this payment option.

Non-EU students should note that non-EU fees must be paid in full prior to registration.

Funding options for your course
A number of supports are available to students to assist them in covering the costs of tuition fees and other course-related costs, these include:

1. Scholarship schemes and fee discounts

   Adult Learning Tuition Scholarship
   A tuition discount of 30% is provided for a number of courses in this prospectus for students who wish to upskill for the purposes of re-employment.

   Students must be in receipt of one of the following:
   • Job Seekers Benefit
   • Job Seekers Allowance
   • One-Parent Family Allowance
   • Disability Allowance
   • Career’s Allowance
   • Community Employment Scheme
   • Social Insurance Contribution Credits

   Springboard/ICT Skills Funding
   Under this scheme a tuition discount of 90% is offered to students who are in employment and a 100% discount (fully-funded place), for unemployed students. This scheme applies only to specific courses in areas of high skills needs within the Irish economy. A list of all Springboard and ICT skills funded courses are available on the following website: www.springboardcourses.ie

   Uversity Scholarship
   The Uversity Scholarship provides multi-annual financial support for first time bachelor’s degree entrants. Scholarships are not limited to particular subject areas and will enable recipients to complete a bachelor’s degree in one of the participating institutions in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Further details are available on www.u-versity.eu/

   1916 Scholarship Fund
   This bursary scheme is offered on a regional basis and is aimed at students from under-represented socio-economic groups and communities; entrants with disabilities; first time mature entrants; members of the Irish Traveller community; students entering on the basis of a further education award; and part-time flexible learners. Further details are available on www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/fees-funding-&-scholarships/

2. Employer Support
   In certain cases, employers may sponsor tuition fees where the programme of study has direct relevance to the workplace, while other students may seek support from local community or development organisations.

3. Income Tax Relief
   Students in employment may be eligible for income tax relief on certain courses at the standard rate of tax. This is in accordance with the Taxes Consolidation Act of 1997. For specific details on this scheme, contact your local tax office or visit the Revenue website on www.revenue.ie

Fee refunds
Once registered, you are liable for full course fees regardless of whether you attend or complete the course. The University accepts no obligation to refund any fees or part thereof. However, if you wish to appeal this decision, please contact the course administrator who will advise you on this process.

It is essential that you appreciate clearly the various requirements of the course for which you are registering. It is recommended that you contact the course administrator for guidance on course suitability.

Are there additional course costs?
Course fees generally cover tuition costs and all course materials. However, for certain courses, you may be required to purchase additional textbooks.
Entry Requirements

The following are the entry requirements for our part-time and full-time courses:

Part-time: If you are aged 21 years or over by January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time course, you may matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone. Therefore, many of the courses detailed in this prospectus state that there are no formal entry requirements involved.

If you are aged under 21 on January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time course and are applying for a part-time course at NUI Galway, you may, in certain circumstances, be asked to fulfil the matriculation requirements for the University.

These include the following a pass in at least six subjects (including Irish, English and another language), in the Leaving Certificate Examination or equivalent including:

For applicants sitting the Leaving Certificate in 2017 and subsequent years:
- Grade H5 in two subjects
- Grade H7/O6 in the remaining four subjects
OR

For applicants who sat the Leaving Certificate prior to 2017:
- Grade C3 in two subjects on the higher course
- Grade D3 (ordinary or higher course) in the remaining four subjects

If you do not meet this matriculation requirement, you may be allowed to submit applications for some courses and you will be assessed on suitability for entry on a case-by-case basis.

Full-time courses: If you are applying to the CAO for a fulltime course on the grounds of mature years alone, you must satisfy the NUI regulation and be of mature years (at least 23 years of age on or before January 1st of the year of entry to first year lectures in a constituent university or recognised college). If you are under 23 years of age, you will be assessed for entry though the CAO on the basis of your Leaving Certificate points only.

English Language Requirement

An International English Language Testing System (IELTS/TOEFL) certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English for the course you are interested in taking. IELTS/TOEFL is not required for the language diplomas listed in this prospectus.
Application Procedure
You complete an application form online by logging onto www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply. On the online application form, you provide your contact details, and outline your educational background, any previous courses undertaken and any additional information that may be required to assess your suitability for the course for which you are applying. You will also be required to upload a copy of your birth certificate or passport and the course application fee (non-refundable), which is around €30.

Consult the course information page in this prospectus for details on closing dates and make sure that you adhere to these dates.

The process of assessing applications and offering places may take between four and six weeks. Additional registration details and communication from the relevant department will be issued to you approximately two weeks before the course commences, informing you of the registration date and lecture times for the course.

Recognition of Prior Learning
The University acknowledges that all learning is valuable and that courses previously undertaken by you may be considered for the awarding of credits and possible subject exemptions through the RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) process.

If you feel that you have covered some of the course material previously, the RPL process may allow you to gain admission to a programme of study, or to gain exemptions from some parts of a course, based on demonstrated learning achieved prior to admission. This means that you will have a lighter course load for some elements of the course and, in some cases, complete your award over a shorter period. RPL includes:

1. Recognition of Prior Certified Learning
Where you have already been awarded a certificate for a formal course taken at another institution or training organisation, this prior learning may be recognised and may entitle you to exemptions from some parts of a course.

Certain courses are deemed eligible for the award of credit
- Extra-mural or Adult Education Certificates or Diplomas
- University courses, full-time or part-time
- Other third-level courses

Where such credit is granted it is normally limited to a maximum number of credits. The awarding of credits applies to specific courses only – check with the relevant course administrator regarding the exemption policy of a specific course.

2. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning
This involves the awarding of credit for learning from experience. In this case, you must produce a portfolio to support the claim for admission, exemption or credit. As a general principle, credit is given for learning, not for experience as such.

For further information, please contact the course administrator or go to the following webpage: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/recognition-of-prior-learning
Arts and Social Sciences

COURSE TITLE
Diploma Text

COURSE FACTS
ECTS:
NFQ Level:
Duration:
Mode of study:
Fees:
(per annum)
EU:
Non-EU:
Start date:

APPLY ONLINE
www.nuigalway.ie/apply

CONTACT

01  ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Diploma in
ARCHAEOLOGY

Who is this course for:
• Anyone with an interest in the past
• Primary school teachers
• Secondary school teachers
• Heritage employees
• Those employed in the tourism industry
• Local government employees

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to equip students with a sound knowledge of Ireland’s archaeological heritage, from the earliest settlers to the medieval period.

Content
The course consists of illustrated lectures, fieldwork and project work, with three single-day field trips held each year. These are designed to offer a general introduction to the field monuments and material culture of some nine millennia of the Irish past. Students are also introduced to the discipline of archaeology, its historical development worldwide, its theoretical perspectives and its methodologies. The course examines the archaeology of Ireland in general and the more specific pre-historical and historical archaeology of its human settlements.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessments take the form of essays during the semester and end-of-semester written examinations. In addition, a field-based project will be undertaken in year 2 of the course.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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Diploma in
IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY ONLINE

Who is this course for:
• Anyone with an interest in the Irish past
• Primary school teachers
• Secondary school teachers
• Heritage employees
• Those employed in the tourism industry
• Local-government employees

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to equip students with a sound knowledge of Ireland’s archaeological heritage, from the earliest settlers to the medieval period.

Content
The course consists of 100% online illustrated lectures, recommended reading and viewing, self-assessment quizzes, and regular participation in an online discussion board. These are designed to offer a general introduction to the field monuments and material culture of some nine millennia of the Irish past. The course examines the archaeology of Ireland in general and the more specific pre-historical and historical archaeology of its human settlements. A general foundation is provided in first year, with detailed case studies in second year. Students are also taught to analyse and question popular interpretations of the Irish past.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessments take the form of ongoing participation in the class discussion board and end-of-module essays. The final module of the course replaces the essay with a project examining current archaeological research in Ireland, with topics chosen from a set list related to the work of archaeologists at NUI Galway.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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Who is this course for?
The Diploma in English and Drama will appeal to anyone who loves reading, and is keen to deepen and extend an interest in literature and theatre. This course may be of particular interest, but not exclusively so, to first and second level teachers and others who are interested in the contribution of English and Drama to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This course demonstrates the many ways in which English and Drama studies form a basis for critical thinking and cultural analysis. It also entails the study of specific literary and theatrical areas, and the close reading of texts. Special classes on Drama also give students an opportunity to learn on their feet, engaging in practical exercises that offer new ways to think about theatre.

Content
Through a detailed study of selective poets, the course explores the relations between form, content and culture in poetic art. In its focus on drama, the course analyses selected plays, paying close attention to issues such as theatrical practice, spectatorship and the social function of theatre. The Diploma course also introduces students to the world of fiction and its formal and thematic properties, and looks at facets of fiction writing, such as characterisation, plot, setting and diction.

Assessment
All modules of the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module may take the form of online activities, essays, written assignments and end of semester examinations.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Employers of all kinds increasingly value creativity above all other qualities in the workforce, and the Diploma in English and Drama shows proof of critical thinking, independent research, communication, and information/project composition. Experience in Drama helps to develop skills in giving presentations, teamwork, meeting deadlines, thinking creatively, and more. Students taking this specialism will refine, develop and/or acquire skills in close reading and critical analysis, improve and enhance oral and written expressions, and emerge with an expanded sense of imaginative and cultural possibility.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September 2019

APPLY ONLINE
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Who is this course for:

- Anyone interested in the humanities and social sciences; Archaeology, Economics, English Literature & Drama, History, Training & Education Management and Modern Languages.
- Those who require a general academic qualification for career or personal development
- Students considering progressing to postgraduate studies

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile

Aim
The part-time Bachelor of Arts (BA) prepares students to progress in the rapidly changing global environment. Our flexible, broad-based curriculum aims to provide you with a degree pathway that reflects your individual interests and career objectives.

Content
This course includes a combination of face-to-face monthly lectures and tutorials, self-instructional learning materials, online tutorials, online discussions and activities, study groups and group work.

A Bachelor of Arts is awarded upon successful completion of 180 ECTS, generally taken over four years. Students can choose from the following three degree pathways:

I. Double major: Major specialisms in two subject areas (75 ECTS per major) plus core and electives modules (30 ECTS)
II. Major and minor: A major specialism (75 ECTS) and a minor specialism (40 ECTS) plus core and electives modules (65 ECTS)
III. Major and double minor: A major specialism (75 ECTS) and two minor specialisms (40 ECTS per minor) plus core and electives modules (25 ECTS)

We offer major specialisms (over the four years) and minor specialisms (over a minimum of two years) from a range of subject areas.

You will complete three core modules: Skills for Learning and Critical Thinking in first year; and Skills to Succeed in final year.

You will also choose elective modules from a variety of subject areas over the duration of the course.

Assessment
Assessments may include: online activities, essays, written reports, presentations, individual and group projects and written examinations (which take place at NUI Galway).

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Graduates of the part-time BA are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of areas including government organisations, healthcare, journalism, creative writing, business and education services and many more (further qualifications may be required for certain careers).

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 180 (Degree)
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 4 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,055 Non-EU: €3,555
Start date: September 2019

APPLY ONLINE
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THIS COURSE
may provide an opportunity for students to progress to Masters level qualification.
Since starting the course I have gained employment which I may not have been offered otherwise. It can be tricky juggling work and college, but also very achievable with support from course tutors who understand the pressures of everyday life. The course has given me a major boost in confidence as I felt I may not be able to manage college having never studied before. We are consistently reminded that we have the experience already as adult learners, now we are understanding how to apply it.

One of my highlights from the course are the people I have met on the same journey, their backgrounds and experiences vary, this makes for interesting debates, I look forward catching up with them every month. This course has opened up many doors and I feel more confident in applying for jobs that I would never have applied for before. It is a great opportunity and if I can do it, anyone can.

CLEMENT QUINN
BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies
Diploma in
IRISH STUDIES

Who is this course for:
• Anyone interested in Ireland’s past and culture
• Primary school teachers
• Secondary school teachers
• Heritage employees
• Those employed in the tourism industry

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
Irish Studies online is an interdisciplinary introduction to Irish Studies, developed by the Centre for Irish Studies, NUI Galway. The course offers an excellent opportunity for those interested in Ireland, especially those without access to traditional courses of study in this area. The purpose of the Diploma is to provide a basic introduction to Irish life and culture through the disciplines of archaeology, history, literature in English and in Irish (presented in translation), political science and sociology, and traditional Irish music and dance.

Content
Irish Studies online provides an overview of Irish history from the pagan Celtic world and the coming of Christianity through to the cataclysmic famines of the 1840s, the establishment of an independent state in 1922 and Ireland’s integration into the European community, which has been ongoing since the 1970s. Students are introduced to Irish literature in both the Irish (Gaelic) and English languages, from the Old-Irish sagas and early Irish lyrics through the emergence of Anglo-Irish literature in the 18th century to the 20th century revival of writing in Irish. Emphasis is also placed on the study of Irish society since independence, with due consideration being given to such crucial issues as gender, religion, modernisation, emigration, identity and socio-economic development.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessments take the form of weekly online group reports and discussions, and essays completed at the end of each module.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The information and skills introduced by this course might contribute to careers in a wide variety of areas, such as in the heritage, tourism and education sectors.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Who is this course for?
- Individuals interested in the issues which affect modern day societies, political structures and associated policies
- Those who wish to develop a deeper understanding of the society they live in and the factors which contribute to the functioning (or malfunctioning) of that society
- Second level teachers may find this course beneficial in the context of Politics and Society

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This course is designed to encourage students to examine the connections between political and sociological perspectives in relation to national and world issues. One of the common concerns for Political Science and Sociology is how and why societies change and what alternatives are desirable or possible.

Content
A core feature of this course is to encourage students to think critically, to explore possibilities and to seek solutions to social and political problems. This diploma will enable students to:
- Understand the theoretical foundations of Political Science and Sociology
- Become familiar with the ‘Sociological Perspective’ and use this perspective in the examination of key sociological theories and concepts and in the examination and analysis of social and political phenomena
- Develop essential social research skills
- Apply this knowledge to the design of social research projects and the analysis of social and public policy

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments and examinations, online activities and block-release workshops during the semester.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The Diploma provides an ideal grounding for people who provide care, protection and support in society. Graduates may be employable in a range of public, private and not-for-profit organisations that involve analysing and communicating the origins of social practices to diverse audiences. Students of the course may also progress to the part-time BA programme.
Higher Diploma in
POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Who is this course for?
Secondary school teachers who wish to upskill in order to teach Politics and Society on the Leaving Certificate Curriculum and for those wishing to pursue further studies in this area for professional development reasons.

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants wishing to undertake the course for the purposes of teaching must have competed a level 8 honours degree in order to meet Teaching Council requirements. Other applicants must have completed a level 7 Diploma or higher qualification.

Course Profile
Aim
This course is specifically designed to meet the needs of teachers who wish to teach Politics and Society on the Leaving Certificate Curriculum. The course content is tailored to correspond with the four strands of learning on the Politics and Society curriculum, therefore providing students with the skills, knowledge, learning and teaching methodologies required to engage with this discipline.

Content
The course covers a broad range of subject matter within the Disciplines of Political Science and Sociology, but focuses specifically on: Power and Decision Making, Active Citizenship, Human Rights and Globalisation and Localisation.

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FOCUSES ON
Power and Decision Making, Active Citizenship, Human Rights and Globalisation and Localisation.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 60
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,035  Non-EU: €2,535
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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Who is this course for:
• Those who are involved in a helping or advice-giving role
• Members of self-help groups, volunteers in befriending and support organisations
• Individuals engaged in personnel work
• Staff of educational, youth and health services
• Those who would like to pursue a professional counselling course

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of this course is to provide a good, basic grounding in the psychology of lifespan development and major psychological theories of personality and their application to counselling.

Content
The course includes six modules, each module includes three hours of class work per week, over an eight week period. Subjects covered on this course include counselling skills, human development, theories and practices in the counselling psychology field.

The practical aspects of the course include basic counselling skills and group facilitation of personal development.

Course lectures take place one evening per week. In addition, there are occasional weekend workshops (Saturdays, 10am to 5pm) throughout the academic year.

Assessment
Assessments may include written assignments, skills training sessions, presentations, group work and end-of-semester examinations.

85% attendance is required for this course.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
On successful completion of Year 2, you may go on to take an undergraduate course in counselling psychology, psychology or counselling. Graduates who already have a third level qualification may be entitled to undertake a Masters in Counselling course.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Certificate in SCREENWRITING

Who is this course for:
The certificate course is open to people with an interest in film and screenwriting who wish to explore their ideas and writing skills.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
The Certificate in Screenwriting offers a basic introduction to the theory and practice of screenwriting. The core objective of the 24-week course is twofold: to verse students in the craft of screenwriting and help them to explore and express their own ideas in an encouraging, supportive and fun environment.

Students will learn the fundamentals of screenwriting and the craft of story structure. They will develop the ability to ‘pitch’ ideas and write synopses and treatments, and the skills to analyse their own and classmates’ work. They will learn about writing for different outlets, including TV and digital narratives, and will explore emerging opportunities for screen stories, e.g. animation and gaming.

Continuous assessment is conducted for each module. Students will complete a short film script, a feature film synopsis and treatment, and a TV drama or web drama proposal and outline. Students will also be given weekly coursework and a module assignment on which continuous feedback will be provided.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The Certificate in Screenwriting should primarily facilitate and enable the expression of talent and ideas in screenplay form. Graduates may also find opportunities in the areas of film development, script editing and arts policy. Students have also progressed from the Certificate to the MA in Screenwriting at NUI Galway.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September 2019

APPLY ONLINE
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STUDENTS WILL LEARN
the fundamentals of screenwriting and the craft of story structure.
(Non-accredited)
SHORT COURSE SERIES

Who is this course for:

• People who have never had an opportunity to study a particular subject area before
• People who wish to gain a deeper insight into a discipline that already interests them
• Ideal for those considering higher education as a mature student/wishing to experience learning at an introductory level

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development offers a series of short, non-accredited courses in a range of subject areas. Designed for students with an interest in the subjects on offer, these courses may provide you with an opportunity to meet interesting people to discuss your ideas with, to find out more about your subject area and to experience the world of lifelong learning.

Content
Courses are offered in the following subject areas: English Literature, Archaeology, Creative Writing, Russian Literature, Astronomy, Philosophy, History, Cinema, Genealogy, Languages, History of Art, Health and Well Being among others.

Assessment
There are no assessments on the short courses. Attendance and participation are based on the student’s interest in the area and the joy of learning.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Students who attend the Short Course Series are interested in the subject area and attend classes for personal development reasons and the joy of learning. For some students, attendance at these classes can encourage them to pursue their interest in the subject area by attending further Certificate or Diploma classes in the subject for credit.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: n/a
NFQ Level: n/a
Duration: 8 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: €120
Start date: Late September

APPLY ONLINE
Application can be made using our online application system or using the hardcopy application form – check our website for further details.

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science
Bachelor of Arts
(SOCIAL CARE)

Who is this course for:
- Those working in the social care field wish to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills
- Adult students with social care experience returning to education

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have:
- A minimum of one year’s experience in care work, which can have been gained in either a formal or informal capacity.
- Good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).
- Garda Vetting/Police Clearance.

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to provide students with professional education and training in the principles and practice of social care, to enable those working in the social care field to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills.

Content
The Bachelor of Arts (Social Care) provides teaching of theoretical concepts applied to social care practice. It was developed in response to the continuing educational needs of social care workers and in the context of the professionalisation of social care work.

Assessment
Assessment of course modules, seminars and work placements is based on a combination of written assignments, practical work, work placement reports, online work, project work and examination (or any combination of these) in each year.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Graduates of the course are employed by statutory, private and voluntary bodies and work with a variety of groups, including young children, young people, older people and individuals with disabilities. In addition, graduates have gone on to pursue further study on both taught and research postgraduate courses.

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COURSE FACTS
- ECTS: 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)
- NFQ Level: 7 (Cert/Diploma), 8 (Degree)
- Duration: Part-time, 1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)
- Mode of study: Blended learning
- Fees: (per annum) EU: €2,740 Non-EU: €3,240
- Start date: September

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02 BUSINESS/ MANAGEMENT
Diploma in FOUNDATION STUDIES (Business)

Who is this course for:
This course is designed for individuals who have been out of the formal education system for some time and now wish to begin third level studies in the areas of business, law or the arts.

Special Entry Requirements
The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
To prepare students in academic and core modules to progress to degrees in business, law or the arts.

Content
Subjects include Economics, Accountancy, Maths, Academic Writing, Academic Study Skills, Academic Technology and Skills for College and Career.

Assessment
Most modules on the course are assessed through a combination of coursework and examination. For modules where coursework counts for less than 100% of marks, exams take place at the end of each module or semester.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Upon completion of the course, students are encouraged to apply for degrees in business, law or the arts in NUI Galway or Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. A degree in business can lead to a wide variety of careers, including accounting, public service, human resource management and marketing.

www.nuigalway.ie/mature

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 6
Duration: 26 weeks
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: €380, €60 if in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection.
Start date: September

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CLASS TIMES
Tuesday: 7pm-9pm
Thursday: 7pm-10pm
One Saturday per month: 10am-5pm
Bachelor of COMMERCE (Online)

Who is this course for:
This is an ideal course for mature students who wish to:

• Gain a range of transferable skills and competencies necessary for business careers in the private and public sector.
• Progress within a chosen field or move towards a different area of business.
• Develop skills in critical thinking, communication, analysis, teamwork, networking, problem solving and decision-making.

Course Profile
Aim and content
This course will help students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to new business methods and contexts throughout their working life.

It will help with the acquisition of contemporary knowledge and specialisation in business practice through the disciplines of accountancy and finance, marketing, business information systems, economics and management. The course content reflects changes in business, management and the economy.

This unique course gives you maximum flexibility to study anytime anywhere to achieve a Bachelor of Commerce. The Bachelor of Commerce (Online) degree is a four year course delivered 100% online via Blackboard, the virtual learning environment used at NUI Galway. Optional on-campus workshops and tutorials may be available in certain modules.

This programme is delivered online through:
• Podcasts
• Screencasts (a digital recording of computer screen output)

Assessment
Students are required to participate in online discussions and activities throughout the year. All modules are individually assessed. Typically assessments consist of assignments and end of year/end-of-semester examinations.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Graduates gain a sound knowledge in the fundamentals of business and management, and will have the opportunity to receive a more comprehensive grounding in specialist areas, such as services marketing, human resource management and e-business.

Most of our students have already started a career in business or hope to in the future. Our graduates are highly successful and go onto work in a wide variety of business areas. They also go on to select from a range of postgraduate courses at NUI Galway or further afield.

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Diploma in

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT

Who is this course for:

- Human resource practitioners who have responsibility for employee wellbeing initiatives
- Managers and supervisors who fulfil the role of employee assistance practitioners

Special Entry Requirements

Applicants must be in a position to undertake assignments and work-based projects relating to practical aspects of employee assistance and support. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile

Aim

This course will enable participants to develop and enhance their knowledge & skills relevant to employee assistance and social support work practice and policy in Ireland.

Content

The Certificate course focuses on building basic knowledge and skills for the practice of employee assistance, while the Diploma course in Year 2 further expands these core competencies. Participants will develop the competence to use a range of interpersonal skills to respond to the needs of their clients within the workplace. Participants will learn about responding to and managing individual problems, using negotiating skills relevant to employee assistance and interpreting the main laws affecting Irish workplaces. During the Diploma year participants will study topics such as substance misuse, depression, common mental disorders, psychological trauma, bullying and harassment.

Assessment

Assessment methods include written assignments, practical assignments, online activities, learning portfolios and projects.

What career or further study opportunities are there?

Those who successfully complete the Diploma may progress to Year 3 of the BA in Training and Education. Career opportunities occur in the human resources and staff development areas of a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. Opportunities also exist with private training providers and in the corporate training and professional development sectors.

ECTS: 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: Part-time, 1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma)*

Mode of study: Blended learning. The course may be offered in a number of locations throughout the country.

Fees: (per annum) **EU**: €2,900 **Non-EU**: €3,400

Start date: September

*Please note that there is an attendance requirement of 8 days per academic year.
Postgraduate Diploma in INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

Who is this course for:
- Those responsible for managing innovation within their organisations
- Operations, production and service managers/consultants
- Continuous improvement specialists
- Product process and service designers
- Project and project managers
- Team leads and managers

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have a first or second-class honours degree at undergraduate level in any discipline, with three years of relevant work experience; or an ordinary or third-class honours degree with five years experience; or a recognised professional qualification with five years of relevant experience.

Course Profile
Aim
The Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management aims to produce the next generation of innovators. Students will learn about innovation and change and how it affects business operations. They will gain knowledge of new technologies that can contribute to improving organizational efficiency and competitiveness. It will be beneficial for managers working in organisations undergoing change and restructuring or with an interest in continuous improvement. The course will also assist individuals and micro-enterprises with a business idea that they want to develop as a lean startup.

Content
Course content will address the development and effective management of innovation strategies, driving product and process and service improvement, and strategies to facilitate the introduction of such change in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Delivery
The course is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) alternating between the different universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and distance learning elements.

Assessment
Modules are normally assessed by a range of assignments throughout the semester, a selection of which will be group-based. There are no formal written exams, the focus is on applying learning directly through activities with direct impact on the workplace. The project is ideally based on an area within the student’s work situation.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Innovation skills are currently much in demand globally and in all sectors. Graduates of the course are working in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, as well as in a broad range of manufacturing and service sectors. Students who successfully complete the Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

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MSc in LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Who is this course for:
- Managers and supervisors in public and private organisations
- Managers and supervisors who have a range of administrative responsibilities

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have a:
- 2.2 honours undergraduate degree
- minimum three years’ experience in a relevant area

Course Profile
Aim
This course aims to develop effective leaders who have the capacity to lead organisational and sectoral change, implement a strategic vision and motivate employee performance to deliver excellence.

Content
Course content focuses on the development of leadership qualities that are seen as critically important in complex administrative environments. Participants develop their ability to manage and lead, bring about change, implement strategic plans, negotiate effectively, assess information logically, take responsibility and lead performance excellence throughout their organisations and sector. The course places a strong emphasis on experiential knowledge and skills and, as such, values reflective engagement with assigned content and readings and participation in learning activities.

Assessment
Assessment includes written assignments, practical projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. Students complete a research-based dissertation in the second year of the course.

Note: Students who gain 60 ECTS may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership Development.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies. Opportunities for career advancement are likely to be found in senior management and leadership positions, senior administrative roles and senior professional and technical roles.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/business-&-management

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 90
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 3 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,800 (Year 1 & 2 p.a.)*, €1,900 (Year 3)
Non-EU: €4,300 (Year 1 & 2 p.a.), €2,400 (Year 3)
*The Postgraduate Diploma has an EU fee of €3,800 (Non-EU: €4,300) per year.
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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I wanted to study in an area outside my comfort zone that may offer new opportunities in the future. I chose to study a Diploma in Marketing with NUI Galway. This has been a great decision for me professionally and personally!

The online mode of delivery has been a very positive experience for me. It has offered the flexibility to continue working and meet other personal commitments. I can study at times that suit me and at my own pace. I have never felt alone as the lecturer is always readily available to answer any questions and the way the Diploma is delivered keeps you continually engaged. Feedback on assignments is excellent and ensures continual improvement.

This learning experience has benefited me personally by feeling more confident about what I can achieve and has given me a sense of accomplishment. It has also made me excited by what work opportunities may arise in the future through my Marketing studies.

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Diploma in Marketing
Diploma in MANAGEMENT

Who is this course for:
The Diploma in Management is aimed at students who seek a management qualification to develop their careers. Students will be equipped with key concepts, knowledge and skills to enable them to embark on a career in management. Graduates may be employable in a range of industries and sectors.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12). Applicants are expected to be proficient in the use of computers and the internet.

Course Profile

Aim
The modules in this Diploma provide a solid foundation in the principles and practice of effective management. This Diploma is ideal for students who wish to:

- Understand the principles of contemporary management
- Enhance their leadership capability
- Understand management's role in achieving organisational outcomes and success
- Develop their critical thinking, analysis and decision making skills
- Understand the role of organisational psychology and behaviour in organisational effectiveness
- Develop essential negotiation and management skills
- Apply this knowledge to a wide range of organisational settings

Content
There are six modules on offer within the diploma structure. Students are required to complete three modules each year.

Year 1
- Contemporary Management Thought
- Critical Thinking
- Leading and Managing People

Year 2
- Management Skills
- Organisational Psychology and Analysis
- Negotiation Skills

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, online activities and a block release workshop in year 2 of the programme.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The Diploma in Management is aimed at students who wish to develop their careers in a range of business and management roles. Students will be equipped with the fundamental knowledge and skills required to embark on a career in management or enhance their capacity to perform in current management roles. This course is also suited to self-employed managers seeking to add value to their organisation.

This course provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions will be granted for the academic work completed for the diploma.

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Diploma in MARKETING

Who is this course for:
The Diploma in Marketing is aimed at students who seek a marketing qualification to develop their careers. Students will be equipped with key concepts and skills, vital to embark on a career in marketing.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12). Applicants are expected to be proficient in the use of computers and the internet.

Course Profile
Aim
The modules in this diploma provide a solid foundation in the principles and practice of marketing. This diploma is ideal for students who wish to:

• Understand the principles of marketing
• Become knowledgeable of key marketing concepts
• Understand marketing’s role in business
• Develop essential skills in marketing, research, services and negotiation
• Apply this knowledge to a wide range of industry settings.

Content
The first year of this course provides the theoretical foundations of marketing principles. Through a combination of game-based learning and online technology, you will gain a deeper understanding of marketing theory and apply it to real-world settings. You will examine how marketing works in a managerial context and develop negotiation skills; in particular, how to manage issues to achieve agreement and resolve a conflict.

In year 2 you will develop marketing research skills, such as: how to collect accurate data, how to prepare and analyse this data, and how to compile and present the research finding. You will also investigate services marketing.

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, online activities and a block release workshop in the first year of the programme.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
This course is aimed at students who wish to develop their careers in today’s global business environment. Graduates will be equipped with the fundamentals to embark on a career path in marketing and marketing management. Graduates may also be employable in a range of organisations and sectors.

This course provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions will be granted for the academic work completed for the diploma.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Postgraduate Diploma in
TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALISATION

Who is this course for:
• Those responsible for supporting technology commercialisation within their organisations
• R&D and business development managers
• Portfolio managers and patent specialists
• Product design and development engineers
• Potential entrepreneurs

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have a first or second-class honours degree at undergraduate level in any discipline, along with three years of relevant industrial experience; or an ordinary or third-class honours degree with five years of relevant industrial experience; or a recognised professional qualification with five years of relevant industrial experience.

Course Profile
Aim
The Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation aims to improve commercialising success and to up-skill the next generation of entrepreneurs. It will assist in the creation, marketing and adoption of emerging technologies. The course will assist managers, scientists and engineers to realise the potential of technological innovation and gain a greater understanding of the commercialisation process.

Content
The course content will develop students' understanding of venture capital financing, the patenting process, business strategy, financial management, marketing and technology development. Students will participate in project activities on commercialisation opportunities and funding options available to an identified venture. In addition, this course will provide invaluable networking opportunities with individuals, companies and agencies involved in technology commercialisation.

Delivery
The course is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) alternating between the different Universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and distance learning elements.

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a range of assignments during the semester. A selection of assignments will be group based. The project module is ideally carried out within the student's own organisation or based on an entrepreneurial business idea.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Graduates of this course work in both private and public sector organisations in the area of research and development of new technologies, with a specific focus on commercialisation and marketing activities. The course is also suitable for students who have a business idea and wish to explore its potential through a structured course.

Students who successfully complete the Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,950 Non-EU: €4,450
Start date: September

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Master of Science in
TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Who is this course for:
- Those responsible for managing technologies within their organisations
- Managers in technology-rich environments
- Technical specialists
- Lead developers
- Engineers

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants should hold a primary honours degree (minimum H2.2) or equivalent and have at least five years of relevant work experience.

Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management or the Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation. Students who successfully complete their Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

Course Profile
Aim
The MSc in Technology Management will assist managers or aspiring managers to develop their knowledge and understanding of the increasingly important area of technology management, while building their management and leadership capabilities for new or current roles. The course will develop students’ knowledge of product and service innovation, process optimisation, technology transfer and R&D processes, enabling students and their companies to gain competitive advantage through their technologies.

Content
The Masters normally runs over two years on a part-time basis. If required study may be extended into a further year without penalty. The course includes ten taught modules and one year-long research thesis in the second year. The modules include; Managing Innovation, User Centered Design, Improving Business Processes, Innovation & Technology Transfer, Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Managing Technology Projects, Information Systems & Software Management, Marketing Technology Products, Strategy & Management of Technology, Technology Finance & Capital, People Management for Technology Organisations and Six Sigma.

Delivery
The course is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) rotating between the different universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and distance learning elements.

Assessment
Modules are individually assessed by a combination of assignments during the semester and, in some cases, a written exam. A selection of assignments will be group based. The thesis module is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
A wide range of career opportunities are available to graduates in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, information systems and management consultancy. The course is suited to a variety of industry sectors, including services, medical devices, biopharma, high-end manufacturing, finTech and healthcare. It will also benefit those working in service industries and the public sector.

www.aua.ie
Certificate/Diploma in
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Who is this course for:
• Adult learners returning to education
• Those working in a professional and/or voluntary capacity in the field of community development/community work who are seeking a third-level qualification

Special Entry Requirements
• Candidates should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a community or voluntary organisation
• Candidates should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required

See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to enable community activists gain a thorough understanding of community development combined with the practical skills necessary to work effectively in development work.

Content
The course provides an opportunity for you to explore community development in detail and to learn from the experiences of development initiatives elsewhere.

Assessment
You will be required to submit a profile and a project in addition to assignments as assessment work. You will have to reach a pass standard in all relevant coursework. Each aspect of the course will be monitored by the course board and will be delivered by course tutors who are based locally. There is also an attendance requirement – a minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
There are many career opportunities open to you as a graduate of the Certificate in Community Development Practice course as it offers a solid practical and theoretical understanding of the community development sector. Some graduates have gone onto further studies, such as the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of community development.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/community-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15 (Cert), 30 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: Part-time, 8 months (Cert), 1 year (Diploma)
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €500 (Cert), €800 (Diploma)
Non-EU: €1,000 (Cert), €1,300 (Diploma)
Start date: September/October

APPLY ONLINE
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Bachelor of Arts  
(COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND FAMILY STUDIES)

Who is this course for:  
• Adult learners returning to education  
• Those working in a professional and/or voluntary capacity in family, youth and community work practice or policy areas seeking access to relevant third level education through a flexible mode of delivery

Special Entry Requirements  
Candidates should have good reading and writing skills as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile  
Aim  
This course was developed in response to the continuing education needs of people working (paid/unpaid) in community/voluntary and state sectors and actively supporting community youth and family life in a rapidly changing society.

Content  
This Diploma/BA course is an interdisciplinary course, drawing upon selected components of sociology, politics, community development, family studies and law. It is a broad educational course, which places specific emphasis on knowledge and skills for people working within sectors that seek to support and enable families and communities to function effectively in society. This course is designed specifically to create accessible, student-centred learning opportunities within the social sciences. Core open learning materials, developed by NUI Galway practitioners and experts in the field of community and family support, will be provided to you at the start of the course. The cost of learning materials and the tuition are included in the course fee. Each course consists of a combination of learning materials, workshops and assignments.

Assessment  
The modular structure of the course will allow you to proceed at your own pace. A number of one-to-two day workshops are scheduled throughout the academic year (September to May), which you must attend – this equates to approximately one workshop per month (normally Saturday, or Friday and Saturday). You must attend workshops and submit an assignment for each module. You must also submit a project at the end of each year of study. A proportion of marks are also allocated to written examinations.

What career or further study opportunities are there?  
Some graduates have progressed onto postgraduate study, doing courses in social science, family support, community development and social work. There are also many career opportunities open to graduates of the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies degree course due to the broad range of discipline areas covered. Examples include community care, community development work, family support services and youth work services.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/community-education

COURSE FACTS  
**ECTS:** 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)  
**NFQ Level:** 7 (Cert/Diploma), 8 (Degree)  
**Duration:** Part-time, 1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)  
**Mode of study:** Blended learning  
**Fees:** (per annum)  
EU: €2,900  
Non-EU: €3,400  
**Start date:** Mid-September

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In my role as founder and CEO of the national charity ACT for Meningitis, I felt this was the perfect course for me to broaden my knowledge of community development and combine this with the practical skills required to work effectively in this line of work. The Diploma in Community Practice certainly delivered on all of this.

Never previously having had the opportunity to attend third level education, I can honestly say that this course, and indeed this whole experience, has opened up a whole new world of opportunity for me. It has allowed me to be more educated and informed, and in turn, more confident in my own position within my organisation and within my community.

I couldn’t recommend this course at NUI Galway highly enough and I am extremely grateful for the continued support from my tutors and fellow students, which has now given me the drive to continue my journey to further studies at NUI Galway.

SIOMBAN CARROLL
Diploma in Community Development Practice
Certificate in
YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

Who is this course for:
• People working within the youth work sectors, whether private, voluntary or statutory
• People with appropriate experience in youth work and who are in a position to undertake course assignments and projects relating to practical aspects of youth work

Special Entry Requirements
You should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This part-time certificate course provides a high-quality youth work course, enabling people working (paid/unpaid) within the youth work sectors, whether private, voluntary or statutory, to gain additional skills and knowledge in response to the changing youth work context.

Content
The course has been designed in collaboration with organisations/employers in the wider youth work sector to ensure that you are equipped to work in a variety of settings. As a part-time course, using blended learning methods, you can structure your learning and study time while working in a youth work environment. The course is conducted on a modular basis over one year. The blended learning methods of delivery involve a combination of online, flexible and face-to-face learning provision. The course is innovative for promoting active learning in the workplace, with assessments based on real-life situations in a youth work environment. The certificate course is devised on a modular, credit basis. Each module carries a specific number of credits. The Certificate in Youth Work Practice carries a credit weighting of 15 ECTS.

Assessment
Assessment is by means of a combination of written assignments, online exercises, project work and practical assignments.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
There are many career opportunities open to graduates of the Certificate in Youth Work Practice course as it offers a solid practical and theoretical understanding of the youth work sectors, whether private, voluntary or statutory. As a graduate, you can choose to proceed to further studies such as the Diploma in Community Development Practice and/or the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/community-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 8 Months, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €500 Non-EU: €1,000
Start date: September/October

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
04 EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts
(EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES AND PRACTICE)

Who is this course for:
This course is aimed at early-years practitioners with extensive practice experience wishing to upgrade to a graduate qualification while maintaining employment in the sector. It is aimed at:

- Practitioners/managers in crèches, pre-schools, schoolage childcare services, special education services, family support sector and child-minding settings
- Staff of county childcare committees and national voluntary childcare organisations
- Practitioners seeking to extend their knowledge and qualifications in order to progress professionally within the ECEC sector

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must:

- Have a minimum of two years’ formal experience working in the early-years sector
- Be currently employed in the early-years sector

See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This course aims to provide practitioners working in the field of early childhood education and care with the opportunity to upgrade their qualifications and further develop their skills and enhance their existing knowledge in a flexible and accessible format.

Content
This four-year course with options for interim exit awards, builds on practical experience, enhancing the learner’s skills through exposure to theory, social policy, research practice and work-based experiential learning opportunities. It has been designed for Irish practitioners and offers integrated and progressive learning content which is up to date with both Irish and international developments in the early years sector. At the end of year four, the graduate emerges as a reflective practitioner, with an in-depth understanding of the holistic needs of children and families, the importance of evidence-informed practice and the role of early years services in the broader community and policy context.

The BA in Early Childhood Studies and Practice is approved by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for higher capitation funding and is Internationally recognised.

Assessment
Assessment techniques may include a range of the following:

- Student learning journals/diaries
- Reports and Portfolios
- Essays and written exams (which take place in NUI Galway)

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Upon completing this degree course, students will be qualified to be employed in a variety of early years settings as well as a range of specialised settings, such as family intervention settings. Due to the extensive range of course topics covered, the graduate will be skilled in a wide range of issues and areas that might see them employed in early years support organisations, community outreach and development settings, family and community resource centres, in mentoring or inspection roles, or, at a national level, contributing to policy or programme development. For Example, past graduates have been successful in securing posts as Better Start mentors, LINC tutors and senior managers in Early Years facilities. Other graduates are now working abroad in the ECEC sector in New Zealand, Australia and the UK.

Students who successfully complete the BA in Early Childhood Studies and Practice may progress to the Level 9 Master of Arts in Early Childhood Studies or a number of other postgraduate courses listed in this brochure.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/early-childhood-studies

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)
NFQ Level: Level 8 (Degree), Level 7 (Cert/Diploma),
Duration: Part-time, 1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)
Mode of study: Blended learning (monthly workshops)
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,900 Non-EU: €3,400
Start date: September

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MASTER OF ARTS
(EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

Who is this course for:
This course is aimed at people who may already possess a recognised degree qualification and who wish to upgrade to a postgraduate qualification in a part-time, flexible manner. This will increase their opportunities to progress into broader professional roles (e.g. management, training, policy development, advocacy or research) and new, emerging roles (e.g. mentoring, leadership).

Special Entry Requirements
Academic: Minimum 2.2, NFQ Level 8, primary degree award in Early Childhood Studies and Practice or in a related discipline.

Experiential: Minimum 3 years relevant working experience, or equivalent required.

Course Profile
This course is delivered through the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development at NUI Galway with a strong affiliation to the UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre and the School of Political Science and Sociology at the University.

Aim
The course has been developed to reflect contemporary approaches and understandings of family life, childhood, play and pedagogical philosophies as they inform the early years sector.

Content
Students will engage with advanced and critical theories, exploring evolving policy, social research, child protection, integrated working as well as professional leadership and practice. Cutting across all modules and underpinning the ethos of the course will be a children’s rights perspective, facilitated through a strong reflective element, supporting students to analyse, critique and challenge dominant discourses, perceived values, as well as the on-going developments within the practice and policy environment.

On completion of this course, graduates will possess:

- An in-depth knowledge and understanding of contemporary theories in relation to early childhood.
- The ability to take a children’s rights perspective across all content, in particular, on the issues of child protection, risk and vulnerability, safeguarding children; promoting wellbeing through practice, policy and research.
- The capacity to hold leadership positions within emerging and varied professions in the practice, policy, teaching and research areas of the early years care and education sector.
- The ability to critically reflect and evaluate professional practice, early years policy, and dominant discourses in academic literature and research.

Assessment
Innovative and authentic assessments methods are used throughout the course which will enable learners to demonstrate capabilities and competencies as well as academic knowledge. Methods may include written assignments, reflective journals, e-learning and multi-media exercises, group projects, practical assignments, presentations and reports, though this list is not exhaustive.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Graduates of this course will be well-placed to take on leadership and developmental roles, impacting progressively on the ever-evolving Irish ECEC sector. Potential roles include teaching and research, policy development, mentoring or inspecting, advocacy and support as well as management of ECEC settings.

Upon completing this MA, students with a 2.1 or higher grade average may be interested in pursuing further education through doctoral studies at NUI Galway or another suitable institution.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/early-childhood-studies

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 90
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees:
EU: Year 1 €4,200, Year 2 €3,700
Non-EU: Year 1 €4,700, Year 2 €4,200
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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Completing an honours degree while at the same time working and rearing a family was something I thought was impossible to accomplish. However, the part-time BA in Early Childhood Studies & Practice at NUI Galway has provided me with the opportunity to do just that.

The blended learning approach on this course ideally suited my circumstances; I was able to continue to work, attend workshops and complete my studies in conjunction with my family life. This course provided me with the ideal opportunity to upgrade my qualifications in a sector I am passionate about. The knowledge, skills and learning I gained over the four years on this course of study has enhanced my confidence as manager of a busy and challenging early years setting.

I have made many new friends with similar interests and look forward to keeping in touch over the coming years.

KAREN DUFFY  
BA in Early Childhood Studies & Practice
Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in
PRACTICE-BASED PLAY THERAPY

Who is this course for:
The course is particularly suitable for those wishing to add therapeutic play skills to their existing psychological therapy skills, and/or those working with children including:
• Counsellors and psychotherapists or psychologists
• Teaching staff
• Occupational Therapists
• Nurses and social workers

Special Entry Requirements
• Applicants must have at least two years’ experience working with children in the relevant sectors and should normally possess a first or second class honours degree in either psychology, education, childhood studies or social work, or have a recognised equivalent professional qualification in a health, social services or education-related field.
• Candidates without a degree, or a recognised equivalent qualification, but with significant experience of working with children, who can produce a satisfactory portfolio of evidence demonstrating their ability to study at this level, may be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

Course Profile
Aim
• To focus on play therapy as a method of alleviating a child’s emotional, conduct, social and mental health problems using play and creative arts therapies
• To provide an opportunity for experienced practitioners and graduates with relevant professional qualifications to study play therapy at an advanced level, fostering the knowledge, judgment and skills necessary to challenge boundaries at the forefront of the discipline
• To enable participants to apply the therapeutic perspective of play therapy to other types of work with a wider client group
• To provide participants with sufficient skills to obtain work as professional play therapists or establish their own play therapy service

Content
The course will be delivered during an intensive summer school course of 15 days from early July each academic year. One hundred hours of clinical work with children per stage must be achieved for the Certificate and the Diploma in addition to set written assignment work. This workload normally requires a minimum of 20 months per programme to complete spanning two academic years. Students can exit the course at the end of the Certificate stage or progress to the Diploma stage, once the Certificate has been successfully completed.

Assessment
Assessment differs from module to module, depending on the learning outcomes. Students must also pass the practice placement, have a satisfactory report from their clinical practice supervisor and complete the required number of practice hours for each award.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The course provides an opportunity for those interested in developing their skills to work therapeutically with children and for those who wish to make a career decision to become a play therapist. The principles of play therapy are used by a wide range of professionals, such as counsellors, psychotherapists, psychologists, teaching staff, occupational therapists, nurses and social workers.

www.apac.org.uk

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30 (Cert), 30 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: Part-time, 20 months (Cert), 20 months (Diploma)
Mode of study: Block release (15-day Residential Summer School)
Fees: (per annum)
EU: Cert €3,700, Diploma €3,900
Non-EU: Cert €4,200, Diploma €4,400
Additional costs: A separate cost is applicable for clinical practice supervision. These fees are payable directly by the student to their supervisor.
Start date: Early July

APPLY
The course is offered in collaboration with the Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy (APAC). Applications are made directly through APAC.

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COURSE TITLE
Health Promotion

COURSE FACTS

ECTS:

NFQ Level:

Duration:

Mode of study:

Fees:

(per annum)

EU:

Non-EU:

Start date:

APPLY ONLINE
www.nuigalway.ie/apply

CONTACT
Postgraduate Certificate in HEALTH PROMOTION
(Approaches to Cardiovascular Health and Diabetes Prevention)

Who is this course for:
• Nurses
• Public health nurses
• Pharmacists
• Medical doctors
• Dieticians/Nutrition Scientists
• Physiotherapists/Exercise Specialists
• Others who work in the area of health promotion in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, as well as in the health and weight loss industry.

Special Entry Requirements
For this course, a primary degree is required. The Course Board evaluates each applicant’s academic record and relevant professional experience and assesses the level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted via the online application.

Course Profile
Aim
The programme aims to enhance Health Professionals understanding of the determinants, prevention, lifestyle factors and associated patterns of inequality. The programme equips students with an in-depth understanding of how to critically assess the evidence base, understand national and international approaches to the promotion of cardiovascular health and the prevention of diabetes, and appreciate the role of advocacy in influencing health and environmental (public) policies. Course participants will gain skills and competencies for the effective implementation of Health Promotion interventions and project management.

Content
Students will learn about health promotion theory and its application to the promotion of cardiovascular health and the prevention of diabetes. Students will develop skills in health promotion course development and implementing evidence-based interventions. Communication training and facilitation skills are also developed.

Assessment
The three modules are individually assessed through written assignments and project work.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Students with the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward 15 ECTS.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,000 Non-EU: €2,500
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/healthpromotion
**Specialist Certificate in HEALTH PROMOTION (Oral Health)**

**Who is this course for:**
- Dentists
- Dental Nurses
- Dental Hygienists
- Others in a position to promote oral health e.g. Public Health Nurses, General Practitioners, Dieticians, Nurses, Special Needs Assistants

**Special Entry Requirements**
Applicants for this specialist certificate course should have a primary dental health or other relevant qualification. Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per personal statement submitted via online application. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

**Course Profile**

**Aim**
The course aims to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion as applied to the promotion of oral health.

**Content**
The course encompasses a body of specialist knowledge and skills on health promotion, the causes of oral ill-health and oral health promotion. Students will learn about health promotion theory and integrating theory into practice. Health promotion course development is studied and students will develop skills in implementing evidence-based interventions. Communication and facilitation skills are developed.

**Assessment**
Assessment is continuous and includes written assignments and project work.

**What career or further study opportunities are there?**
Students with the Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work, or achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/healthpromotion
Postgraduate Certificate in
HEALTH PROMOTION
(Workplace Wellness)

This course is suitable for those working in:
• Nursing
• Public Health Nursing
• Occupational Health and Safety
• Pharmacy
• Management
• Human Resources
• Medical Professions
• Dieticians/Nutrition Scientists
• Physiotherapists/Exercise Specialists
• Health Promotion
• Corporate Wellness Industry
• Public Sector

Special Entry Requirements
For this course, a primary degree at any level is normally required. The Course Board evaluates each applicant’s academic record and relevant professional experience and assesses the level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted as part of the online application.

Course Profile
Aim
The course provides students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion as applied to workplace health and wellness.

Content
Students will learn about health promotion theory and its application to the promotion of workplace wellness. The programme guides students through the stages of effective intervention design, such as needs analysis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. This will be embedded in an understanding of the fundamentals of Health Promotion and framed around real world experience and examples. Course participants will gain skills and competencies for the effective implementation of evidence-based Health Promotion interventions and project management. Specialists in workplace health and wellbeing will become essential agents of change within organisations throughout the world.

Assessment
The three modules are individually assessed through written assignments and project work.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Students with the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward 15 ECTS.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/healthpromotion

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,000  Non-EU: €2,500
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

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Diploma in
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Who is this course for:
This course is ideal for students who wish to update their software development and ICT skills, engage with an interesting and challenging curriculum in a flexible, online environment, and improve their employability by re-skilling in the area of software development.

Special Entry Requirements
This course is open to honours degree graduates (minimum second class honours) in Science, Engineering or related disciplines. Applicants with an ordinary or pass degree or Level 7 diploma must have at least three years’ relevant IT experience.

Course Profile
Aim
Rather than being a general-purpose award in computing, the intention of this diploma course is to provide a coherent and complementary set of in-depth modules which bring the student up to speed on relevant software development tools and techniques.

Content
Students complete five, eight-week modules over the course of one academic year. The course content focuses on the fundamentals of programming, software engineering and advanced topics in software systems and development.

Assessment
Each module is individually assessed via weekly online assignments, an online final examination and participation in the online discussion forum. Assignments may include programming tasks, essays and projects.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The software industry includes businesses involved in the development, maintenance and publication of computer software, as well as software services such as systems analysis, verification, implementation, training, documentation and consulting.

At the heart of this industry is the activity of designing and producing computer software, which is the emphasis of this diploma. Career opportunities for software developers are excellent within Ireland and internationally.

www.nuigalway.ie/itonline

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €4,580 Non-EU: €5,080
Start date: August

APPLY ONLINE
www.pac.ie (Course Code GYE16)

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MSc
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING & DATABASE TECHNOLOGIES

Who is this course for:
This course is ideal for students who wish to update their Software Development and Database skills while engaging with that curriculum in a flexible online environment. The course particularly suits those working in the area who would like to gain a recognised Masters qualification or those wishing to convert to a career in the area.

Special Entry Requirements
This course is open to honours degree graduates (minimum second class honours) in Science, Engineering or related disciplines, and to other degree graduates with three or more years’ relevant experience. Applicants with an ordinary or pass degree or Level 7 diploma must have at least three years’ experience.

Course Profile
Aim
The MScSED course provides a valuable means of studying important, contemporary aspects of the Software, IT and Database industry which may be outside a student’s current working environment.

Content
Students will complete ten, eight-week modules over the course of two academic years and complete a thesis. There are two aspects to the content which students study:

- Software Engineering: Fundamentals of programming, software engineering and advanced topics in software development
- Database Technologies: Database administration, architectures and applications

Students study a set number of core modules and then choose from a range of currently-relevant electives in software engineering and database technologies.

Assessment
Each module is individually assessed via weekly online assignments, an online final examination and participation in online discussions. Assignments may include programming tasks, essays and projects.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Ireland, and Dublin in particular, is seen as the Digital hub of Europe (Silicon Republic, 2017). Information Technology in general is one of the success stories in the modern Irish economy, particularly the field of software and database design and development. This course will enable you to participate in this vibrant, international industry. Since software and databases are crucial in almost every sector, many of our graduates have also used the course for career advancement and progression within their current employment field.

www.nuigalway.ie/itonline

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 90
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €4,580 Non-EU: €5,080
Start date: August

APPLY ONLINE
www.pac.ie (Course Code GYE04)

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YOUR CAREER
Information Technology in general is one of the success stories in the modern Irish economy, particularly the field of software and database design and development.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"This course has been life changing for me. Since finishing the course I have gained employment as a product commercialisation and solutions engineer in a Sligo based technology start-up. The course improved my knowledge, skills and abilities in this area, and has fuelled my passion and increased my confidence to establish my own company.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation has been an extremely enriching experience. The modules are interesting and provide a valuable knowledge base for those wishing to pursue their own venture creation or indeed improve commercialisation and innovation as an employee in any organisation with particular focus on technology. The course is flexible and the delivery method allowed me to participate despite living in Sligo. The online element including discussion forums with classmates is very beneficial and the face-to-face tutorials and seminars are very helpful and enjoyable."

SANDRA LAVIN
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation
07 LANGUAGES
Teastas/Dioplóma sa CHULTÚR DÚCHAIS

Cé air a bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe?
Tá an cúrsa dírithe ar dhaoine ar spéis leo cultúr dúchais na hÉireann. I measc na n-ábhar a chlúdaitear tá:
• Deasghnátha, nósanna agus tuiscintí traidisiúnta
• Na healaíona dúchais: amhránaíocht , ceol & damhsa
• An cultúr ábhartha: bealai maireachtála agus ceirdéanna traidisiúnta

Riachtanais Iontrála
Feilfidh an cúrsa seo do dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán maith Gaeilge acu. Bheadh bunscileanna ríomhaireachta ina bhuntáiste mar gur ar an idirlíon a mhúintear an cúrsa den chuid is mó.

Próifil an Chúrsa
Aidhm:
Is í aidhm an chúrsa seo eolas a roinnt le rannpháirtíseanna le go bhfuil an idirlíon a mhúintear an cúrsa den chuid is mó.

Measúnú:
Measúnú leanúnach i bhfoirm aistí agus obair eile. (Ní bheidh aon scrúdú le déanamh).

Caithfear Bliain 1 a phasáil chun cáiliú do Bhliain 2.

Deiseanna Fostaíochta i réimse na Gaeilge
Cé go bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe ar gach duine a bhfuil spéis acu san ábhar, bhainfeadh daceine atá ag obair nó ar mhaith leo oibríú i réimsí áiríthe tairbhe as freisin, mar shampla:
• Turasóireacht chultúrtha
• Forbairt phobail
• Ealaíona cruthaitheacha
• Múinteoireacht bhunscoile/ mheánscóile

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SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA
ECTS: 30
Leibhéal NFQ: 7
Fad: Dhá bhliain, páirtaimseartha
Modh Seachadta: Foghlaim chumaisc
Táille Bhliantúil: le deimhníú
Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair

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Diploma in
FRENCH

Who is this course for:
• This course is open to anyone with an interest in French and who wishes to gain fluency in the language
• The Diploma in French is designed for those who have some knowledge of the language and is also suitable for the complete or the quasi-beginner
• The course is offered at three levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The Diploma in French is designed for students with an interest in French. They will acquire an excellent level of communication skills in the language (oral and written) through a variety of practical language exercises. Great emphasis is placed on continuous assessment and feedback to students.

Content
The Diploma course consists of evening lectures in Galway or Ennis over two academic years. The academic year consists of two semesters of 12 weeks. Each lecture night is a three-hour session (6.30pm–9.30pm), giving a total of 72 teaching hours over the academic year. Each three-hour session is divided between formal language tuition, grammar, comprehension, civilisation and oral skills. The native teachers use the communicative method of modern language instruction. The relevant points of grammar are gradually introduced to the students and they are shown how these are applied to written and oral structures. By the end of each week/term/year, students are able to converse and comprehend a variety of topics and situations that are normally encountered in everyday situations in a contemporary Francophone environment. Students study major issues in the contemporary French-speaking world, such as current affairs, education, culture and politics.

Assessment
Continuous assessment – regular language assignments and end-of-semester written examination. End of year oral examination.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Surveys indicate that employers value language skills among their workforce, placing a premium on the ability to make contact and communicate with global trade partners and to understand overseas business environments. For those with appropriate French language skills, there are possibilities to work in the following fields: international business, international agencies, the tourism and hospitality industry, and the diplomatic service. There is also the possibility of proceeding to Degree level and beyond in French. Two of our former graduates are now pursuing PhDs in French.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

APPLY ONLINE
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Languages

GHAEILGE (Leibhéal B2 agus C1)

Cé air a bhfuil an cúrsa seo ddirithe?
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Beidh an cúrsa seo oiriúnaoch do dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán ar an Ghaeilge acu cheana féin sa scriobh agus sa labhairt agus a dteastaíonn uathaí barr feabhaí a chur ar a gcuid scileanna teanga.
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Tá an cúrsa seo oiriúnaigh d’fhoghlaimneoirí a bhfuil grád D nó níos airdhe sa Ghaeilge bainte amach acu ag leibhéil na hArdeistiméireachta nó a bhfuil cumas acu leibhéil B1 de réir an Chomhchreata Éorpach a chur ar a dtugtar teanga Ghaeilge.

Riachtanais Iontraí
- Leibhéil C1: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil leibhéil pas bainte amach acu i scrúdú ardleibhéal Ghaeilge na hArdeistiméireachta agus a bhaineann am an caighdeán sáisúil sa Triail ScóRúcháin Teanga
- Leibhéil B2: Fáilteofar roimh iarrataíodh dhaoine agus a bhfuil leibhéil pas bainte amach acu i scrúdú ardleibhéal Ghaeilge na hArdeistiméireachta agus a bhaineann am an caighdeán sáisúil sa Triail ScóRúcháin Teanga

Próifil an Chúrsa

Aidhmeanna leibhéal C1:
- Tuiscint a chothú sa mhac léinn ar Cheart na Gaeilge.
- Cuí a thabhaltú i bhphoiblí agus sa chuid scileanna teanga.
- Léargas a thabhairt do dhaoine a bhfuil leibhéil na hArdteistiméireachta.

Aidhmeanna leibhéal B2:
- Saibhriú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá ag na mic léinn.
- Forbairt agus leathnú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur in iúl go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthéacsanna.
- Léargas a thabhairt ar gníomhanna a fháilteoirí na Gaeilge agus leibhéil na hArdteistiméireachta.

Córas Measúnachta:
- Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn gach aon bhliain den chúrsa. Léamhthuisceantí agus cluastúiscint agus cuastúiscint a bheith i gceist. Snas measúnúithe seo.
- Dánaíidh ranannpháirtithe an chúrsaí osctú cainte agus scrúduí scoirió ag deireadh gach bliana.

Deiseanna Fostaíochta i réimse na Gaeilge
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Cuífheidh an Dioplóma le do dheiseanna fostaíochta i réimse leathan gairmeach i saol na Gaeilge, ina meas tá an mhuinteoir aisteach, an chraoltóireacht agus an risoireacht.

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Cé air a bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe?

- Foghlaimoírí lánfhásta
- Daoine nach bhfuil an chuílocht tríu leibhéal acu
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh cur leis na cáilíochtai atá acu
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh a bheith ina muinteoirí
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh obair san Earnáil Phoiblí

Riachtanais Iontrála

- Fáilteofar roimh iarraidh tríú leibhéal Gaeilge ar a dtóil acu. Beidh grad C3 (arléibhéal) sa Ghaeilge riachtanach. Sásaionn sé sin gnáthriachtanais iontrála na hOllscoile.
- Is féidir le hiarratasóirí a bhíonn os cionn 21 bliain d'aois an 1 Eanáir den bhliain iontrála, iarraidh a dhéanamh mar fhoghlaimoírí lánfhásta. Sa chás seo, ní gá go mbeadh an Ardteist riachtanach. Cuirfear iarraidh a bhfuil an cúrsa san agallamh sin.

Aidhm

Is é aidhm an chúrsa céime seo barr feabhais a chur ar scileanna teanga na mac léinn, idir labhairt agus scríobh, agus iad a chumasú le tabhairt facaina saol gairmiúil trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Ábhar

Beidh an cruinneas na teanga chomh maith le litríocht mar chroílár an chúrsa. Clúdóidh siollabas na céime: Cruinneas na Gaeilge; cúrsaí litríocha, béaloidis agus staire cultúrtha; gnéithe den aistriúchán agus den iriseoireacht.

Córas Measúnachta

Caithfidh mic léinn a bheith páirteach i ndiospóireachtaí agus foráirphlé ar-line i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. Measúnófar na modúil uilig ar bhonn aonarach. De ghnáth bunófar na measúnaithe seo ar imeachtaí in rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scríofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

Deiseanna Fostaíochta i réimse na Gaeilge

Téann céimite ar leith an Gaeilge ag obair i réimse leathan post, ina measc:

- Muinteoirí
- An earnáil pheòbhl, an earnáil ghnó
- An Státseirbhís, An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
- Riarachán áitiúil
- Na meáin chumarsáide – TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta
- Eagraíochtaí Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta
- Margalocht agus cumarsáid
- Aistriúchán

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Cé ar a bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe?
- Múinteoirí atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh
- Foghlaimhrai lárnásta
- Daoine le céim acu cheana féin i ndisciplín seachas an Ghaeilge
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh cur leis na cáilíochtaí atá acu
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh obair san Earnáil Phoiblí

Riarachtainnis Iontrála
- Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil Gaeilge ar a dtóil acu. Beidh grad C3 (ar leithbheal) sa Ghaeilge riachtanach ar a dtugtar aonairach.

Próifíl an Chúrsa
Aidhm
Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Ard-Dioplóma (Gaeilge Fheidhmeach) atá dírithe go príomha ar mhic léinn a bhfuil céim onóiracha bainte acu cheana féin i ndisciplín seachas an Ghaeilge ach atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a shaothrú mar ábhar acadúil ag leibhéal 8.

Ábhar
Tá sé mar sprioc ag an gcónaí mar de hliath an cónaí mar a chomhlaítear agus mar fhoilseacháin áitiúil.

Córas Measúnachtta
Caithfích mic léinn a bheith páirtithe i ndíospóireachtaí agus fóirm fheice ar-líne i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. Measúnófar na modúil uilig ar bhonn aonachar. Déanann bhunófar an deirthe agus an deirthe as imeachtai i rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scríofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

Deiseanna Fostaiochta i réimse na Gaeilge
Tabharfadh an tArd-Dioplóma seo cáilíocht aitheanta sa Ghaeilge do chúimeithe, cáilíocht a chuirfí agus surtasach lena gcuid deiseanna inbhostaitheachta, san earnáil oideachais go háirithe. Beidh deiseanna freisin ag cúimeithe ar obair in earnáil pheagmhar, sa tseireabhís phoiblí, in earnáil an aistrúcháin agus san earnáil phobail.

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SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA
ECTS: 60
NFQ Level: 8
Fad: 2 bhliain ar bhonn páirtaimseartha agus/nó ar bhonn modúil
Modh Seachadta: Foghlaim Chumaisc
Táille Bhliantúil:
EU: €3,055 Non-EU: €3,555
Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair

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Diploma in GERMAN

Who is this course for:
Those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and wish to develop German language skills for work or personal reasons.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This two-year Diploma course equips students with communicative German language skills and develops intercultural skills through an introduction to modern German, Austrian and Swiss culture.

It is designed for students with no previous knowledge of German. Language tuition is in small groups by German native speakers.

Content
Weekly classes provide students with a supportive environment in which to encounter German language and culture. Each week time is dedicated to oral and aural practice as well as structural language study. As students’ knowledge of the language increases in year two, the focus on German culture is increasingly combined with language practice through written and oral presentations, aural assignments and conversation.

Assessment
Language modules are assessed by ongoing written and oral presentations and an end-of-year written and oral test. Cultural modules are assessed by essay.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Although your level of German will not enable you to compete with native speakers, a knowledge of the language is more useful than ever before for career opportunities involving internet trade and multinational companies based in Ireland, as well as tourism.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Diploma in IRISH (Levels A2 and B1)

Who is this course for:
• The level A2 course is suitable for students who have no prior knowledge of the language.
• The level B1 course is suitable for students who are able to communicate at a basic level in Irish and/or have previously studied the language.

Special Entry Requirements
• Level A2: This course is for complete beginners. Therefore, there are no formal entry requirements for this course.
• Level B1: This course is suitable for those who have a prior knowledge of the language. Applicants must complete a language placement test. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
• To develop students’ understanding of the written and spoken language.
• To enable students to take a basic part in everyday communication through the medium of Irish.
• To enable students to gain the confidence and necessary language skills to communicate through the medium of Irish in everyday situations and to further develop and foster their existing language skills.
• To provide students with an insight into the everyday usage of the Irish language and to enable them to participate in conversations on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.
• To increase students’ awareness of independent learning and of the language-learning process and to enable them to use these outside the classroom environment.

Assessment
• Students are required to complete two assessments during each year of the course. This consists of a reading comprehension and a listening comprehension test.
• Course participants sit an oral and written examination at the end of each year.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge A2 is used as a stepping stone to progress to higher levels of the Diploma, and a lot of our students pursue a career in primary and post-primary teaching after undertaking these courses.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum) €990
NUI Galway student fee: €200
NUI Galway staff/alumni: €660
Start date: September

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Who is this course for:
This is a course that will suit you if you have:

- An interest in Italian language and culture
- A desire to learn the language for work or pleasure

There are two separate Diplomas in Italian: a Beginners level, for those who have no previous knowledge of the language and an Intermediate level for those who have already acquired a basic knowledge of Italian.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The Diploma in Italian Beginners level (classroom-based or online) introduces students to the basics of the Italian language and assists them in developing their language competence in relation to the common situations of everyday life. The Intermediate level (online only) guides students through more advanced structures and functions of the language. The online courses are interactive and collaborative, with a strong emphasis on communication skills.

Beginners classes alternate between online and classroom based each year.

Content
The course concentrates on all four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and uses authentic material, carefully selected, to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. In addition, a cultural module introduces students to aspects of contemporary Italian culture, including important trends in Italian art, cinema, history and culture. On completion of the course, students acquire a very good level of oral and written communication skills in the Italian language for personal, travel or professional purposes.

Assessment
The course is assessed by written and oral exams, continuous assessment and written assignments.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
This course is designed to give participants enhanced language skills for personal, travel and professional purposes. At the end of the course, students will have additional transferable skills and the knowledge of a new language. They will also have improved communication ability in written and oral tasks, and a recognised university qualification in the Italian language.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study:
Option 1: Classroom-based
Option 2: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970  Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Taking the Diploma in German at NUI Galway was easily one of the best moves I’ve made, both personally and professionally. I’ve always had a keen interest in linguistics but sadly I had neglected German since school. As it turned out, when I went back to college to pursue postgraduate research, German proved quite essential for my line of work in Classical Philology. After one year of trying (and failing) to teach myself German I decided the Diploma was the best option.

I started the Diploma to develop reading comprehension in German but by the end of the course I had gained so much more. The method of teaching and learning allowed me to pursue the coursework at my own pace, in tandem with my own research and teaching. The regular practice gave me so much more confidence in speaking the language, and has opened up a whole new world of media, literature, film, music and culture. The Diploma has instilled a strong desire to travel and explore Germany.

CHARLES DOYLE
Diploma in German
Diploma in SPANISH

Who is this course for:
The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and wish to gain Spanish language skills for personal or professional reasons.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This course aims to equip students with essential communicative skills in Spanish, both spoken and written, and to introduce students to the history and cultures of Spain and Latin America.

Content
The Diploma in Spanish will cover key areas of Spanish grammar. The teaching of grammar will be integrated with writing, reading and listening activities that will prepare the learner to deal with everyday communication, understand written information and correspond in written forms. There will be small-group, weekly classes dedicated to developing oral skills.

Assessment
Assessment will be based on coursework (40%) and written and oral examinations (60%)

What career or further study opportunities are there?
The Diploma in Spanish from NUI Galway will bring you to an A2 level in Spanish. This level is recognised by educational bodies and institutions all over the European Union. Should you wish to build on your proficiency to pursue further studies in Spanish, you will receive exemptions from modules up to this level. Spanish is currently the third most widely spoken language in the world after Mandarin and English. It is increasingly beneficial to those working in any sector with an international dimension.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum) EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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SPANISH
is currently the third most widely spoken language in the world after Mandarin and English.
Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in
TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)

Who is this course for:
This course is designed for graduates who have completed a primary degree and are interested in a career in teaching English as a foreign language. Interested participants can take the Postgraduate Certificate and then proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma.

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must:
• have a primary degree
• be proficient in the English language

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of the one year Certificate course is to provide initial training and specialised knowledge and skills needed for graduates who wish to teach English as a foreign language. The Diploma (year two) builds on the Certificate course to provide with a range of competences aimed at extending teachers’ knowledge and practice.

Content
Certificate course content includes basic teaching skills, teaching practice, language analysis, theories and approaches to language teaching, English as a foreign language methodology, grammar presentation, syllabus design, testing, evaluation and introduction to linguistics. Other content includes English for special purposes, portfolio preparation, microteaching, teaching young learners, assessment of young learners, teaching adults, multicultural education, modern developments in English as a foreign language and teaching overseas.

Diploma course encompasses knowledge of applied linguistics, methodology, syllabus design and applied language communicative processes to enable effective integration of theory and practice in advanced TEFL teaching contexts. Students will focus on language learners of all ages in the EFL classroom, apply transferable teaching and language skills and engage with current issues and trends in the practice of TEFL. The course also focuses on managing the education and language learning environment through development and design of assessment materials, a business plan and webpage. These skills will help learners to develop the competence needed to practically respond to the professional career of TEFL.

Assessment
Assessment includes written assignments, practical projects, portfolio, teaching practice and written examinations.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Opportunities arise for graduates for positions in Ireland and abroad as teachers of English as a foreign language.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30 (Cert), 60 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: Part-time, 1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma)
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €1,600  Non-EU: €2,100
Start date: October

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Who is this course for:

- Those who require up-skilling for career advancement within the manufacturing sector
- Those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change
- Graduates from engineering, ICT or other science disciplines
- Those without a manufacturing background who wish to work in the manufacturing sector
- Engineers interested in Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Special Entry Requirements

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile

Aim

- Develop students’ specialist knowledge of manufacturing automation and control systems
- Equip participants with state-of-the-art reference materials to support module topics
- Develop transferable and soft skills needed to work in the biomedical sector

Content

The course consists of a project and four taught modules: Automation 1 and 2, Manufacturing Technology, and Machine Design. The modules examine key performance indicators, and describe tangible and quantifiable goals for various automation projects. They also cover main key strategies adopted by industry to deploy automation in order to improve competitiveness. It will provide the skills required to develop, implement and manage automated systems in a manufacturing environment.

Assessment

Learning is assessed through continuous assignments, a project and written examinations. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?

By providing the relevant skills and training this course will seek to address the critical shortage in skills in the area of automation and machine control, manufacturing and assembly systems and processes. Consider the areas of the industrial sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Possible career paths include: promotion in the manufacturing sector, automation engineer, or production manager.

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Diploma in
SCIENTIFIC STUDIES
(Earth & Ocean Sciences)

Who is this course for:
People with an interest in our natural environment and the outdoors.
May be professionally beneficial for geography teachers, environmental scientists, engineers, archaeologists.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12). As it is a blended learning course, participants will need access to a computer with (ideally) a broadband connection.

Course Profile
Aim
This course’s aim is to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of the Earth’s solid geology & its coastal ocean, with hands-on, practical experience of the techniques employed within the fields of geology, oceanography, and Earth observation.

Content
This course will use online lectures and practical exercises, as well as weekend workshops and field trips, to study the Earth’s origins, materials and processes at all scales from the atomic to the planetary level; internal and external; and locally, nationally, and internationally. One module will deal with our coastal ocean, examining at the interaction of geology, ground- and surface water, and the marine environment. Another will focus on Earth observation and remote sensing, and how these are used to help understand the physical, chemical, and biological processes acting on the Earth’s surface. A common theme throughout will be in the interaction of people with the planet we inhabit. Fieldtrips (within Ireland) are an integral part of the course.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed by continuous assessment (practical exercises) and either assignments or written examination.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
A number of graduates from an earlier version of the course have since gone on to study for a degree in Earth & Ocean Sciences.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/science-technology

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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Who is this course for:
- Internal environmental policy consultants
- Waste minimization specialists
- Energy optimisation advisors
- Entrepreneurs interested in the green economy

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
- Build management and leadership capabilities to facilitate organisational change towards environmentally sustainable processes, products and procedures.
- Develop an appreciation of environmental factors, standards and policies that impact on the medical device, bio-pharma and general manufacturing sectors.
- Gain an understanding of national and international issues in relation to the green economy and the design of products and process that minimize environmental impact.

Content
Participants will gain knowledge of the generation, distribution and conservation of sustainable energy; of product, process and service design that minimises environmental impact; and of policy, legislation and compliance in the area. The course will cover environmental management systems and the key concepts in environmental sustainability.

Assessment
Learning is assessed through continuous assignments, a project and written examinations. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Consider the areas of the green economy in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Possible career paths include: environmental impact assessor, environmental systems manager, green economy advisor.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €1,900  Non-EU: €2,400
Start date: September

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Diploma in
FORM AND FUNCTION
OF THE HUMAN BODY

Who is this course for:
• Medical device operatives, technicians and engineers
• Those who require up-skilling for career advancement within the medical devices sector
• Those with a biology background who wish to gain an understanding of the technology of the biomedical sector
• Those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change

Content
The course covers topics ranging from anatomy and physiology of each of the body systems; immunology, toxicology and cell biology, to biocompatibility, physiology, human therapeutics and medical device design. Other topics include specific mechanisms such as drug-eluting stents in medical intervention, structure and function of DNA and chromosomes and the adaptive immune system.

Assessment
Learning is assessed through continuous assignments, a project and written examinations. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Consider the areas of the biomedical sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Possible career paths include: diagnostics technician, product assurance, pharmaceutical production.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EUR: €1,900 Non-EU: €2,400
Start date: September

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CAREER PATHS
Possible career paths include: diagnostics technician, product assurance, pharmaceutical production.
Diploma in
SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (Gemmology)

Who is this course for:
• Open to everyone with an interest in gemmology
• Those practising or planning a career in jewellery and related trades
• Those who want to have a taste of what the science of gemmology has to offer

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The course offers education and training on gemstones and gemmological instruments and gives the opportunity to gain professional competences in the gemmological field.

Content
The course consists of lectures, laboratory demonstrations and practicals, including tuition on good practice in the identification of gemstones from the course’s teaching collection, which comprises in excess of 400 cut stones. The course also focuses on the examination of these gemstones using a range of laboratory instruments, including binocular microscope, refractometer, spectroscope, polariscope and conoscope.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. Assessment is by examination (written and practical) at the end of each year and by continuous assessment.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Students of the course find employment in gemological work (quality control, authentication) and the jewellery (retail and design) trades. Graduates may also find work as valuators for the insurance industry.

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It was a big decision to change from a career in IT to become an Adult Education teacher. So far, I have no regrets. The PDE-FE course has given me the tools, methodologies, academic insights, along with the practical experience, to begin teaching.

The teaching practice commenced from the beginning with short microteaching exercises. These exercises were video-taped and peer reviewed to ensure continuous improvement. It has given me exposure to class planning and content development in a variety of subject areas, experience in dealing with diverse adult classes, liaison experience with resident teachers, and the opportunity to continuously improve my own teaching professionalism.

I now feel I have the confidence to become a full-time teacher in the Adult Education sector. This confidence has been built on a strong academic foundation, along with practical teaching experience. The course has given me an insight into the learning needs of adult learners, along with a broad understanding of the sector. I feel vindicated in my decision to make this career change and the course has equipped me to pursue a teaching role in Further Education.

THOMAS RANDLES
Professional Diploma in Education – Further Education
Diploma in
LEAN AND QUALITY SYSTEMS

Who is this course for:
• Internal lean consultants, waste minimisation specialists, process optimisation advisors
• Those who wish to work in specialist and hybrid lean roles
• Those with basic engineering qualifications who wish to up-skill and specialise in lean engineering
• Those in declining sectors seeking to convert their skills and transfer their experience

Course Profile
Aim
• Upskill those with basic engineering qualifications to specialise in lean engineering
• Deliver a range of technical and transferable skills which will be beneficial at the personal, enterprise and community levels in the area of lean thinking and problem solving
• Provide experience in efficiency implementation through a work-based project

Content
This course focuses on the topical area of Lean, Six Sigma, Business Process Modelling and Continuous Improvement. Graduates will have highly marketable knowledge and skills relevant to product, process and service optimisation and improvement. Green belt material is covered to enable students to top up their academic award with an industry-standard professional qualification. This course is approved by Engineers Ireland for Continuous Professional Development purposes.

Assessment
Learning is assessed through continuous assignments, a project and written examinations. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Consider the areas of the quality systems sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Possible career paths include: lean manager, quality assurance, systems analyst, quality control technician, validation engineer, operations manager.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,000 Non-EU: €2,500
Start date: September

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Diploma in MEDICAL DEVICE SCIENCE

Who is this course for:
- Medical device operatives, technicians and engineers
- Those who require up-skilling for career advancement within the medical devices sector
- Those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change
- Those with a biology background who wish to work in the medical device sector
- Engineers interested in the science behind medical devices

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
- Understand the science of materials and the technology and design of medical devices
- Develop specialist knowledge of the medical devices sector
- Gain knowledge of the form and function of the human body, various human diseases and the body’s response to them
- Develop relevant technical and soft skills

Content
The five module course allows students to develop specialist knowledge of the medical devices sector and to hone relevant technical and soft skills. On completion of the course students should have:
- An holistic appreciation of the science and engineering behind various medical devices
- Specialised knowledge of human anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and of disease processes which can be improved by the use of medical devices
- Technical knowledge of the chemistry and physics of materials and an appreciation of which materials can be used to best effect in medical devices
- Technical knowledge and skills in the design, development and manufacture of medical devices
- An appreciation of best practice, industry standards, policies and regulations within the medical devices sector

Assessment
Learning is assessed through continuous assignments, a project and written examinations. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Consider what areas of the medical device sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfill those requirements. Possible career paths include: medical device construction, product testing, quality assurance, automation maintenance, operations control.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €1,900 Non-EU: €2,400
Start date: September

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CAREER PATHS
Possible career paths include: medical device construction, product testing, quality assurance, automation maintenance, operations control.
Who is this course for:
This course is designed for individuals who have been out of the formal education system for some time and now wish to begin third level studies in the areas of science, technology or engineering.

Special Entry Requirements
The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
To prepare students in academic and core modules to progress to degrees in science, technology or engineering.

Content
Subjects include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Academic Writing, Academic Study Skills, Academic Technology and Skills for College and Career.

Assessment
Most modules on the course are assessed through a combination of coursework and examination. For modules take place at the end of each module or semester.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Upon completion of the course, students are encouraged to apply for degrees in science, engineering and technology at NUI Galway or Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. A degree in science/technology/engineering may lead to employment in areas such as industry, IT, consulting, research or third level education.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 6
Duration: 26 weeks
Tuesday: 7pm-10pm, Thursday: 7pm-9pm
One/Two Saturdays per month: 10am-5pm
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
€380, €60 if in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection.
Start date: September

www.nuigalway.ie/mature

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Diploma in
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Who is this course for:
- Those seeking career advancement in a variety of high-tech industries
- Those with a personal interest in science and technology
- Those wishing to continue to a level 8 degree in science and technology
- Those interested in continuing professional development on a modular basis

Course Profile
Aim
- To provide students with a comprehensive grounding in the theoretical foundations of science and technology studies
- To introduce areas of applied and specialist knowledge used in high-tech environments

Content
20 modules to be completed over a minimum of two years. These include core modules which cover the foundations of science, engineering, management and information technology. Elective modules allow students to specialise in an area of particular interest.

Assessment
All modules are assessed individually through assignments, written exams and, in some cases, practical laboratory sessions. Exams take place at the end of each semester. Two projects are assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Consider what areas of the high tech sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 7 course will fulfill those requirements. Possible career paths include: product builder, machine operator, automation systems monitor, product/process technician.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 120
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: Minimum 2 years part-time, to a maximum of 4 years
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €380 per module (total of €7600)
Non-EU: €380 per module plus an additional €500 per academic year.
Start date: August

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**Degree in Science and Technology Studies**

**Who is this course for:**
- Those seeking further career advancement in a variety of high-tech industries
- Those with a deep interest in science and technology
- Those wishing to continue from a level 7 qualification such as the Diploma in Science and Technology
- Those interested in continuing professional development on a modular basis

**Special Entry Requirements**
Graduates of the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies can automatically progress to the degree. Other applicants over 21 with a diploma in a related area in science or engineering may be considered for direct entry to the degree cycle. Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

**Course Profile**

**Aim**
- To provide students with a deep understanding of the theoretical foundations of science and technology
- To study in more depth areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in high-tech environments
- To develop important transferable skills such as problem solving, decision making and advanced communication skills.

**Content**
20 modules to be completed in a minimum of 2 years. The core modules are in the areas of production science and operations and systems management. The elective streams will enable students to specialise and deepen their knowledge in two of the following areas: Lean and Quality Systems, Medical Device Science, Environmental Sustainability, Form and Function of the Human Body or Automation and Control.

**Assessment**
All modules are assessed individually through assignments, written exams and, in some cases, practical laboratory sessions. Exams take place at the end of each semester. The project is assessed through staged delivery of a project report.

**What career or further study opportunities are there?**
Consider what areas of the high tech sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfill those requirements. Possible career paths include: validations engineer, regulatory compliance manager, process design, validation engineer, automation process engineer, research and development, software engineer.

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**COURSE FACTS**

**ECTS:** 240  
**NFQ Level:** 8  
**Duration:** Minimum 2 years part-time, to a maximum of 4 years  
**Mode of study:** Blended learning  
**Fees:** (per annum)  
EU: €380 per module (total of €7600)  
Non-EU: €380 per module plus an additional €500 per academic year  
**Start date:** August

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Master of Arts in
ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Who is this course for:
• Further education teachers
• Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors, supervisors, managers
• Instructional designers
• Educational consultants
• Human resource specialists
• Self-employed trainers
• Those practising or planning careers as training or instructional specialists in the educational, industrial, commercial, voluntary or community sectors

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have a:
• 2.2 Honours undergraduate degree
• Minimum three years’ experience in a relevant area

Course Profile
Aim
This course offers education, training and human resources practitioners the opportunity to enhance their professional competence by extending and deepening their knowledge and understanding of the theories, practices and contexts of adult learning and development.

Content
The course encompasses knowledge of learning theories and processes to enable effective integration of theory and practice in adult learning and development approaches. Students will learn about people development in the workplace, fostering transferable skills, responding to issues and trends in the practice of lifelong learning, managing the education and training environment and the pedagogy and design of online learning. These skills will help learners develop the professional competence needed to practically respond to the rapidly changing field of education and training.

Assessment
Assessment includes written assignments, practical projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals.

Students complete a research-based dissertation in the second year of the course.

Note: Students who gain 60 ECTS may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Adult Learning and Development.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

Career opportunities occur as training and instructional specialists in the further education and training sector, voluntary and community-based training organisations and in the human resources and staff development areas of a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. Opportunities also exist with private training providers and in the corporate training and professional development sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 90
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: Year 1 €4,200, Year 2* €3,700
Non-EU: Year 1 €4,700, Year 2 €4,200
*The Postgraduate Diploma has an EU fee of €1,250 (Non-EU: €1,750) for Year 2.
Start date: September

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Master of Arts in
ADULT LEARNING AND TEACHING

Who is this course for:
Qualified teachers working or intending to work in the Further Education and Training sector

Special Entry Requirements
Candidates must have a:
• Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) or
• An equivalent teaching qualification award (NFQ Level 8/60 ECTS)

Course Profile
Aim
The Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Teaching is designed to afford teachers who have successfully completed the Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) or an equivalent Level 8 qualification to progress their studies. Having achieved this qualification applicants will then be awarded a 30 credit exemption through the RPL process for advanced entry to the Masters.

Content
This course aims to develop the required skills, competencies and capabilities of educators intending to work in the lifelong learning environment. It prepares participants to: address management and leadership demands; effectively implement a learning environment; and engage with the online learning environment to become effective e-Learning professionals.

The research element of the programme allows participants to: develop an evidence-based disposition that promotes systematic intellectual inquiry; and engenders responsibility for recognizing and acting on the ongoing requirements which underpin the professional standards within this sector.

Assessment
Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

Career opportunities occur as training, learning and development and instructional specialists in a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. These include: further education and training centres; voluntary and community-based training organisations; and human resources and staff development sectors.

Opportunities also exist within private training providers alongside corporate training and professional development sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education
Certificate in
ADVANCED TRAINER SKILLS

Who is this course for:
- Those who wish to gain a recognised qualification in coaching and mentoring
- Human resource practitioners who have responsibility for people performance management in organisations and companies
- Managers and supervisors who wish to enhance their managerial skills
- Those who wish to establish careers as consultant or freelance coaches

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of the course is to explore and apply key coaching and mentoring concepts and practices in the achievement of fundamental professional competence.

Content
Course content concentrates on building core coaching and mentoring skills, such as achieving performance excellence, enhancing professional capacity and enriching employee motivation. The course focuses on identifying practical techniques with which participants can successfully shape their practice. By emphasising the effectiveness of coaching and mentoring in helping individuals achieve personal and professional goals, learners will enhance their coaching style and approach. The course facilitates the development of personal awareness and self-management, creating successful interpersonal relationships, forming effective teamwork capability and the ability to respond creatively to problems.

Assessment
Students are expected to submit a portfolio of skills, which includes a video recording of a coaching session.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education course.

Career opportunities occur in the human resources and staff development areas of a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. Opportunities also exist with private training providers and in the corporate training and professional development sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €1,425  Non-EU: €1,925
Start date: October and February

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Foundation Diploma in TRAINING AND EDUCATION (Assessment Theory and Practice)

Who is this course for:
The course is designed for those who have responsibility for:
- Designing assessment in line with quality assurance standards
- Designing assessment of learning strategies

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of assessment of learning. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to develop a range of assessment strategies that are constructively aligned with learning outcomes and that comply with quality assurance guidelines.

Content
The course focuses on the principles of assessment, the design of assessment plans and the practice of assessment strategies. Participants will learn about the purpose of assessment, a range of assessment models and methods, the principles underpinning assessment, and the design and practice of effective and valid assessment and assessment requirements of awarding bodies such as QQI (or equivalent).

Assessment
Assessment includes submission of a competence portfolio, written assignment and online contributions.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Diploma in Training and Education course.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 10
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €850 Non-EU: €1,350
Start date: October and February

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Foundation Diploma in
TRAINING AND EDUCATION
(Essential Trainer Skills)

Who is this course for:
- Further education tutors
- Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors
- Educational consultants
- Self-employed trainers
- Those practising or planning a career as a trainer in the educational, industrial, private, voluntary or community sectors

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a training session. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of the course is to introduce participants to the basic knowledge and practical skills related to planning, designing, developing, delivering and evaluating training courses.

Content
Course content incorporates study of various concepts of training and education, adult learning styles and preferences. Participants will develop the tools and techniques to carry out a training needs analysis, write course aims and learning outcomes, develop course content and select appropriate delivery methods and learning activities. Participants will learn how to hone their communication skills to deliver successful and engaging training courses, how to create a motivating learning environment and how to build quality assurance into the training process.

Assessment
Assessment includes submission of a video recording of a training session and a written assignment.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education course.

The course provides students with a recognised training qualification which can lead to career opportunities in the further education and training sector, the voluntary sector and community-based training organisations and the human resources and staff development areas of a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses.

Opportunities also exist with private training providers and in the corporate training and professional development sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 10
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €850 Non-EU: €1,350
Start date: October and February

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Foundation Diploma in
TRAINING AND EDUCATION
(Performance Sports Coaching)

Who is this course for:
• Sports coaches
• Sports mentors
• Sports managers
• Coaches or managers who have responsibility for ensuring that performance standards are achieved

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a sports coaching session. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of the course is to introduce participants to the basic knowledge and practical skills related to planning, designing, developing, delivering and evaluating sports coaching interventions.

Content
This course focuses on performance improvement in the field of sport. The emphasis is on the skills and knowledge required in face-to-face coaching with individuals when addressing performance issues. The course considers the principles and theories that underpin performance improvement in sports coaching, and focuses on the behaviours and attitudes that coaches need. You will study the competencies and characteristics needed for effective coaching to help you improve your coaching style and build individual motivation to excellent performance.

Assessment
Students are expected to submit a portfolio of skills which includes a video recording of a sports coaching session.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education course.

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 10
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €850 Non-EU: €1,350
Start date: October and February

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performance improvement in the field of sport.
While already working in the Adult Development field for a few years, I felt at times that I was missing methods and specific ways used by the educators, hence the idea to take on the BA in the first place. During the course, I gained a lot of confidence especially when consulting with stakeholders on various matters from training needs analysis, development and course delivery, as well as learner feedback at the end! Anyone can learn from a book, but the most valuable part for me, with NUI Galway, they make it easy to transition the knowledge and apply it to every day life and most importantly my career at IBM.

I can say that with up most confidence, I have utilised each module from the four year course in my day to day work! I am working full time where a significant amount of travel is involved and I am a mom of a teenager, the blended approach offered by the university suited me the most, as I could manage 1-2 days a month in the class and then work at my own pace whenever I wanted and wherever I wanted. All I needed was access to a PC.

MARIA NORDWIND
BA in Training and Education
Training & Education

Certificate in
RPL PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

Who is this course for:
Those working in tutoring/instructional roles in the Further Education and Training – FET (or equivalent) sector who wish to gain academic recognition for prior certified and experiential learning.

Special Entry Requirements
See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The aim of the course is to guide and support participants in preparing a portfolio of evidence documenting their prior learning at NFQ level 7 in the area of adult learning practice.

Content
The course content focuses on guiding students in developing an RPL portfolio. Participants will learn how to gather and collate certified and experiential learning, how to map their prior learning to specific learning outcomes and how to assemble a portfolio that represents their prior learning’s relevance to their role as tutors/instructors. The practical skills of developing a prior learning portfolio are studied, including creating an expanded learning resume, matching learning to course learning outcomes, using research skills to locate information, evidencing experiential learning and accredited learning, reflecting on critical incidents, demonstrating critical thinking and reflection, developing and applying learning concepts, and evidencing conceptual learning at the appropriate level. The course places a strong emphasis on evidencing experiential and accredited learning and, as such, values the completion of a prior learning portfolio.

Assessment
Assessment is by means of a combination of online activities and portfolio completion.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education course.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 20 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €500 Non-EU: €1,000
Start date: September

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Foundation Diploma in
TRAINING AND EDUCATION
(Skills for Professional Development)

Who is this course for:
The course is designed for those who are seeking to:
• Enhance their portfolio of core personal and professional skills
• Improve their professional performance
• Develop their career competencies
• Boost their job search prospects
• Further their career advancement prospects

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of skill development. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
The course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills to develop a portfolio of core professional competencies.

Content
This course focuses on the development of professional skills that are seen as central to enhancing professional competence and employment capacity. Participants will learn self-management skills that help negotiate and plan in the event of uncertainty and change. They will develop practical and effective communication skills that focus on enhancing verbal, non-verbal and written competence. Participants will gain an appreciation of managing people and tasks which provides the tools and techniques to co-ordinate, plan, organise and control resources. The course will also help participants take an entrepreneurial approach to work and learn about the traits of the entrepreneur, how to stimulate creativity and innovation and the basics of change management.

Assessment
Assessment includes submission of a portfolio of skills.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education course.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 10
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: €850 Non-EU: €1,350
Start date: October and February

APPLY ONLINE
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

CONTACT
Edel Molloy
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Who is this course for:

- Tutors, instructors, trainers (full-time or part-time) who are currently working in further education schools and centres, and who wish to obtain a teaching qualification
- Individuals working in the further education sector and who wish to obtain a further education teaching qualification
- Those who seek registration with the Teaching Council

Special Entry Requirements

Educational Requirements
Level 8 primary degree or Level 7 ordinary degree and an additional qualification.

Teaching Practice Requirements
Applicants must demonstrate that they are in a position to undertake the teaching practice requirements of the PDE(FE). These include:

- Year 1: commencing a teaching practice portfolio
- Year 2: carrying out teaching practice class requirements (100 hours of teaching) in subject(s) in which registration with the Teaching Council is sought

Note: Garda Vetting is a requirement for this course.

Course Profile

Aim
The aim of the course is to provide student teachers with a recognised teaching qualification. It provides the trainee teachers with the professional knowledge, understanding and pedagogical skills required to carry out their further education teaching roles and responsibilities.

Content
The course content guides student teachers in developing the theoretical knowledge, pedagogical skills and professional competencies required to successfully teach in the further education sector. Participants will study teaching methods and techniques, curriculum design and development and the theory of adult learning processes. Quality assurance concepts and procedures are studied to provide participants with the competences necessary to meet awarding bodies’ requirements. Throughout the course, student teachers will complete microteaching sessions and will engage in ongoing reflection on their practice. Teaching placement in line with Teaching Council of Ireland requirements is a core component of the course.

Assessment
Assessment methods include written assignments, practical assignments (videos), online activities, learning portfolios, projects and a teaching portfolio.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Successful students who successfully complete the course gain exemption to progress to the Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Development.

The course provides students with a recognised teacher education qualification. It has been specifically developed to meet the needs of persons working in the further education sector who wish to register with the Teaching Council of Ireland as a further education teacher in Ireland and the EU, as well as other English-speaking countries.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education
Bachelor of Arts
(TRAINING AND EDUCATION)

Who is this course for:
- Further education tutors
- Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors
- Educational consultants
- Self-employed trainers
- Those practising or planning a career as training or instructional specialists in the educational, industrial, private, voluntary or community sectors

Special Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering training activities. See general entry requirements (pg. 12).

Course Profile
Aim
This course aims to provide a comprehensive grounding in the knowledge and skills required to develop professional competence in training delivery and related activities.

Content
Course content in Year 1 focuses on basic trainer skills, adult learning theories, and individual and group management techniques. In Year 2, curriculum design, course delivery methods, assessment of learning and management of training and education are studied. Content in Years 3 and 4 extends knowledge and skill development to encompass human resource development, project and change management, quality assurance, coaching techniques, online learning, lifelong learning issues, community issues, the sociology of education and critical thinking. Students learn and apply research skills in the completion of work-based projects.

Assessment
Assessment methods include written assignments, practical assignments (videos), online activities, learning portfolios, group projects and work-based research projects.

Note: Students who successfully complete Year 1 may exit with a Certificate in Training and Education. Students who successfully complete Year 2 may exit with a Diploma in Training and Education.

What career or further study opportunities are there?
Successful students may undertake postgraduate study.
The course provides students with a recognised training qualification which can lead to career opportunities in the further education and training sector, voluntary and community-based training organisations and the human resources and staff development areas of a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. Opportunities also exist with private training providers and in the corporate training and professional development sectors.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/training-&-education
STUDENT FACILITIES

Student Supports
As a student registering for one of our courses, you may have been away from formal education for some time. You may doubt your own ability to succeed, or find submitting assignments and doing written examinations a daunting prospect.

The staff at the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development are aware of these anxieties. Our lecturers and tutors are conscious of the difficulties that students experience in returning to education. They are fully supportive and are there to assist you in any way possible. Help is there when you need it – all you have to do is ask.

Additional study skills, examination techniques, applied writing skills and reading skills are offered to students on our Diploma and Degree courses. These are provided outside of regular class hours, in classroom-mode or as an online tutorial. All students also have access to a range of online study resources at the Academic Skills Hub (www.nuigalway.ie/academic-skills). These workshops will assist you in preparing course assignments and doing end-of-semester examinations. You are encouraged to avail of these services particularly during your first year’s study programme. Students who attend our workshops and avail of the online course regularly comment on how useful these materials are, particularly in providing valuable study tips and techniques.

Disability Support Services
NUI Galway is committed to Equality of Opportunity and values the participation of students with disabilities in its educational programmes. The University welcomes applications from you as a student with a disability and makes provision, wherever possible, to facilitate access and participation. The Disability Officer works closely with the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development, assisting your participation in our range of part-time courses.

Disability Office
☎ 091 492813
✉ disability.service@nuigalway.ie
🔗 www.nuigalway.ie/disability

James Hardiman Library
The library offers a wide range of quality and innovative services, and staff are committed to supporting excellence in teaching, learning and research. The Library provides a variety of study spaces for staff, students and researchers of the University. These range from individual study spaces for quiet study, group study rooms where students can work together on projects, to our browsing room aimed at providing a place to take a break from serious study by reading a newspaper or a novel.

Information resources and off-campus services: the library provides access to nearly 500,000 print books, 450,000 e-books and over 70,000 e-journals. If you are registered on a blended learning course or if you are unable to access the library on a regular basis, you are encouraged to use the e-books and e-journals, which are available through the off-campus services from any location using an internet connection.
THE LIBRARY STAFF ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING AND RESEARCH
There is also an extensive collection of unique archives in areas such as history, literature, politics and theatre. The Special Collections include wonderful collections of rare and local books, maps and newspapers.

Help and support: the Customer Services Team will give you any assistance you need to find your way around the collections, whether print or online. The team of information assistants will provide you with the training and advice needed to navigate the information resources and literature in your particular subject area. The Academic Writing Centre provides one-to-one support and assistance with academic writing.

The library also provides tours and training courses at the beginning of the academic year that will introduce you to all the facilities in the library. The library website also provides a range of online library guides and tutorials on information skills and research services. Check the library website or inquire at the library for more details.

www.library.nuigalway.ie

Careers Development Centre

The Careers Development Centre offers a comprehensive range of guidance and information services to all students and will assist you in the management of your own career development.

The Centre helps students with some of the following areas:

- Deciding what to do next – further study opportunities
- Finding out about options regarding degrees or subjects
- Obtaining careers information
- Finding out how to develop skills that employers want
- Finding a job
- Information on career events on campus and further afield

Seminars are held on specific career areas, employability skills and postgraduate study. Seminars are also organised for particular focus groups, for example, mature students and adult learners. The computerised guidance service includes access to a virtual careers library via the website, www.nuigalway.ie/careers, where you will find further career information and useful contact details.

www.nuigalway.ie/careers

Sporting Facilities

NUI Galway boasts outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. The 6,500 square-foot sports complex includes international-standard facilities, such as:

- Six lane, 250-metre swimming pool, with movable floor for team sports
- National league basketball arena and sports hall
- 130-piece cardiovascular gym
- Dedicated elite training gym
- Two fitness studios
- Dedicated squash and racquetball courts
- A competition-style climbing wall

Outdoor amenities include:

- An eight-lane synthetic international standard track,
- A complex catering for Gaelic Games, rugby, soccer, hockey and cross-country
- Floodlit artificial surfaces catering for multiple sports
- Tennis courts

Regular classes with professional tuition are provided, where you can acquire new expertise or improve existing skills. If you are interested in competitive activities, intervarsity sport may be of special interest. As a student at NUI Galway, you can avail of reduced membership fees for the University gym and leisure facilities.

www.sports.nuigalway.ie

Student Societies

The University is also home to over 85 active societies, covering a large range of sporting and non-sporting extracurricular interest and activities. Societies cover such diverse activities as canoeing, rowing, basketball, photography, hillwalking and debating. Society spaces are available in Áras na Mac Léinn and include performance spaces, meeting rooms, acoustic rooms, a dance studio, an art room, screening rooms, a dark room, computer and editing suites. These are all available for student use.

Participating in a society allows students to learn new skills, explore their interests, create a community of friends with similar interests and goals, and, of course, have great fun. Being a member of a society also gives you access to high-profile speakers, educators and potential employers. It gives you an opportunity to unleash your creative potential. There is something for everyone.

www.socs.nuigalway.ie
**IT Facilities**

On registration, you will get an email account, secure file storage, unlimited internet access and access to software (over 150 products available). There are 1,600 computers available on campus in dedicated Computer Suites. There is campus-wide free WiFi so you can use your own laptop, netbook or smartphone. You can also avail of scanners, CD writers and printing services. You will also use NUI Galway’s Virtual Learning Environment to access learning and library materials, collaborate on projects and communicate with teaching staff.

If you have any difficulties with these, you can contact the information desk at the User Support Centre, Information Solutions and Services. You will also be given your own email account as an NUI Galway student.

**User Support Centre**

📞 091 495777  
✉️ usersupport@nuigalway.ie  

**Mature Students Office**

As an adult learner, you can study on a part-time or a full-time basis. This prospectus concentrates on the part-time courses available in NUI Galway. However, if you are considering returning to full-time education, you should apply to the University for entry to full-time study as a mature student once you are over 23 years of age. A quota of places is reserved each year in the colleges of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies; Science, Engineering and Informatics; Business, Public Policy and Law; and Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

You apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO). We have a Mature Students Officer who will provide you with support and advice regarding study options.

**Mature Students Officer**

 позвоните Trish Bourke  
📞 091 492695  
✉️ maturestudents@nuigalway.ie  
🌐 [www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/mature-students](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/mature-students)

**Postgraduate Study at NUI Galway**

If you are interested in postgraduate study, NUI Galway offers a wide range of graduate level Diploma courses, Masters degrees and Doctoral research degrees in each College. Renowned internationally for its quality in teaching and research, the university has a student body of over 3,600 postgraduates.

While many of these courses are geared for full-time students, a growing number of part-time study options are also available. You can download the Postgraduate prospectus from the University website or contact the course administrator for further information.

**Postgraduate Admissions Office**

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