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Prospective students can download a copy of this prospectus from our website at: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
WELCOME

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 part-time at NUI Galway.

For over 50 years we have been offering 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 know from student feedback that returning to learn can be challenging, particularly if you are working and have family commitments. To assist you, we provide a range of specialist support services, which will help you 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 journey.

Nuala McGuinn

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

NUI Galway was founded in 1845 is celebrating 175 years of excellence in 2020. For almost two centuries, the University has been a defining presence and recognisable landmark in Galway City and has been providing adult education for over 50 years.
NUI Galway has just launched its 2020–2025 Strategic Plan which is built on a foundation of core values that define our purpose and priorities. Our values are a statement of intent to the world and guide us in everything we do. We champion our core values of respect, excellence, openness and sustainability. These values reinforce each other and together they enhance our university’s distinctiveness.

During its 50 years of working with adult learners, the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge in the development and delivery of courses from Foundation level through to Masters and in meeting the needs of our students. From the early beginnings of outreach, extra-mural courses to the fully accredited flexible courses available today. We have part-time study options in such fields as Archaeology, Business Studies, Information Technology, History, Psychology, Social Care, Languages, Science & Technology, Early Childhood Studies, Play Therapy as well as many others.

FLEXIBLE MODES OF DELIVERY

We offer classroom-based courses, online and blended learning courses which accommodate students who have busy professional and personal lives. Modular study options are also available, allowing you to take modules on a standalone basis so that you can study at your own pace and fit your study programme around your work and personal life. Over time the accumulation of modules can lead to an award. Take a look at our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) section to find out more about this new study option (see pg. 9).

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. It also provides opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and makes your experience of 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 of graduates. Our adult learning courses provide a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area. Successful completion of a part-time course has provided students with opportunities for promotion, increased earning capacity and professional recognition in their workplaces.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

NUI Galway is counted among the Top 300 universities in the world according to the QS and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, putting it in the top 2% globally. Our global success is a result of our continued focus on research excellence and impact and the quality of our teaching.

A RICH ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

The library holds many special collections and provides rich resources for undergraduate and postgraduate study and research.
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. Courses are planned in close association with employers to ensure that skills are developed according to the required competency development frameworks of the industry and to meet the continuing professional development standards of overarching professional bodies.

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.

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability.

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:

[Logos of various partners]

Nord Oideachais agus Ollscoil na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comhairle Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) CREDIT

A range of our courses also support CPD, through which professionals maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge and skills to meet the professional competencies required in their working lives.

There are a number of opportunities to take modules on a flexible, standalone basis from our suite of courses on offer. 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 to meet the requirements of your industry sector and/or profession.

For our full list of CPD modules, visit our CPD website.

www.nuigalway.ie/cpd
BEING A PART-TIME STUDENT AT NUI GALWAY

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

Deciding to enrol on a Certificate, Diploma or Degree course is an important step in your life. It will require an 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 list of upcoming events can be found at: [www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/events](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/events). Information sessions for entry in September of each academic year usually take place in June of that year so keep up to date with our website for upcoming events;

• Discuss any skills requirements or professional development opportunities with your employer or Learning and Development Unit to identify possible career pathways and training requirements in your company;

• 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, your familiarity with the subject area, the length of time you have been away from formal study and also the number of modules you choose to take each year. While you complete each module at your own pace, you must also allow time to complete assignments by the stated deadlines. 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. Most part-time courses require a commitment of 10–15 hours study per week, which includes reviewing course materials and recommended readings, participating in online activities, liaising with your module tutor, completing assignments and preparing for examinations.

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 (see pg. 95).

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, reviewing course materials 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, though 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 online learning portal which you can access using the internet.

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. There are also a range of online tutorials available to you showing you how to navigate the online learning portal.

Online learning

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

Modular

A number of the blended learning and online courses at NUI Galway allow you to take your course at your own pace, one module at a time, over an extended period. 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, the amount of time available to you to study each year, your work and family commitments.
COURSE FEES

Fees payment schedule

Once a student accepts a course place, an advance booking deposit is paid. This is a non-refundable deposit which becomes part of the overall fee once the student has registered. The deposit is generally €400–€500, 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 and scholarship 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.

If you are in employment, you may avail of:

1. 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.

2. Income Tax Relief
   Students in employment may be eligible for income tax relief on certain third level courses at the standard rate of tax. For specific details on this scheme, contact your local tax office or visit the Revenue website: [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie)

3. Springboard/ICT skills funding
   Under this scheme a tuition discount of 90% is offered to students who are in employment. 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](http://www.springboardcourses.ie)

4. Skillnet funding
   Skillnet Ireland provides funding to enterprise groups through the Training Networks Programme. The programme supports a wide range of industry sectors and geographical regions who collaborate to address skill needs within their sector or region. Each year a number of our part-time courses are approved for funding through these networks, e.g. Next-Level Skillnet provides support for students on our Science & Technology and IT Online courses. For further information check out: [www.skillnetireland.ie/our-networks](http://www.skillnetireland.ie/our-networks)

If you are unemployed and in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection, the following schemes may apply to you:

1. 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 registered as unemployed and in receipt of one of the following:
   - Job Seekers Benefit
   - Job Seekers Allowance
   - One-Parent Family Allowance
   - Disability Allowance
   - Carer’s Allowance
   - Community Employment Scheme
   - Social Insurance Contribution Credits

2. Springboard/ICT skills funding
   Under this scheme a 100% discount (fully funded place) is offered to 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](http://www.springboardcourses.ie)

If you are a member of an under-represented group in higher education, the following schemes may apply to you:

1. 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/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/fees-funding-&-scholarships/)

2. Uversity Scholarships
   The Uversity Scholarship provides multi-annual financial support for first time degree entrants. Scholarships are not limited to any particular subject area and will enable recipients to complete a degree in one of the participating institutions in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, which includes NUI Galway. Further details are available on [www.uversity.org](http://www.uversity.org)
3. MSc Technology Management – 30% Club Scholarship

In collaboration with the 30% Club, two scholarships to the value of 50% of the course fee are available to female applicants on the MSc in Technology Management. These scholarships aim to advance female leadership and executive representation in technology organisations and all high-tech environments. Further details are found on the course page (see pg. 40).

4. MSc Technology Management – First Class Honours Scholarship

Three scholarships to a value of 30% of the course fee are offered to applicants who have attained a first class honour in their degree (level 8). Further details are found on the course page (see pg. 40).

Fee refunds

Once registered, you are liable for the full course fee 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 are classified as a mature student and 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 (selected according to College/Faculty requirements), 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 D1 in two subjects on the higher course and
- Grade E (Higher Course) or Grade D3 (Ordinary) 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 full-time 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 €35.

Consult the course 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 (RPL)**

The University acknowledges that all learning is valuable and that courses previously undertaken by you may be considered for the award of credits and possible module exemptions through the RPL process.

If you feel that you have covered some of the course material previously either through formal or informal learning, 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 or complete a number of written assignments 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
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ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
As a student of the arts and social sciences you will study human culture, society and the relationships among individuals within a society from different perspectives. Through our broad range of subjects, you can study the rich heritage, traditions and cultures of the past and gain an understanding of current societal trends which influence our future. Our humanities courses include subjects relating to literature, history, archaeology and Irish studies and our suite of social science courses include psychology, economics, political science and sociology.

Our Diploma and Degree courses develop the foundational skills that allows us to learn, live and work productively as individuals and with other people. Students of the arts and social sciences utilise and master the keys skills of communication, observation, teamwork and applying critical, analytical thought to problems throughout their studies. This produces graduates that are highly valued by employers, as they have the necessary skill set to communicate complex and abstract information in a human context. These are the skills present in those that perform in the top levels of industry – people who bring a fresh perspective and offer intuitive solutions and ideas to the rapidly changing ways in which we work, live and relate to each other. Graduates can contribute innovative and creative forms of thought through their cultural awareness and understanding of the world at large.

As our Diplomas and Degrees are delivered on a part-time basis, students have the advantage of accessing education and developing their skills through flexible means. Courses conducted through blended learning offer a series of workshops with experienced lecturers and tutors, as well as at-home assignments and readings delivered through our online learning system. For students of the Diploma in Archaeology and the Diploma in Irish Studies Online, the courses are delivered fully online, allowing you to access and engage in the materials in a time and place that suits you. The online discussion board ensures that students from all over the world can contribute and build relationships with like-minded classmates.

There are opportunities too for all Diploma graduates to progress to Degree level and gain exemption of up to 30 ECTS.

In studying Humanities and Social Sciences, you are not only gaining a range of highly transferable skills that make graduates a valuable asset in a vast range of employment areas, you are gaining a rich base of knowledge, which creates active, informed and critical citizens in both local and global society.
Diploma in ARCHAEOLOGY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The diploma course is open to anyone with an interest in the past. It may be of particular interest to first and second level teachers and others interested in the contribution of archaeology to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism. Archaeology is the study of the material remains of past human societies. The discipline covers a remarkable span of time and investigates some of the most profoundly important developments of the past. The wide scope of archaeology, in time, space and methodology, is one of the features that makes the subject so attractive to professional and amateur alike. There is something to interest everyone – whether your interests lie in outdoor fieldwork and exploring ancient monuments, the study of artefacts, the history of technology, local studies, or simply in the rich heritage of Ireland’s past.

YEAR 1
- Introduction to Archaeology
- The Archaeology of Historic Ireland
- The Archaeology of Prehistoric Ireland

YEAR 2
- Approaching the Past
- Historic Landscapes of the West
- Prehistoric Landscapes of the West

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays or projects during the semester or a written examination at the end of the year. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, with three Saturday field trips per year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy (companies that undertake assessments, survey, and excavation in advance of development), and the museum and education sectors.

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APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
Diploma in
IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This diploma is the ideal course for anyone with an interest in the Irish past, whether amateur or professional. The latter might include primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, heritage employees, those employed in the tourism industry, and local government employees. Archaeology is a constantly changing discipline, fed by new discoveries, new theoretical approaches and new analytical methods. These discoveries continue to revolutionise the subject’s potential to inform us about the past and to give us a valuable long perspective on how this past has shaped our present.

This 2-year course has four broad aims:
1. To introduce students to the discipline of archaeology.
2. To present the archaeology of Ireland as a way of understanding ten thousand years of human settlement on this island.
3. To study aspects of current archaeological research in Ireland in detail.
4. To promote interest in Ireland’s heritage at a national and international level.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
All teaching and student-teacher interactions will take place online in the course’s online learning environment. Course content comprises illustrated text, online discussions and multi-media content that includes mini-lectures and recorded site visits. Support will be provided to students to help them become familiar with the online learning environment. The assessments take the form of weekly online reports and discussions, and essays completed at the end of each module.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Mesolithic to Megalithic: Ireland in the Stone Age
- Metal and Warriors: Bronze and Iron Age Ireland
- Saint, Scholar, Viking, Norman: Medieval Ireland

Year 2
- Key themes in Irish Prehistoric Archaeology
- Key themes in Irish Medieval Archaeology
- Irish Archaeology Project

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- You will explore the whole story of Ireland’s archaeological past, from the general to the specific.
- This course is offered fully online and is a world leader in this area – you will learn alongside classmates from all over the world.

"The course has given me the confidence to appreciate that what I have studied is correct, accurate and the best available. This diploma has also been delivered with the most recent research available, which is especially important in the field of archaeology."
- Martin Breen
Certificate in the
ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT IRELAND

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The 1-year certificate course is open to anyone with an interest in the past. It may be of particular interest to first and second level teachers and others interested in the contribution of archaeology to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism. Archaeology is the study of the material remains of past human societies. The discipline covers a remarkable span of time and investigates some of the most profoundly important developments of the past. The wide scope of archaeology, in time, space and methodology, is one of the features that makes the subject so attractive to professional and amateur alike. There is something to interest everyone – whether your interests lie in exploring ancient monuments, the study of artefacts, the history of technology, or simply in the rich heritage of Ireland’s past.

YOUR MODULES:
- Introduction to Archaeology
- The Archaeology of Historic Ireland
- The Archaeology of Prehistoric Ireland

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
All modules in the Certificate are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays during the semester or a written examination at the end of the year. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, with three Saturday field trips over the course of the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism and in the museum and education sectors. The one-year timescale is particularly suited to professional enhancement.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- You will explore the whole story of Ireland’s archaeological past, enhancing skills essential in teaching about the Irish past or providing narratives in the heritage industry.
- The course is delivered by leading experts in Irish archaeology and you will experience both academic and field-based learning.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: EU: €990
Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September

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Certificate in the
ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The 1-year certificate course is open to anyone with an interest in the past. It may be of particular interest, however, to those involved in heritage studies and tourism, and also first and second level teachers and others interested in the contribution of archaeology to education and local studies. Archaeology is the study of the material remains of past human societies. The discipline covers a remarkable span of time and investigates some of the most profoundly important developments of the past. The wide scope of archaeology, in time, space and methodology, is one of the features that makes the subject so attractive to professional and amateur alike. There is something to interest everyone – whether their interests lie in exploring ancient monuments, the study of artefacts, the history of technology, or simply in the rich heritage of Ireland’s past.

YOUR MODULES:
- Approaching the Past
- The Prehistoric Archaeology of the West
- The Historic Archaeology of the West

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
All modules in the Certificate are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays during the semester or a written examination at the end of the year. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, with three Saturday field trips over the course of the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, and the museum and education sectors. The 1-year timescale is particularly suited to professional enhancement.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- You will explore the physical remains of Ireland’s past from along the western seaboard of Ireland, enhancing skills essential in teaching about Ireland’s past or providing narratives in the heritage industry.
- The course is delivered by leading experts in Irish archaeology and you will experience both academic and field-based learning.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: EU: €990
Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September 2021

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APPLY ONLINE:
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Bachelor of Arts
(HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) is a 4-year, part-time degree course in Humanities and Social Sciences. You can take a variety of different subjects such as: Archaeology, Economics, English & Drama, French, Gaeilge Fheidhmeach, Management, Marketing and Training & Education Management. This degree is suitable for you if you are interested in the humanities and social sciences and want an opportunity to develop a broad understanding of the world we live in. It is also suitable for those who require a general academic qualification for career or personal development. This course will help you develop your digital literacy skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must possess a good level of computer literacy. To take Economics, applicants must hold a minimum of pass Mathematics at Leaving Certificate level or equivalent. See general entry requirements (pg. 14). Applicants who have successfully completed the Diploma in Foundation Studies (Business) are automatically eligible for admission. Applicants who have successfully completed a Diploma (30 ECTS) within our Diploma series are eligible for exemptions.

MAPPING YOUR DEGREE PATHWAY

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
A Bachelor of Arts is awarded upon successful completion of 180 ECTS, generally taken over four years. However it is possible to spread the learning over a longer period of time if required. Students can choose from three degree pathways, the diagram below illustrates the possible pathways available.

At least one subject area must be taken as a ‘major’ specialism. Major specialisms (75 ECTS) are generally taken over four years and minor specialisms (40 ECTS) are completed over a minimum of two years. The delivery method varies across subjects, for example, Archaeology, Economics, Management and Marketing are offered fully online. Other subjects are delivered using blended learning methods (a mix of face-to-face workshops, distance learning and online interaction with tutors and fellow students via Blackboard). French is the only subject that requires weekly attendance.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of this course are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of sectors including government, journalism, creative writing, entrepreneurship, management, marketing, education services and more. This degree can also provide you with a route into postgraduate studies. Further qualifications may be required for certain careers.

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
• Our broad-based curriculum and course structure prepares you for the rapidly changing global environment.
• You will have an opportunity to develop highly desirable professional skills, namely: critical thinking, problem solving, effective oral and written communication skills, analytical skills and creative writing/thinking skills.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 180 ECTS
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 4 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,155 Non-EU: €3,655
Start date: September 2021

APPLY ONLINE:
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**Diploma in IRISH STUDIES**

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**
This course will appeal to those who are interested in Ireland’s past and culture including primary school teachers, secondary school teachers and heritage employees. It is also suitable for those who are employed in the tourism industry. The Diploma in Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary introduction to the discipline of Irish Studies and offers an excellent opportunity for those interested in Ireland, especially those without access to traditional courses 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.

**YOUR MODULES:**

**Year 1**
- Early Christian Ireland, 431–1169
- Medieval Ireland, 1169–1603
- Early Modern Ireland, 1603–1845

**Year 2**
- Modern Ireland, 1845–1998
- Social and Political Change in Contemporary Ireland, 1922–2003
- From Ceili to Riverdance: Irish Traditional Music and Dance in the 20th century

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**
All teaching and student-teacher interactions will take place online in the course’s online learning environment. Course content comprises illustrated text, online discussions and multi-media content that includes mini-lectures and recorded site visits. Support will be provided to students to help them become familiar with the online learning environment. The assessments take the form of weekly online reports and discussions, and essays completed at the end of each module.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**
The information and skills introduced by this course may 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
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €990 Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September

**APPLICATION:**
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**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:**
- This course is delivered fully online, you will learn alongside classmates from all over the world.
- This course is a world leader in this area and you will explore the reasons behind pre-conceived notions of ‘Irishness’.

**APPLY ONLINE:**
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Diploma in
POlitical Science and SOciology

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The Diploma in Political Science and Sociology is designed to encourage students to examine the connections between political and sociological perspectives in relation to national and world issues and one of the common concerns of Political Science and Sociology: how and why societies change and what alternatives are desirable or possible.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Introduction to Politics and Sociology
- Social Research Skills
- Issues in Contemporary Irish Society

Year 2
- Classical Social Thought
- Practicing Sociology and Politics
- Understanding Equality and Diversity or Development and Change

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments and examinations, online activities and Saturday workshops during the semester.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course is an ideal choice for individuals interested in the issues that affect modern day societies, political structures and associated policies.
- The Diploma is suited to those who wish to develop a deeper understanding of the society they live in and the factors that contribute to the functioning (or malfunctioning) of that society.
- Second level teachers may also find this course beneficial in the context of the leaving certificate subject politics and society.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €990 Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September 2021

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"It was a very positive experience that provided me with a structured learning environment, while also allowing me to pursue an ongoing interest in politics and achieve an academic understanding of sociology."
- Declan Leddin
Higher Diploma in Arts (POLITICS AND SOCIETY)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course focuses on content which directly corresponds with the four strands of learning identified on the curriculum, thus providing students with the skills, knowledge, learning and teaching methodologies required to engage with the subject.

It covers a diverse range of subject matter but specifically focuses on Power and Decision Making, Active Citizenship, Human Rights and Globalisation and Localisation.

YOUR MODULES:

**Year 1**
- Politics and Sociology: Origins, Concepts and Practice
- Social Research Skills
- The Sociology of Identity and Belonging
- Teaching Methodologies for Politics and Society

**Year 2**
- Introduction to Human Rights Law: Rights and Responsibilities
- Understanding Equality and Diversity
- Social Inclusion, Civic Engagement and the Modern State
- Development and Change

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.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This is a blended learning course with materials and lectures delivered through face-to-face workshops and NUI Galway’s virtual learning environment. Students will be expected to attend a number of full day workshops throughout each academic year (September to May). These workshops will be held on Saturdays only. Dates for all workshops will be provided to students at the commencement of each academic year and workshops will be held at NUI Galway.

Assessment techniques may include a range of the following: written assignments, online activities, exercises and presentations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This course will enable second level teachers to teach Politics and Society on the Leaving Certificate curriculum. Students may also proceed to level 9 studies through the Masters in Political Science and Sociology.

"My overall knowledge of how Sociology and Politics shape our everyday lives has improved and I have learned so much in the two years of my studies. It has inspired me to go back and study politics or sociology at masters level sometime in the future."
- Conor McNamara

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course was designed to meet the needs of secondary level teachers who wish to upskill in order to teach Politics and Society on the Leaving Certificate curriculum.
- It is also suitable for those who wish to pursue further studies in this area for professional development reasons.
Diploma in **PSYCHOLOGY OF COUNSELLING**

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**
The Diploma is designed for individuals who are involved in a helping or advice-giving role. In particular, it caters for members of self-help groups, volunteers in befriending and support organisations, individuals engaged in personnel/human resource work, and staff providing educational, youth and health services.

The course aims to provide a basic grounding in the psychology of lifespan development and the major psychological theories of personality as they apply to the practice of counselling. Practical aspects of the course include basic counselling skills, exposure to the diverse practices of counselling and psychotherapy, and group facilitation of personal development. Students will also begin to become familiar with the theoretical underpinnings of psychodynamic, person-centred and behavioural models of therapy. This course is an excellent foundation for students considering a professional counselling/psychotherapy training course in the future.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
It is beneficial to outline the following information in your application: your involvement in voluntary/community work (if any), how you consider the course will benefit your work/community and any personal reasons for doing the course. See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**
Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, with occasional weekend workshops; 85% attendance is required for this course.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**
On successful completion of year 2, you may go on to take an undergraduate course in psychology or counselling. Graduates who already have a third level qualification may be entitled to undertake a Masters in Counselling.

**YOUR MODULES:**

**Year 1**
- Counselling Skills and Practice 1
- Lifespan Development and Theory of Counselling
- Personality Theory and Theory of Counselling

**Year 2**
- Working with Groups
- Diverse Perspectives in Counselling
- Personal Development and Awareness

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“**The Diploma in Psychology of Counselling facilitates personal growth and academic development. I highly recommend this course as a starting point for those interested in counselling or psychotherapy.”**

- Patricia Burke

**COURSE FACTS**
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum) EU: €990 Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:**
- This course offers the unique opportunity to engage in learning that facilitates academic and professional goals as well as personal development.
- This course offers skills which enhance listening and communication.
- You will learn directly from a variety of experienced, accredited professional psychotherapists whose backgrounds span the diverse perspectives within the field of counselling and psychotherapy.
Bachelor of Arts (SOCIAL CARE)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The BA (Hons) Social Care provides teaching of theoretical concepts applied to social care practice. It was developed within the context of the professionalisation of social care work and includes both theoretical and practice components. This course reflects the depth and breadth of social care work both in terms of service users groups, such as children, individuals with disabilities, adults or older people and in terms of service diversity, such as residential, community or independent living services. Current students and graduates of this course work across the range of statutory, voluntary and private social care services and settings.

YOUR MODULES:
Below is a sample of some of the modules taught over the four years:

Year 1
- Introduction to: Social Care Practice and Care Skills
- Legal, Ethical and Professional Practice in Social Care
- Social and Health services: History, Systems and Context

Year 2
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Communication and Relationship Skills

Year 3
- Working with People with Disabilities
- Professional Autonomy and Accountability
- Working with Children and Young People

Year 4
- Working with Adults and Older People
- Management and Leadership
- Social Care and Health Promotion

200 hours of practice placement is also completed in each year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must have a minimum of one year’s full-time (or equivalent) experience in care work in either a formal or informal capacity. Applicants must have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills and meet Garda Vetting/Police Clearance requirements. See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Students receive interactive materials for home study and attend workshops (all held at NUI Galway) for each module. Assessment is based on a combination of written assignments, practical work, work placement supervisor’s reports, online work, project work and examination (or any combination of these) in each year of the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of the course are employed by statutory, private and voluntary bodies and work with a variety of groups including children, young people, adults, older people and individuals with disabilities. In addition, graduates of the course have gone on to pursue study on both taught and research postgraduate courses.

"The course has given me the opportunity to meet and network with other professionals from different areas of the care sector and has opened my eyes to career options I had not previously considered."
- Rob Partridge
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BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
At postgraduate level, students have an opportunity to specialise in a particular aspect of business, such as leadership development, innovation management or technology commercialisation. Special purpose awards in marketing, management and change management are on offer for students seeking a professional development opportunity or for those who require a specific business skill to complement their existing qualification.

Business graduates are in demand worldwide as business practices and operations affect every aspect of modern society. Our graduates are working in diverse roles in marketing, sales, finance, services, information systems, human resources, project management, management and business consultancy. The variety of career pathways and employment opportunities available to business graduates ensures the continued popularity of this subject area among adult learners.

In undertaking a business degree, you will perfect your communication, business negotiation, presentation and written skills. Our teaching approach focuses on developing your ability to think critically, solve problems in innovative ways and effectively manage your time, all of which are essential professional skills which can be applied across a range of organisational settings.

All our business courses are delivered through fully online or blended learning modes ensuring a flexible approach to course delivery and access to course materials regardless of geographic region. The variety of award types and specialisations available at undergraduate and postgraduate level, in addition to opportunities for the recognition of prior learning, makes a part-time course in business an exciting and manageable opportunity to enhance your career.
Diploma in

FOUNDATION STUDIES (BUSINESS)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course is taught at both NUI Galway and GMIT Castlebar with students able to choose which location is best for them to study at.

The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time or part-time degrees in Business, Arts and Law at either NUI Galway or GMIT and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria as Mature Students.

YOUR MODULES:
The course includes Accountancy, Economics, Mathematics, Business Skills, Information Technology, Skills for College and Career, Academic Study Skills and Academic Writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
This course is for Mature Students (aged 22 and over) either employed or unemployed. An aptitude for maths is required.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classroom-based classes are held in NUI Galway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and on some Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. Classes in GMIT Castlebar are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The duration of the course is 26 weeks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Upon completion and successful passing of this course, students are eligible to apply for full-time and part-time degrees in relevant areas at NUI Galway or GMIT.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This part-time evening course is taught in collaboration with Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) with specific focus on business and maths subjects.
- It acts as a foundation course to further studies at 3rd level.

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"The supports available to mature students in NUI Galway are second to none. There is always someone available to advise and assist with any queries. I am currently enrolled on the Bachelor of Commerce course having completed this course."
- Han Nguyen
**COURSE FACTS**

- **ECTS:** 60
- **NFQ Level:** 8
- **Duration:** 2 years, part-time
- **Mode of study:** Online learning
- **Fees:** (per annum)
  - **EU:** €2,320
  - **Non-EU:** €2,820
- **Start date:** September 2021

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**REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:**

This course is suitable for those who have completed a level 8 degree in a non-business discipline and want to obtain a business qualification to further their careers.

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**

The Higher Diploma in Business Studies can provide you with the theory and skills required to realise your career goals in a business-related environment. It will provide you with an opportunity to develop the fundamental skills of business administration. This course will equip you with the concepts, skills and knowledge necessary to play an active role in the management and development of business enterprises. The course provides non-business graduates with a pathway to progress to level 9 postgraduate studies in business.

**YOUR MODULES:**

You will study a range of business modules delivered by the following core business disciplines:

- Accountancy and Finance
- Business Information Systems
- Business Law
- Economics
- Marketing and Management

Other modules include:

- Negotiation Skills
- Leading & Managing People
- Business Strategy
- Information Management for Business

All modules assume no previous knowledge of the subject areas.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants require a level 8 honours degree of H2.2 standard or above. This course is open to graduates of any discipline who wish to acquire a grounding in business practices. Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy.

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**

This course is delivered through Blackboard, a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, reading material, assignments and online discussions. Two accountancy modules include an end-of-semester examination; all other modules are examined by continuous assessment.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**

Graduates can progress in a diverse range of industries, such as marketing, financial services, information systems and human resources. Graduates can also pursue further postgraduate study at Masters level, such as the MSc Marketing, MSc Industrial Relations, and HR Management courses.
Diploma in
CHANGE MANAGEMENT

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: EU: €2,575
       Non-EU: €3,075
Start date: September and January

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YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This in-demand Special Purpose course aims to develop effective and responsible change agents who have the capacity to implement strategic plans within their areas of organisational responsibility (e.g. administration, course delivery, co-ordination).

The course emphasises the development of skills, competencies and team-building around three modules: self-management; strategic planning and implementation; and leading others. This course is most suitable to leaders, managers, administrators, and coordinators involved in organisational change.

YOUR MODULES:
- Self-management
- Strategic Planning and Implementation
- Leading Others

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Participants attend 2-day workshops for each of the three course modules. This course employs continuous assessment projects demonstrating learning through realistic work-related activities.

Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. All assessments are grounded in participants’ workplace contexts.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- The demand for transversal management skills is high across private and public service organisations.
- Recent research has identified a skills gap in the provision of change management competencies in organisations (SOLAS, 2016).
- In this course, participants engage in an agile change management cycle that is transferrable to the workplace.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Participants’ transferrable change management skills are in high demand for practitioners as well as project, team, and strategic managers across workplace functions including training and education; learning and development; and management and leadership.

For graduates who hold an undergraduate degree, the course offers progression with exemptions to our Masters in Leadership Development and Adult Learning & Development.

"As a manager in a Further Education college I found this course highly relevant and valuable. The blended learning delivery made it possible to engage positively with minimum disruption to a full-time job in a demanding role."
- Niamh Ward
Bachelor of COMMERCE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course is aimed at those who enjoy business-related subjects and are curious about how firms, markets and economies operate. It is ideal for those with a flair for decision-making and a talent for sales. If you are innovative, entrepreneurial or creative, the Bachelor of Commerce can provide you with the theory and skills required to realise your career goals in business.

The course aims to enable students to develop a range of transferable skills and competencies necessary for a career in business. It will help with the acquisition of contemporary knowledge and specialisation in business practice and contains content that reflects changes in business, management and the global economy.

YOUR MODULES:
You will study a range of business modules delivered by the following core business disciplines:
- Accountancy and Finance
- Business Information Systems
- Business Law
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Marketing
- Management & Statistics
- Implementing Digital Innovation
- Business Intelligence & Analytics
- Marketing Management
- Management Skills
- Business Law
- Ireland in the Global Economy
- Marketing Analytics & Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants who have successfully completed the Diploma in Foundation Studies (Business) are automatically eligible for admission. Applicants must hold a minimum of pass Mathematics at Leaving Certificate level (or equivalent) and possess a good level of computer literacy. See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This course is delivered through Blackboard, a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions. Numeracy based modules (accountancy, maths and statistics) are examined by an end of semester examinations. All other modules are examined by continuous assessment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates will be well positioned to pursue a career in many business-related areas such as: management and management consultancy, economic policy advisory services, marketing, human resource management, information systems management, finance (including banking and insurance), entrepreneurship and public relations. Graduates may also progress to a postgraduate course at NUI Galway or further afield.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course is suitable for those who wish to obtain a general business degree to further their career.
- The course is delivered fully online: you can access the course from any location in the world, provided you have internet access.
Diploma in
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course is broadly based on recognition of the very different functions and responsibilities allocated to the EAP support role in different types of enterprise and organisations. 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.

The course is for human resource practitioners who have responsibility for employee wellbeing initiatives and managers and supervisors who fulfil the role of EAP.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Employee Assistance: Origins, Principles and Organisation
- Individual Help in the Employee Process
- Problem Management and Creativity
- Negotiations and Negotiation Skills
- The Legal and Policy Framework of EAP
- Work Based Project

Year 2
- Responding to Substance Misuse in the Workplace
- Introduction to Research in the Social Sciences
- Depression and Common Mental Disorders in EAP
- Employee Assistance: Bullying and Harassment
- Work Based Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Participants are required to attend two (2-day) and four (1-day) workshops each year. A full set of self-instructional learning material is provided at the start of each module. Assessment is by means of a written assignment for each module plus an end of year project.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
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.

• This course is specifically targeted at practitioners working or intending to work in employee assistance programmes.

• It provides knowledge and competency development in the skills necessary to fulfill the role of an employment assistance practitioner (EAP).

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INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

Postgraduate Diploma in

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

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YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
Students undertaking this 1-year Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management will learn about innovation and change and how these affect business operations. They will investigate new process technologies that contribute to operational efficiency and competitiveness. They will also explore the innovation of products, processes and services and identify business process improvements to facilitate sustainable innovation and change. The course will be beneficial for those 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.

YOUR MODULES:
- User Centred Design
- Managing Innovation
- Improving Business Processes
- Managing Technology Projects
- Project

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 year’s relevant experience.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This course is delivered in association with University College Cork using a blended learning approach with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) rotating between the two universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Innovative and authentic assessment 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, e-learning and multi-media exercises, group projects, presentations and reports etc.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Innovation skills are currently much in demand globally across all sectors. Graduates of the course are working in areas such as research and development, production, and operations management, and in a broad range of manufacturing and service sectors. Students who successfully complete this Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the Master of Science in Technology Management and will be eligible for module exemptions.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- Students learn to critically analyse and interpret conceptual and applied approaches to innovation in the pursuit of competitive advantage.
- Students will explore the potential of business process improvement for creating agile and dynamic organisations.
- As this is an executive education course, participants will benefit from significant peer learning opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma/MSc in BUSINESS (LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course content focuses on the development of leadership qualities that are seen as critically important in complex administrative environments. Knowledge exchange is prioritised through networking activities, peer-learning collaborations and expert guest speakers to enhance participants’ professional identity development. 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 in their organisations and sectors.

The course places a strong emphasis on experiential learning and skills and, as such, values reflective engagement with assigned content, readings and participation in learning activities. The concluding minor dissertation can be strategically targeted toward participants’ career pathways. The course supports participants through the following exit awards:

- Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate in Business (Leadership Development)
- Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma in Business (Leadership Development)
- Year 3: Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Candidates must have a 2.2 honours undergraduate degree and a minimum of three years’ experience in a relevant area. Candidates who have achieved 30 credits through a non-NUI Galway level 9 leadership course can apply for advanced entry into the Diploma course through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Candidates who have achieved 60 credits through a non-NUI Galway level 9 leadership course can apply for advanced entry into the MSc course through RPL.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Delivery includes workshops alongside online activities, projects and a professional learning journal (minor dissertation in the Masters). In Year 1 and Year 2 students will attend two (1-day) workshops and two (2-day) workshops. In Year 3 students will attend two (1-day) workshops for minor dissertation support.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Opportunities for career advancement are likely to be found in public and private organisational roles (e.g. senior management and leadership roles, senior administrative functions and senior professional and technical roles). Further studies in NUI Galway are available to successful candidates, e.g. MBA, PHD.

“...The taught modules both online and face-to-face equipped me with the necessary theory, tools & techniques to lead people, projects, teams & change, more confidently.”
- Clare Power
Diploma in MANAGEMENT

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This diploma aims to provide you with an opportunity to understand the principles of contemporary management and enhance your leadership capability. You will also gain an in-depth appreciation of management’s role in achieving organisational outcomes & success and the role of organisational psychology & behaviour for effective business practice. This will enable students to apply their knowledge to a wide range of organisational settings.

YOUR MODULES:
The following modules are taught on the Diploma in Management:
- Contemporary Management Thought
- Leading and Managing People
- Critical Thinking
- Management Skills
- Organisational Psychology and Analysis
- Negotiation Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This course is delivered through Blackboard, a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions.

Negotiations Skills is taught via a 3-day weekend workshop on campus. There are no end-of-semester examinations. Modules are examined by continuous assessments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates will be equipped with the 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.

The Diploma in Management provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) and the Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions are granted for modules successfully completed in the diploma.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- The Diploma in Management is aimed at those who seek a management qualification to develop their careers.
- Graduates will be equipped with key concepts, knowledge and skills to enable them to embark on a career in management and be employable in a range of industries and sectors.

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“I am a better Manager as a result of this course and I now have the theoretical understanding and evidence-based research to support why I am choosing a course of action. The learning activities challenge you to really look at yourself as a Manager and to apply the learning in the workplace.”
- Sharon Deering
Diploma in MARKETING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This diploma is ideal if you wish to understand the principles of marketing, understand marketing’s role in business and become knowledgeable of key marketing concepts.
You will develop essential skills in marketing, research, services and negotiation and be able to apply this knowledge to a wide range of industry settings.

YOUR MODULES:
- Foundations of Marketing Thought
- Negotiation Skills
- Marketing Management
- The Marketing of Service
- Qualitative Marketing Research
- Marketing Analytics & Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This course is delivered through Blackboard, a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions.
Negotiations Skills is taught via a 3-day weekend workshop on campus. There are no end-of-semester examinations. Modules are examined by continuous assessment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
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.
The Diploma in Marketing provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) and the Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions are granted for modules successfully completed in the diploma.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course is aimed at students who seek a qualification to enhance employment opportunities and career progression.
- The modules covered in this course provide a solid foundation in the principles and practice of marketing in a global context.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: €1,000 Non-EU: €1,500
Start date: September

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“"The course work is challenging and pushes you to be and achieve your best. I have been able to pave the way for myself to a successful career in my chosen industry.””
- Seán Rose
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This 1-year Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation aims to improve the commercialising success of the next generation of entrepreneurs. It will assist in the creation, marketing and adoption of emerging innovative technologies. The course will assist managers, scientists and engineers to realise the potential of technological innovation and gain a greater understanding of the technology transfer and commercialisation process. It will provide information and guidance on business planning, securing project finance, and bringing new technologies, products and service to market. The course is also suitable for students who have a business idea and wish to explore its potential through a structured course.

YOUR MODULES:
- Innovation and Technology Transfer
- Marketing Technology Products
- Technology Finance and Capital
- Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Project

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 year’s relevant experience.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered in association with University College Cork using a blended learning approach with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) rotating between the two universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Innovative and authentic assessments methods are used throughout the course which will enable learners to demonstrate capabilities and competencies as well as academic knowledge.

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

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course will develop students’ understanding of venture capital financing, the patenting process, business strategy, financial management, marketing and technology development.
- Students will have access to invaluable networking opportunities with individuals, companies and agencies involved in technology commercialisation.
- As this is an executive education course participants will benefit from significant peer learning opportunities.

"Since finishing the course I have gained employment as a product commercialisation and solutions engineer. 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."
- Sandra Lavin

METHODS MAY INCLUDE:
- Written assignments, e-learning and multi-media exercises, group projects, presentations and reports etc. The project module is ideally carried out within the student’s own organisation or based on an entrepreneurial business idea.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
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 technology transfer, commercialisation and marketing activities. Students who successfully complete this Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the Master of Science in Technology Management and will be eligible for module exemptions.
Master of Science in Technology Management

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
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. Students will learn how to critically evaluate, integrate and apply conceptual knowledge and practical methodologies that underpin an entrepreneurial approach to technology innovation and management. The course aims to develop students’ knowledge of product and service innovation, process optimization, data analytics, technology transfer and research and development (R&D) processes, enabling students and companies to gain competitive advantage through their technologies.

YOUR MODULES:
- User Centred Design
- Managing Innovation
- Innovation and Technology Transfer
- Marketing Technology Products
- Data Analysis for Process and Product Development
- Strategy and Management of Technology
- Managing Technology Projects
- Technology Finance and Capital
- Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- People Management for Technology Organisations
- Thesis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Candidates must have a primary honours degree, minimum H2.2 or equivalent, and at least five years of relevant industrial experience. Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management or Technology Commercialisation. On successful completion of either of these courses with an average grade of 2.1 honours, students may apply for this course with exemptions.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered in association with University College Cork using a blended learning approach with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) rotating between the two universities. The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. 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, e-learning and multi-media exercises, group projects, presentations and reports etc. Students will also complete a research-based dissertation in the second year of the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
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 medical devices, biopharma, high-end manufacturing, FinTech and healthcare. It will also benefit those working in service industries and the public sector.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- The course has been jointly developed with University College Cork to meet the growing demand for graduates with interdisciplinary knowledge and skills.
- Completing this course will open up new opportunities and career paths in areas such as production and operation management, information systems and management consultancy.
- As this is an executive education course participants will benefit from significant peer learning opportunities.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Community Education has a specific responsibility regarding the promotion of community engagement through reciprocal partnerships with the community, voluntary and statutory sectors in the design and delivery of research, teaching and learning courses of societal concern. Such courses highlight the central importance of training and education in enabling communities and the individuals within them to acquire the critical skills and knowledge necessary to collectively bring about change and to challenge structural inequalities, all of which contribute to a more just, equitable and vibrant democracy.

Successive government reports and new policy initiatives highlight the importance of citizen engagement in attaining a participatory democracy. However, citizens need to be equipped with the knowledge and confidence necessary to become effective participants. Targeted community development and education initiatives have the proven ability to harness untapped potential from within communities.

Community Education courses at NUI Galway are developed and delivered in conjunction with practitioners to provide high-quality expertise in community, family, and youth work to ensure participants are equipped to work (paid/unpaid) in a variety of settings (private/voluntary/statutory). This ensures the provision of courses which fully reflect and support the actual ‘lived lives’ of individuals and the corresponding needs and requirements of a changing society.

The suite of community education courses on offer include pre-development short term courses; a broad range of Certificate and Diploma courses in the fields of Youth and Community Development Practice (level 7), in addition to a 4-year part-time degree course in Community, Youth and Family Studies (level 8). In order to further enhance lifelong learning opportunities, applicants with related accredited learning and relevant experiential learning may also qualify for modular exemptions, which carry corresponding financial and work-load reductions.

In the context of changing times and unfolding lives, individuals will need access to learning throughout their lifecourse, in correspondence with the range of transitions, life events and turning points now commonplace in modern society. Access to learning opportunities enhances the ability to cope with, influence and shape the community and society we are part of, therefore learning is not a particular stage in life but an on-going requirement that all individuals should be supported to access regardless of age.
Certificate/Diploma in COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
Both the Certificate and Diploma courses aim to equip community activists with a thorough understanding of community development combined with the practical skills necessary to engage effectively in the community/voluntary and statutory sectors. Engagement of personnel from these sectors with both academic and practitioner experience ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of these courses. The courses are highly participative incorporating the practical life experiences of each participant.

YOUR MODULES:
The Certificate course involves the completion of the first three modules below and the Diploma course involves the completion of all 6 modules:
- Community Development Theory and Practice
- Social Analysis
- Communication, Group Work and Leadership Skills
- Research Techniques
- Public Policy
- Project Planning, Development and Evaluation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a community or voluntary organisation, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is assessed through a range of individual and group assignments which are undertaken by participants throughout the year. There is also an attendance requirement – a minimum of 75% attendance at weekly classes (3 hours) and 6–8 Saturday workshops throughout the year is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. Some graduates have gone on to 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 policy and practice.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course seeks to facilitate real change at community level by providing participants with the relevant skills and knowledge to engage with a rapidly changing policy and practice context at national and international levels.
- It facilitates genuine access to higher education opportunities, which respond to the personal and professional life journey of learners.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15 (Cert), 30 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 7
Duration:
7 months (Cert), 1 year (Diploma), part-time
Mode of study:
Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €515 (Cert), €825 (Diploma)
Non-EU: €1,015 (Cert), €1,325 (Diploma)
Start date:
September/October

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"This course 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."
- Siobhan Carroll
Bachelor of Arts
(COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND FAMILY STUDIES)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course prepares students for work in community/voluntary and state sectors actively supporting community and family life in a rapidly changing society. It is an interdisciplinary course drawing upon selected components of sociology, politics, community development, family studies and law. It explores community, youth and family structures and patterns in a variety of cultural contexts, while also providing practical skills and understanding to promote individual, family and community development leading to positive social change.

It is a broad, educational course, and places specific emphasis on knowledge and skills for personnel working within a range of sectors that seek to support and enable families, youth and communities to function effectively and thrive within society. Each year of this course seeks to introduce students to key concepts, theories and practical skills relevant to youth, family and community work practice and policy in Ireland and abroad.

YOUR MODULES:
Sample modules in year 1 include:
- Introduction to Learning
- Introduction to Politics and Sociology
- Introduction to Family and Society
- Social Research Skills
- Exploring ‘Community’ and Community Development
- Promoting Positive Mental Health and Well-Being
- Research Project – Literature Review

Full module list available on the course webpage.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence this course; however, students should have appropriate experience in youth, family, or community work, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Blended methods of delivery involve a combination of classroom-based, online, and flexible learning provision. Course assessment incorporates a range of assessment methods, including assignments, projects, reflection journals, exams etc., which purposely seek to measure knowledge, skills and competencies aligned with the course learning outcomes.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Some graduates have progressed on to postgraduate study, doing courses in social science, family support, community development and social work. There are also many career opportunities for graduates of this course due to the broad range of discipline areas covered. Examples include community care, community development work, family support services and youth work services.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This is an interdisciplinary course focusing on Community, Youth and Family Studies, but also broadly incorporating community development, youth work, community-based family support, adolescence, health, political, and general socio-economic studies.
- The dynamic nature of this area of study places particular importance on the skills of inquiry and investigation, and on this basis research is an integral component of this course.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)
NFQ Level: 8
Duration:
1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree), part-time
Mode of study:
Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €2,990 Non-EU: €3,490
Start date: September

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“Personally, it has been an enriching experience, opening my eyes to new ways of thinking and doing things. Professionally it gives that little bit more gravitas in my role, not to mention the fact that the degree is so broad it will allow me to explore new pathways in the future.”
- Aodhnaid Connolly
Diploma in
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The Diploma in Youth and Community Development Practice is designed to enable community activists and youth workers to gain a thorough understanding of youth and community development, combined with the practical skills necessary to work effectively in this field. Participants will have the opportunity to explore youth and community development in detail and to learn from the experiences of initiatives elsewhere. The flexible nature of this course enables participants to acquire formal accreditation within the increasingly professional community and youth work environments.

YOUR MODULES:
- Community Development Theory and Practice
- Social Analysis
- Communication, Group Work and Leadership Skills
- Research Techniques
- Public Policy
- Project Planning, Development and Evaluation
- Youth and Society
- Youth Work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a youth, community or voluntary organisation, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is assessed through a range of individual and group assignments which are undertaken by participants throughout the year. There is also an attendance requirement – a minimum of 75% attendance at weekly classes (3 hours) and 6–8 Saturday workshops is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. 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 youth work and community development policy and practice.

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- The course provides high quality, life relevant education for youth and community workers/volunteers to develop their capacity to promote community development, education, community involvement, active citizenship and social inclusion in working with young people.
- Engagement of personnel from the community, voluntary and statutory sectors, ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of this course.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: EU: €825
Non-EU: €1,325
Start date: September/October

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Certificate in
YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This part-time certificate 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. The course has been designed in collaboration with organisations/employers in the wider youth work sector to ensure that graduates are equipped to work in a variety of settings.
As this is 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 innovative in promoting active learning with assessments based on real-life situations in a youth work environment.

YOUR MODULES:
- Young People and Society
- Youth Work Practice
- Introduction to Learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a youth group, community or voluntary organisation, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is innovative in promoting active learning with assessments based on real-life situations in a youth work environment. Assessment is by means of a combination of written assignments, online exercises, project work and practical assignments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. 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 youth work policy and practice.

• This course provides an opportunity for participants to examine the socio-economic and cultural context of youth work policy and practice in Ireland and the EU.
• The flexible nature of this course enables participants to acquire formal accreditation within the increasingly professional youth work setting.
• Engagement of personnel from the community, voluntary and statutory sectors, ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of this course.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 15
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 7 months, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €515 Non-EU: €1,015
Start date: January

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EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES
The suite of awards offered through the Early Childhood Studies at NUI Galway ensures graduates are well placed to contribute to the development and delivery of enriching early years experiences in a range of settings, from preschools to full daycare/crèche services to afterschool groups and childminding settings. Graduates of our Bachelor and Masters degrees contribute to the evolving field in managerial, supervisory, support and development roles, as well as mentoring, inspecting, tutoring and lecturing positions. As the sector continues to develop, graduates of NUI Galway possess the skills, knowledge and experience to effectively contribute to, and impact on, that development.

The range of exit awards achieved after year 1, year 2 and year 4 of the BA are recognised by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for employment in professional roles in registered early years settings. Services employing graduates of NUI Galway qualify for valuable funding awards; MA graduates are recognised for higher capitation awards, as are those achieving the level 8 honours BA award.

Over the last 25 years, the early years field in Ireland has been a focus of state policy, programme initiatives, and funding streams. Research evidence consistently demonstrates that high-quality early years care and education experiences not only support young children’s development and long term outcomes, they support families, facilitate parental employment, and contribute to economic prosperity.

Entry to our part-time courses is encouraged by those wishing to achieve an award in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC), as well as those who have a partial or relevant award, with a goal of completing their certification. The University’s Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process offers varied entry routes into the Degree and Masters course at advanced stages, once criteria are met.

Graduates of the BA in Early Childhood Studies and Practice may also consider specialising in play therapy with the follow-on postgraduate Certificate or Diploma in Practice-based Play Therapy. Play is a fundamental communication tool in helping children understand the world around them and in helping them to deal with emotional distress and trauma. The benefits of play therapy can be seen in children’s enhanced self-esteem, emotional health and increased problem solving and coping skills.
Early Childhood Studies

Bachelor of Arts
(EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES & PRACTICE)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course enhances the personal and professional capacities of early years practitioners to adapt to the ever-changing ECEC landscape in Ireland. Students enhance their current skills, existing knowledge and reflective abilities to deliver high-quality, child-centred care and education, applying this to daily practice in their work settings. It builds on practical experience, developing the learner’s skills through exposure to theory, social policy, research practice and work based experiential learning opportunities. This course is designed for practitioners/managers in crèches, pre-schools, school-age childcare services, special education services, family support sector and child-minding settings as well as those in development, mentoring and other leadership roles.

YOUR MODULES:

**Year 1**
- Introduction to Learning
- Psychology: Developing Child 1
- Safeguarding Young Children in Early Years
- Creative Development in Early Childhood
- Health, Hygiene & Nutrition
- Work Based Project

**Year 2**
- Implementing Early Years Curriculum
- Psychology: Developing Child 2
- Quality Awareness in Early Learning
- Child & Family in Irish Law
- Work Based Project

**Year 3**
- Children & Families in Society
- Effective Leadership & Professionalism for the Early Years Sector
- Management Skills for Early Years Environments
- Social Research Methodologies
- Understanding Children’s Early Learning
- Work Based Project

**Year 4**
- Promoting Inclusion in Early Years
- Critical Reflection on Learning & Practice
- Irish Social, Family & Early Years Policy: Critical Analysis
- Research Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Candidates must have a minimum of 2 years’ experience working in the early years sector (or related area). They must be currently employed (or prepared to volunteer) in an early years related setting and qualify as an adult learner (over 21 years of age), see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered through a blended learning model, including face-to-face workshops, online/distance learning and attendance at monthly full day weekend workshops. Varied assessment techniques, with significant developmental feedback include: written assignments, reflective learning journals, portfolios, group projects and written examinations. Significant academic support is provided to students.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This degree opens many doors for exciting career opportunities. Past graduates have gained employment as Better Start and Aim Mentors (POBAL) in County Childcare Committees and as lecturers at third level institutions. Graduates may progress to postgraduate courses such as the MA in Early Childhood Studies at NUI Galway.

"From the very first module of the course, my practice was affected in a positive way. Each module increased my knowledge and skills and caused me to reflect on my practice and the quality of my early years service."

- Fionnuala O’Malley
OMEP Student of the Year, 2019

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Masters of Arts
( EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES )

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course has been developed to reflect the evolving understandings of early education, childhood, family life, play and pedagogical philosophies as they inform the early years sector. Students will engage with contemporary, post-structural and critical theories, exploring evolving policy, social research and 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 and perceived values, as well as the on-going developments within the practice and policy environment.

YOUR MODULES:

**Year 1**
- Engaging Children as Social Researchers
- Children’s Rights and Well Being: Current Issue
- Historical Perspectives of Childhood and Family Life
- Integrated Community Based Work Practices
- Contemporary Perspectives on Play, Learning and Pedagogy
- Research in the Social Sciences

**Year 2**
- Supporting Families through Early Years Provision
- Leadership, Mentorship and Emerging Professions
- Research Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must have a minimum 2.2, NFQ level 8, primary degree award in Early Childhood Studies & Practice or in a related discipline. Applicants must also have a minimum 3 years relevant working experience (or equivalent) and have good digital literacy skills and access to the internet.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The blended learning model includes interactive, face-to-face workshops that form an integral part of the course, complimented by online/distance learning. Workshops are facilitated by tutors who are experts in their field, enabling valuable peer learning. Innovative and varied assessments methods allow learners to demonstrate experiential as well as developing academic knowledge.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates 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 Masters, students with a 2.1 or higher grade may pursue further education through doctoral studies at NUI Galway or another suitable institution.

"The courses have taught me to be a critical thinker and responsible leader in the workplace and embrace diversity in all aspects of my life. I believe that I am a more valuable employee since enrolling in this course."

- Olabisi Ogunsakin
Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in PRACTICE-BASED PLAY THERAPY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course is offered in collaboration with the Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy (APAC). It focuses on alleviating a child’s emotional, social and mental health problems using play and creative arts therapies. It is suitable for those wishing to add therapeutic play skills to their existing psychological therapy skills and/or those working with children, including teaching staff, nurses and social workers, counsellors, psychotherapists or psychologists.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate
- Orientation to setting up and developing practice-based play therapy
- Using symbolic play therapy tools and metaphor safely
- Using expressive arts therapies
- Practicum: clinical placement (100 hours working with children)

Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma
- Working therapeutically and representing children with severe problems
- Establishing a play therapy service
- Working therapeutically and developing skills with children
- Practicum: clinical placement (100 hours working with children)

Each stage normally requires a minimum of 20 months to complete, spanning two academic years.

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 psychology, education, childhood studies or social work, or have a recognised equivalent professional qualification in a health, social services or education related field. Ordinary degree (level 7) or a minor award (level 7) candidates may be considered for entry under Recognition of Prior Learning.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered using a mix of teaching methods including essential experiential and practical exercises as well as theoretical material. Students must complete 1–2 written assignments per module, undertake 100 hours of clinical practice work with children and have a satisfactory report from their clinical practice supervisor.

*For attendance, students can choose either of the following options:
1. Summer School: 15 consecutive days
2. Weekend Format: five 3-day weekends

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
The course provides the necessary skills for participants to work therapeutically with children as play therapists. It is used by counsellors, psychotherapists, psychologists, teaching staff, occupational therapists, nurses and social workers. Participants also progress to careers in service management, play therapy training and running their own children’s therapy business.

“...I have ever had. It provided a safe and supportive space to grow in understanding of self and others. The facilitators showed a huge amount of competency, professional skills and kindness.”
- Diana Bigioi

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APPLY ONLINE:
Applications are made directly through APAC, www.apac.org.uk
As NUI Galway celebrates 175 years since its foundation, the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development also celebrated another significant milestone in 2019 – the 50th anniversary of adult learning courses at the University.

NUI Galway started its first ‘Extra-Mural Adult Education’ courses in 1969 to promote community & regional education. These courses covered topics like local development and empowered people to provide leadership in their communities. Many of these courses were the predecessors to some of the part-time courses still offered at the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development today.

Over the past five decades Adult Learning has continued to develop a wide range of part-time, flexible courses for Adult Learners that have been delivered regionally through classroom-based learning, nationally through blended learning and now internationally through online learning.

"With an ever expanding portfolio of courses on offer including online, blended and classroom-based learning options, we have developed a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting adult learners in their learning journey."

- Nuala McGuinn, Centre Director

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 50 YEARS OF SUPPORTING ADULT LEARNERS

HONORARY CONFERRING, NOVEMBER 2019
Awarding Seamus O’Grady, retired Director of Adult & Continuing Education, with an honorary doctorate to mark his significant contribution to adult education in the region.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST, SEPTEMBER 2019
Meeting with our industry partners to discuss how NUI Galway can support them in meeting their workforce development needs.

Left to Right: Josephine Walsh (NUI Galway), Philip Salmon (Medtronic), Helen McMahon (Enterprise Ireland), Tom Geraghty (Allergan), Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh (President, NUI Galway), Prof Alma McCarthy (NUI Galway), Nuala McGuinn (NUI Galway), Dr Brian Ó Donnchadhá (NUI Galway), Aileen McNulty (Allergan), Denise Rocks (Regional Skills Forum Manager).

Left to Right: Prof Pat Dolan (Director, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre), Dr Seamus O’Grady (retired Director of Adult & Continuing Education) Nuala McGuinn (Director, Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development), Imelda Byrne (Head of Access Centre – celebrating 20 years).

Left to Right: Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh (President, NUI Galway) and Nuala McGuinn (Director, Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development).

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HEALTH PROMOTION
The Discipline of Health Promotion at NUI Galway offers numerous part-time Specialist Certificate and Postgraduate Certificate courses, which are co-ordinated, assessed and accredited by the University.

These courses are developed and taught in conjunction with a variety of partner organisations (e.g. Croí, Diabetes Ireland, Dental Health Foundation, Irish Heart Foundation, HSE, Mental Health Ireland and National Institute for Preventative Cardiology) and government departments (e.g. Department of Health and Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation).

These courses are aligned with the most recent government policy documents (e.g. the Healthy Ireland Framework 2019–2015; Changing Cardiovascular Health National Cardiovascular Health Policy 2010–2019; and Smile agus Sláinte – National Oral Health Policy 2019), which are aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of the population in Ireland.
Postgraduate Certificate in HEALTH PROMOTION
(Approaches to Cardiovascular Health and Diabetes Prevention)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course aims to enhance health professionals’ understanding of the determinants of health, the prevention of disease, lifestyle factors and associated patterns of inequality. It is particularly suited to health professionals working in nursing, public health, pharmacy, physiotherapy, medicine, and the health and weight loss industry.

Designed for healthcare professionals, the course 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.

YOUR MODULES:
The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.

- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Cardiovascular Health and Diabetes Prevention
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
A primary degree is required; each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. The completion of this course may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.

“I have progressed in my career and am working now on large interventions in health and wellbeing for homeless populations in Dublin’s Simon Community. Overall this course has strengthened my working prospects, skillset in this area and my confidence.”
- John Treanor

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
Participants of this course will gain the skills and competencies required for the effective implementation of health promotion interventions and project management.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: €2,010 Non-EU: €2,510
Start date: September

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APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduateapplications
Postgraduate Certificate
(MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course aims to provide participants with professional education and training in the principles and practice of promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. This course is open to those working in a professional capacity in areas such as mental health, health promotion, public health, primary care, education, community work, nursing, social work, psychology and allied fields. Course participants will acquire an understanding of the concepts, principles and evidence base for mental health promotion and the practical implementation of mental health promotion interventions from a national and international perspective. Course participants will gain skills and competencies for the effective implementation of evidence-based mental health promotion interventions.

YOUR MODULES:
The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.
- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Mental Health Promotion Specialism
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
A primary degree is required; each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a mental health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. Completion of this course may also extend the remit of their job to include mental health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.

"As someone who was, for years, very apprehensive about returning to study I can honestly say that the tutors and the design of the course work itself have made this more easily achievable. Through blended learning and monthly face-to-face lectures, I have met many friendly staff and classmates from a variety of backgrounds."

- Alan Gallagher

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course is designed for professionals working in different sectors who wish to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies of mental health promotion and their implementation in practice.
- This unique course has been jointly developed by NUI Galway and Mental Health Ireland.

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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: €2,010 Non-EU: €2,510
Start date: September
Specialist Certificate in HEALTH PROMOTION (ORAL HEALTH)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
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. The evidence base for health promotion development is explored, and students will develop skills in implementing evidence-based interventions. Communication and facilitation skills are developed.

YOUR MODULES:
The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.
- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Oral Health
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted via online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This course will provide students with an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or achieve promotion within their work. Completing the course may also extend the remit of their job to include oral health promotion.

"In addition to the oral-health-specific components, there was coverage of communication and presentation topics, which have allowed me to put my acquired knowledge into practice in the most effective way."
- Susan McCartney
Postgraduate Certificate in
HEALTH PROMOTION
(WORKPLACE WELLNESS)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course 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.

YOUR MODULES:
The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.
- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Workplace Wellness
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
A primary degree is required. Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. Completing the course may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
This course is suitable for a variety of professions and settings. It is particularly suited to those working in health promotion, human resources, management, public health, nursing, occupational health and safety, and the ever-growing corporate wellness industry.

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APPLY ONLINE:
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"This course has given me plenty of opportunity to practice and discuss various ways of improving the health of our working populations. The course material itself is an invaluable resource in guiding and directing the implementation of a workplace wellness programme."

- Mary Malone
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Our Information Technology (IT) courses are delivered online, providing a high degree of convenience and flexibility for students who wish to work full-time while gaining a recognised qualification at Diploma or Masters level. Students receive their course materials through our online learning platform and communicate with their classmates and their online facilitators through online discussion forums.

The IT Online courses are delivered in 8-week cycles with students required to submit assignment work, for which they receive feedback and grades online, on a weekly basis. As part of our student-centred approach, a team provides support to the student in the background if and when required.

The second largest exporter of computer and IT services in the world, Ireland hosts many global leaders in technology, e.g. IBM, Apple, Microsoft, HP (enterprise-ireland.com, 2020). Our IT Online courses serve this vibrant technology industry in Ireland and provide skilled employees to this sector.

Students from non-IT backgrounds have used IT Online to successfully transition to careers in the software and database industries. Students with software and/or database experience can bring their knowledge up to date while gaining a recognised award from a highly regarded university. Previous graduates have taken up careers as programmers, database administrators, scrum masters, team leads, among others. The courses provide skills to make the student workplace ready.

The Diploma in Software Engineering allows a student to progress to the second year of the Masters in Software Engineering and Database Technologies or to exit with a level 8 diploma award. If the student exits at that point, the option is there for the student to return at a later point – thus increasing the flexibility.

When researching a thesis area as part of the Masters course, a student has the opportunity to choose the IT-related topic that they wish to specialise in, e.g. a business or product idea, work-related project or a personal-interest topic.
Diploma in
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course is ideal for those who wish to re-skill in the software development space. The student engages with an interesting and challenging curriculum, improving their employability and promotional opportunities while gaining a recognised qualification.

This is a conversion course, building knowledge from the basics to help a student to change career. The course is also ideal for those working in the area who would like to gain a recognised qualification.

YOUR MODULES:
Core modules:
- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Software Engineering
- Object Oriented Programming

Elective modules:
- Object Oriented Design
- Distributed Systems and the Cloud
- Artificial Intelligence

Modules offered may change to reflect industry requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
This course is open to level 7 (or higher) graduates. Applicants with a level 7 qualification must have at least 3 years’ relevant experience. Applicants with a level 8 (or higher) qualification may not require the work experience element if their qualification is in Science, Engineering or a related area.

An IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required if applicable.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Students complete five 8-week modules over one academic year. These modules are delivered fully online. Modules are assessed via weekly assignments (e.g. programming tasks, essays), online discussions and an examination (online).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This course will equip you with the knowledge to begin a career in the Information Technology sector. Alternatively, graduates may progress directly into year 2 of the Masters in Software Engineering and Database Technology.

“By achieving a third level qualification in Software Engineering, I accomplished a long held personal & professional goal. Having achieved the Diploma has allowed me a distinct advantage in my workplace.”

- Neil Keane

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
Masters in
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
AND DATABASE TECHNOLOGY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This is a conversion course, building knowledge from the basics in order to help the student transition to a career in the software and database sectors. Alternatively, this course suits those working in the software or database sectors who wish to gain a recognised qualification.

Students engage with a challenging curriculum in a flexible, online environment. Students improve their employability gaining highly sought-after skills.

YOUR MODULES:
- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Software Engineering
- Object Oriented Programming
- Object Oriented Design
- Distributed Systems and the Cloud
- Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to Relational Databases
- Fundamentals of Databases
- Introduction to Information Retrieval
- Data Mining

Two thesis preparation modules are also provided. Modules may change to reflect industry requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
This course is open to level 7 (or higher) graduates. Applicants with a level 7 qualification must have at least 3 years' relevant experience. Applicants with a level 8 (or higher) qualification may not require the work experience element if their qualification is in Science, Engineering or a related area.

An IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required if applicable.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Students complete modules over two academic years. Modules are delivered online and assessed via weekly assignments (e.g. programming tasks, essays), online discussions and an online examination. Students also deliver a final thesis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This course will equip you with the knowledge to transition to a career in the Software and/or Database sectors. Graduates have also progressed to PhD research.

"This online course provided a very structured online learning environment, which equipped me very well for a variety of roles. It got me interested in research, in new ways of working and in finding better ways to problem-solve."
- Mary Loftus
We provide an exciting range of language courses, extending from the ancient world to the most contemporary developments in European languages, literatures and cultures. A range of Irish language courses are also on offer catering for students who wish to gain fluency in Irish for employment in the public sector, translation services or media. Whether you seek to learn a language for enjoyment or to enhance your professional profile, there has never been a better time to develop your linguistic skills.

Having the ability to communicate in several languages is an invaluable asset, offering graduates a range of personal and professional benefits. Languages equip students with excellent linguistic and critical thinking skills, giving graduates a distinctive edge in a competitive global market. The demand for multilingual professionals in the Irish and global job market has risen sharply in recent years, creating career opportunities for graduates both at home and abroad, particularly in the areas of international trade and commerce, customer service, the diplomatic service and the tourism and hospitality industry.

Communicating through another language also deepens your connection to other cultures, fostering an appreciation for the traditions, religions, arts and history of the people associated with that language and allows students to gain a global perspective on the contemporary world.

With our high-quality language courses, you will receive teaching and guidance from experienced lecturers and tutors – many of whom are native speakers – in a friendly and welcoming environment based in the most multicultural university and city in Ireland. The courses accommodate learners of all different levels, from complete beginners to degree-level fluency in certain courses.

With the exception of our Italian online diploma, most of our language courses follow a classroom format, with the immersive weekly classes complimenting the at-home assignments prescribed to build fluency and confidence in your communication skills. Using a collaborative, communicative approach to language learning, you are encouraged to participate from the beginning of the course.

Students are split into small tutorial groups to ensure the highest quality of learning and engagement in the guided speaking, listening and comprehension activities provided through individual and group tasks. Through these interactive teaching methods, you will quickly gain confidence and master communicating in your chosen language.
Teastas/Dioplóma sa CHULTÚR DÚCHAIS

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA:
Is i aidhm an chúrsa seo eolas a roint le ranpháirtithe le go bhfuaghadh siad láirgás ar shaibhreas an chultúir dhúchais. Gheobhaidh ranpháirtithe léargas freisin ar acmhainní agus ar shaothair bainteach leis an gcultúir dhúchais, agus gheobhaidh siad deis forbairt pearsanta a dhéanamh agus cur lena gcáiliúchtaí oideachais.

MODÚIL:
Bliain 1
- Cúra & Comhthéasc Bhéaloidis
- Gnéithe de na hÉalaíona Dúchais
- Deasghnáthta agus Nósmhairesc Thraidisiúnta

Bliain 2
- An tOsnadúr sa Bhéaloideas
- An Cultúr Ábhartha
- Aicmí na nAmhrán

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA:
Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoin a bhfuil spéis acu sa chultúir dhúchais. Bhainfeadh daoine atá ag obair nó ar mhaithe leobh in réimisi áitire tairbhce as freisin, mar shampla:
- Turasóireacht chultúrtha
- Forbairt phobail
- Éalaíona cruthaitheachta
- Muinteoirí oideachais

CUR I LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:
Cuirfear an cúrsa páirtaimseartha Dioplóma seo ar fáil ar an idirnón den chúrsa. Ní bheidh aon scrúdú le déanamh.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:
Cé go bhfuil an cúrsa dírithe ar gach duine a bhfuil spéis acu san ábhar, bhainfeadh daoine atá ag obair nó ar mhaithe leo oibrí in réimisi áitire tairbhce as freisin, mar shampla:
- Turasóireacht chultúrtha
- Forbairt phobail
- Éalaíona cruthaitheachta
- Muinteoirí oideachais

DÉAN IARRATAS AR LÍNE AG: www.acadamh.ie/cursai
Diploma in Arts (FRENCH)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course is open to anyone with an interest in French and who wishes to gain fluency in the language. The Diploma caters for all levels of language ability. The course is offered at two levels: intermediate and advanced.
This course aims to enable students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of written and oral communication skills in the language through a variety of practical language exercises. Students will also study major cultural issues in the contemporary French-speaking world. In their second year, students will be introduced to the world of French literature. As the course progresses, students should be able to converse on and comprehend a variety of topics and situations.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1
- Introduction to French Language – Written and Spoken
- French Language – Written, Spoken and Comprehension
- Introduction to Civilisation, Culture and Society in France
- Oral French – Parlons Français 1

Year 2
- Improvers’ French 1 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 1
- Improvers’ French 2 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 2
- French Culture – Connaître le Monde

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:
Application to enter year 2 of the Diploma in French is available to those who have completed an equivalent course at third level or who have lived in a Francophone country for an extended period. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classes will be held on Monday evenings. For direct entry to second year students, classes will be held on Tuesday evenings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
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.

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

“I absolutely love the variety between language skills, culture and literature on the course. Lecturers are extremely encouraging, flexible and approachable.”
- Claire Kavanagh

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides a stimulating learning environment in order to prepare highly proficient linguists for careers in which French is a key requirement.
- It will enable you to grow in your personal capacities and to develop characteristics of self-confidence and self-reliance in French and to have the capacity to adapt to changing circumstances both at work and in the everyday francophone environment.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €990 Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September
Ard-Dioplóma sa GHAELGE FHEIDHMEACH

PRÓIFIL AN CHÚRSA:
Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Ard-Dioplóma seo freastal ar éileamh na mac léinn go gcuirfi saincháilíocht ag leibhéal 8 ar fáil doibh. Is ceim onóchtaíche ar cheana féin i ndisciplín seachas an Ghaeilge ach atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a shaolthrú mar ábhar acadúil ag leibhéal 8.

MODÚIL:
Cruinneas na Gaeilge 1
- An Prós Comhaimseartha
- Stair na Meán Gaeilge
- Uirlís an Aistriúcháin agus na Téarmaíochta
- An Scríbhneoireachta

Cruinneas na Gaeilge 2
- Na hÉalaíona Traidisiúnta
- Litríocht Chomhaimseartha na Gaeilge 1
- Litríocht Chomhaimseartha na Gaeilge 2

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA:
Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil Gaeilge ar a dtóil. Beidh gráid C3 (ardleibhéal) sa Ghaeilge riachtanach. Sásalgonn sé sin gnáthriachtanaí iontrála na hOllscoile.

CUR I LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:
Caithfidh mic léinn a bheith páirteach i ndiospóireachtai agus föraim phlé ar-líne i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. De ghnáth bunófar na measúnaithe seo ar imeachtai i rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scríofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:
Tabharfaidh an tArd-Dioplóma seo cáilíocht aitheanta sa Ghaeilge do chéimithe, cáilíocht a chuirfi gheall suntasach lena gcuid deiseanna inniúthaíochtachta, san earnáil oideachais go háirithe. Beidh deiseanna freisin ag céimithe ag obair sna meáin chumarsáide, sa tseirbhís phoiblí, in earnáil an aistrúcháin agus san earnáil phobail.

SÚIRC:
- Múinteoirí atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a mhuineadh
- Foghlaimeoirí lánfhásta
- 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
CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Beidh an cÚrsa seo oiriúnaigh do dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán ar Ghaeilge acu cheana féin san scríbh agus sa labhair agus a dtéastaíonn uathu barr feabhaí a chur ar a gcúid scileanna teanga.
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Tá an cúrsa seo oiriúnaigh d’fhoghlaimeoí a bhfuil grád D nó níos áird sa Ghaeilge bainte amach acu ag leibhéal na hArdeisteáilíreactha nó a bhfuil cumas ag leibhéal B1 de réir an Chomhchreata Eorpach acu sa Ghaeilge.

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30
Leibhéal NFQ: 7
Fad:
2 bhliain, páirtaimseartha
Modh Seachadha:
Seomra ranga
Táille Bhliantúil: €990
Mic léinn: €200
Foireann/Alumni OÉG: €660
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PRÓFÍIL AN CHÚRSA:
Is iad seol na h-aídmhmeáin do leibhéal C1 den Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge, go ndéanfar tuiscint a chothú sa mhac léinn ar Cheart na Gaeilge, go gcuíl le cumhachtaí a bhaint amach as a lán bhliain. Tá aisteál agus go mbeidh siad i muintir ar chumarsaí éifeachtach a dhéanamh sa teanga. Go dtáchairfear léargas don mhac léinn ar chultúr agus ar shaiocht Ghaeltachta a hÉireann agus meon dearfach i leith na Gaeilge a chothú sna hiarrthóirí a neartóidh a (h) iompar Gaeilge sa saol mór.

Is iad aidhmhréalsaí leibhéal B2 den Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge ná saibhriú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá aige sa mhic léinn cheana féin agus formatúr agus leathan ag a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionsas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur iníoll go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthíocasanna.

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA:
Leibhéal C1: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaonche a bhfuil leibhéal B1 pas amacht amach acu í scrúdú ard-teilifíse Ghaeilge na hArdeisteáileachta agus a bhainte amach an chumarsaíochta ná sásúil sa Trial Socruitheán Teanga.
Leibhéal B2: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaonche a bhfuil eolas airthiúche a thuigtear amach ar gheann an chumarsaíochta ná sásúil sa Trial Socruitheán Teanga a chomhthíocadh freisin.

CUR Í LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:
Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn gach aon bhliain den chúrsa. Léarmhthuiscint agus cluastuiscint a bhíodh in gcéise sna measúnuithe seo.
Déanfar an rannpháirtithe an chúrsa scrúdú cainte agus scrúdú scríofa a dhéanamh gach bliain.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:
Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Curfear le deiseanna fostaíochta í réimse leathan gairmeacha i nsaol na Gaeilge, ina measc tá an mhúinteoireacht, an chrachtóireacht agus an iriseoireacht.

“Molaim d’aon duine a bhfuil suim acu sa chúrsa seo a thógaint. Bainfidh tú sult is sásaimh as na ranganna’s feabhas ag teacht ar chuíghdeán do chuid Gaeilge.”
- Seosamh Caoimhgháin
Diploma in Arts
(GERMAN)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course introduces students to the basic elements of German and is designed for those who have no previous knowledge of the language. Whether your interest in German has a business focus or you want to explore interesting and beautiful cities like Berlin or Munich, the Diploma in German can get you started. This 2-year course will help you develop the skills to communicate successfully in the German-speaking world while exciting your curiosity about other cultures.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Introduction to Beginners’ German – Written and Spoken
- Beginners’ German Continued – Written, Spoken and Comprehension
- Introduction to aspects of 20th Century German and Austrian Culture

Year 2
- Intermediate German – Written and Oral Comprehension 1
- Intermediate German – Listening and Oral Comprehension 2
- Contemporary German, Austrian and Swiss Society
- German Conversation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:
If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination that will take place in August.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
German is not only the official language of Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein, but is spoken in regions of France, Italy, Switzerland, Poland and many other East European countries. It is also a valuable language in doing business in Europe. Through the course’s module on German culture, students will gain a deeper insight into a region that plays a vital role in central Europe’s intellectual and economic life, as well as in its cultural history.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classes will be held for beginners on Wednesday evenings. For direct entry to second year students, classes will be held on Thursday evenings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Knowledge of German is more useful than ever for career opportunities involving international trade, customer service within multinational companies, as well as the tourism industry.

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“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.”
- Charles Doyle
Diploma in
IRISH (LEVELS A2 AND B1)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The aim of this course is to develop students’ understanding of the written and spoken language and enable them to take a basic part in everyday communication through the medium of Irish. This Diploma also enables 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. The course provides students with an insight into the everyday usage of the Irish language and enables them to participate in conversations on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.

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. 14).

DELIVERY & 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
The Diploma 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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Diploma in Arts (ITALIAN)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
Students will be introduced to the basics of the Italian language in order to develop competence in handling common situations of everyday life. The course concentrates on all of the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and uses carefully selected authentic material to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. In addition, a cultural module introduces students to the main trends in Italian art, cinema, history and culture.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1
- Italian Language Level 1 – Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Culture and Language Level 1

Year 2
- Italian Language Level 2 – Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Culture and Language Level 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14). If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year (online only). Your level will be assessed by a written examination.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classes will be held on Monday evening. All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays and written assignments during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Learning a new language provides invaluable skills. There is no doubt that the profile of the professional of the future will be that of a person who can adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and environments, who speaks more than one language, and who is at home in more than one country. Language students will be mobile, cosmopolitan, and ready and happy to embrace and negotiate different cultures and traditions.

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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: €990 Non-EU: €1,490
Start date: September

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course is classroom-based so you can meet new people, practice your new language skills or improve your existing level with fellow language enthusiasts.
- This course is open to all levels, beginners and those who have previously studied in Italian.

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Diploma in Italian is designed to give participants enhanced language skills for personal, travel and professional purposes. This course is based on a collaborative, communicative approach and students are encouraged to participate in virtual class activities with their peers and e-tutors.

The online course is particularly suitable for students who need flexibility in their time and mode of study and/or live outside of Galway. Basic computer skills are sufficient for the online students, including an ability to download and upload files, navigate websites, and use emails and Skype-style applications. An introductory on-campus session at the beginning of the course will explain in very simple terms how to use these applications and will take students through all the steps necessary to become familiar with these learning tools.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1
- Italian Language Skills 1 – Level 1,
  Parts 1 & 2
- Oral and Intercultural Skills – Level 1

Year 2
- Italian Language Skills – Level 2,
  Parts 1 & 2
- Oral and Intercultural Skills – Level 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 14). If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by an online examination.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Sessions will be delivered live online via our Virtual Learning Environment on Thursday evenings for both 1st and 2nd year students. Note that the day of classes may be subject to change according to lecturers’ schedules. The course is assessed through a combination of continuous assessment, participation activities, project work and final written/oral exam. All assessed work is completed online.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Learning a new language will provide invaluable skills. Graduates who can speak more than one language adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and environments. Language graduates will have the opportunity to be mobile, cosmopolitan and ready to negotiate and embrace different cultures and traditions.

"There is great communication with tutors and fellow students and I never felt alone. As well as the essentials in listening, speaking, reading and writing, the course content has a great cultural element covering topics such as Italian cinema, music, politics and literature."

- Wendy Armstrong
Diploma in Arts (SPANISH)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who wish to develop Spanish language skills for personal, educational or professional reasons. Classes are taught and assessed by tutors who are native Spanish speakers. Over the two years of study, students will learn Spanish grammar and work on their reading, listening and writing skills.

Classes are split into small groups for weekly oral classes to maximise the opportunities for oral practice and interaction. On completion of the course, students will have the necessary oral, comprehension and writing skills to deal with a range of situations encountered in everyday life in Spain and Latin America.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Introduction to Beginners’ Spanish
- Beginners’ Spanish
- Oral Spanish
- Introduction to Contemporary Spain

Year 2
- Improvers’ Spanish 1 & 2
- Oral Spanish
- Introduction to Latin America

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:
If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classes will be held on Monday evenings. For direct entry to second year students, classes will be held on Thursday evenings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
This course will give you a level of Spanish that allows you to engage actively with people in everyday situations through Spanish. It also gives you 30 ECTS (credits), which are transferable to many degree courses within the EU. It will not qualify you to teach Spanish at Secondary Level, as it does not meet all the requirements of the Teaching Council of Ireland.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
The Diploma in Spanish provides an opportunity for students who have little or no previous knowledge of the language to embark on a structured, 2-year course of study to develop communication skills in Spanish that will facilitate travel, education or work.

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The courses offer a comprehensive range of educational opportunities and pathways to progress. There are three levels of academic awards available at undergraduate level: Diploma, Degree or Specialist Diploma. In addition, students can take modules for Continuous Professional Development (CDP) on a standalone basis.

Modules are developed and delivered by lecturers with extensive experience as practitioners and academics. Our students learn through utilising a blend of online resources, attendance at tutorials on campus, laboratory sessions (no more than once a month) and completion of company-based projects. Courses are structured so that you study a range of core modules covering principles of science, engineering, management and IT at appropriate levels, and also take elective modules so that you have the opportunity to specialise in an area of particular value to you.

Those taking our diploma and degree courses can choose from a wide range of science, technology and management modules, so you can focus on areas that are relevant to your career path. These include modules such as: Operations Engineering or Design of Engineering Systems at level 7 and CAD Modelling, Environmental Science or Regulatory Compliance at level 8.

For those taking specialist diploma courses, you can study the following areas in depth: Lean and Quality Systems, Medical Device Science, Automation and Control or Corporate Environmental Planning.

Science & Technology part-time courses were developed by academic staff in consultation with industry specialists specifically to address current gaps and future skills requirements, producing graduates with the necessary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills to meet these needs.
REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is suitable for those who want to upskill in the areas of engineering materials, manufacturing processes and electronic manufacturing technologies.
- It addresses the critical shortage in skills in the areas of automation and machine control, supply chain management and manufacturing processes.
- It was developed in consultation with industries who continue to have input into both development and delivery.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: EU: €2,060
Non-EU: €2,560
Start date: September

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(Specialist Diploma)

AUTOMATION AND CONTROL

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course aims to develop knowledge around the issues and opportunities associated with automation and control technology and to improve skills in the areas of engineering materials including metals, ceramics, polymers and composite materials; manufacturing processes, both traditional and recently developed; and electronic manufacturing technologies.

Students gain an understanding of industrial control systems, robotics and automated production lines.

YOUR MODULES:

- Machine Design
- Automation 1
- Manufacturing Technology
- Automation 2
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification. 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.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Students complete a project which requires them to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates find employment in well-established industries which are embedded in the local economy, providing a basis for sustainable long-term employment and career advancement. Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.
Specialist Diploma in CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This 1-year course will provide students with a holistic perspective on environmental planning to assist in the development of best practice in environmental management, resource efficiency, sustainable design and technologies. It will raise awareness and facilitate behavioral change to a culture of environmentally sound practices. The course will empower students to incorporate sustainable practices into the daily running of their organisations. Supporting the growth of the green/circular economy through improved sustainability and competitiveness will be a key outcome from this course.

YOUR MODULES:
Students will undertake six of the following modules:
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Leadership in Organisations
- Environmental Management for Organisations
- Environmental Legislation and Compliance
- The Lean Organisation and Technology
- Energy Management
- Lifecycle Assessment and Design for Environment
- Environmental Awareness and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Water Management and Conservation
- Waste Management and Compliance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must have a level 7 award of no less than 90 ECTS. 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.

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Diploma in Scientific Studies
(EARTH & OCEAN SCIENCES)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course will appeal to those with an interest in our natural environment and the outdoors. It may be professionally beneficial for geography teachers, environmental scientists, engineers and archaeologists. The aim of the Diploma in Scientific Studies (Earth & Ocean Sciences) is to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of the Earth’s solid geology and its coastal ocean, with hands-on, practical experience of the techniques employed within the fields of geology, oceanography, and Earth observation.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Planet Earth
- Earth Materials
- Our Coastal Ocean
Year 2
- Geology of Ireland
- The Peopled Planet
- Observing Earth

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course will use online lectures and practical exercises, as well as monthly 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
A number of graduates from an earlier version of the course have since gone on to study for a degree in Earth & Ocean Sciences.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
You should study this course if you are interested in how, why, and where we study the Earth, when key events in Earth’s history occurred, and what we can learn from the past to help us deal with future challenges.

COURSE FACTS
- ECTS: 30
- NFQ Level: 7
- Duration: 2 years, part-time
- Mode of study: Blended learning
- Fees (per annum):
  - EU: €990
  - Non-EU: €1,490
- Start date: September

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**Diploma in Scientific Studies (GEMMOLOGY)**

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**

The Diploma in Gemmology is suitable as an introductory course for people with general interest in gemstones, as well as those working in the jewellery and related trades. The course is open to everyone and is designed for those with no previous training in gemmology.

This course aims to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of gemstones. It teaches a range of laboratory-based techniques used to identify gemstones and provides students with hands-on experience in identification protocols using a comprehensive collection of gemstones.

**YOUR MODULES:**

**Year 1**
- Geology and Gemstones
- The Crystallography and Mineralogy of Gemstones
- Optical Properties of Crystals

**Year 2**
- Gemstone Properties and Instrumentation for their Determination
- Recording Gemstone Properties
- Gemstones and the Commercial World

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**

The course consists of lectures, laboratory demonstrations and practicals, including tuition on good practice in the identification of gemstones from the University’s teaching collection, which compromises in excess of 1,000 cut stones. All modules are individually assessed through continuous assessment and by examination (written and practical) at the end of each year. The course includes two 1-day trips to Connemara to study crystals and minerals in their natural settings. The option of attending a 1-day Diamond Grading course at the headquarters of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain in London will also be available to 2nd year students.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings (6.30–9.30pm).

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**

Students on the course find employment in gemmological work (quality control, authentication) and jewellery (retail, design) trades. Students may also find work as valuators for the insurance industry.

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**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:**

- Students will develop an understanding of lean thinking and lean tools and gain a technical knowledge of quality science and specialist knowledge of Six Sigma techniques.
- You will understand enterprise modelling and simulation with an emphasis on optimising business processes and skills in change management.
- You will also have an appreciation of lean and quality systems within manufacturing and services sectors.

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**LEAN & QUALITY SYSTEMS**

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**

The course is intended for those who wish to focus their skills with a view to moving into specialist and hybrid lean roles, e.g. internal lean consultants, waste minimisation specialists, process optimisation advisors. It is also suitable for those who wish to upskill and specialise. On completion of the course, graduates will have highly marketable, up-to-date knowledge and skills relevant to product, process and service optimisation and improvement. Expertise in Lean and Six Sigma is currently in strong demand across all sectors.

**YOUR MODULES:**

- Lean Thinking/Lean Tools
- Quality Science – Six Sigma
- Problem Solving Tools & Techniques
- Enterprise Modelling & Simulation
- Project

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification. 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.

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Students complete a project which requires them to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**

Graduates find employment in well-established industries which are embedded in the local economy, providing a basis for sustainable long-term employment and career advancement. Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.

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**COURSE FACTS**

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: EU: €2,060
Non-EU: €2,560

Start date: September
YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course is of benefit to people who require upskilling for career advancement within the medical devices sector, or for those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change. On completion of the course, participants will have highly marketable, up-to-date knowledge and skills relevant to the medical devices sector. Students practice, and are assessed on, a range of technical and transferable skills relevant to meeting future skills needs in the workforce.

YOUR MODULES:
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Biocompatibility & Device Design
- Mechanics of Solids
- Medical Device Science
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants must have a level 7 qualification. 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.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Students complete a project which requires them to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Graduates of this course already working in the industry will be well placed to move into management roles. Graduates from a science or engineering background can transfer existing skills and develop specialist knowledge in order to move into the medical devices sector. Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
Certificate in
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY AFFAIRS & QUALITY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This level 8 Certificate provides students with an introduction to the core elements of the product development lifecycle and the associated role of a medical technology regulatory affairs and/or quality professional. The course ensures that students acquire a good, fundamental understanding of all applicable regulations and skills to address the ever-changing environment of medical technologies regulatory affairs and quality.

The course aims to provide participants with a fundamental grounding in medical device regulatory and quality requirements. It will provide the necessary training to convert personnel with life sciences qualifications to transition into specialist roles in medical technology regulatory affairs and quality.

The course will equip graduates with essential knowledge and skills to work in a regulatory affairs environment within the highly successful and growing Irish medical technology industry sector.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- Regulatory affairs & quality professionals at all career and experience levels are involved in activities throughout the product lifecycle, and most are involved to some degree in bridging the gap between regulatory-related functions and organisation and business activities.
- This course will equip graduates with essential knowledge and skills to work in a regulatory affairs environment within the highly successful and growing Irish medical technology industry sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Students with a level 7 or higher qualification in Science or Engineering are eligible for this course. Students with a level 7 or higher qualification in a non-technical subject area but who hold a minimum of 5 years’ relevant medtech industrial experience in regulatory affairs or quality are also eligible for this course.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Students will be assessed through continuous assessment which will include written assignments, team-based assignments, and open-book exams using multiple choice, matching questions as well as short and long answer questions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Completing this course will open up new opportunities and career paths, in quality and/or regulatory affairs, in both Ireland-based and international medical technologies enterprises.

The Irish Medtech Association (IMA) Skillnet asked senior medtech industry executives to identify the current number of employees required to meet current skills demand, as well as forecasted number of employees required in medtech organisations up to 2020. The IMA report (2017) has estimated that 4,000 additional medical technologies jobs will be added by 2020, with a 43% increase in staff numbers in the regulatory affairs functions and 17% in quality roles.

“"The Masters is well worth pursuing, broadens knowledge with regard to regulatory compliance in European and Global markets.””
- Dymphna Power

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COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: EU: €4,500
Non-EU: €8,000
Start date: September

"The Masters is well worth pursuing, broadens knowledge with regard to regulatory compliance in European and Global markets.””
- Dymphna Power
Diploma in Foundation Studies (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
The course is taught at NUI Galway with laboratories held in GMIT. The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time Science, Engineering and IT degrees at either GMIT or NUI Galway and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria to apply as Mature Students.

YOUR MODULES:
The course includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, IT, Skills for College and Career, Academic Study Skills and Academic Writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
This course is for Mature Students (aged 22 and over) either employed or unemployed. An aptitude for maths is required.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Classroom-based classes are held in NUI Galway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and on some Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. Laboratories are held in GMIT. The duration of the course is 26 weeks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Upon completion and successful passing of the course, students are eligible to apply for full-time and part-time degrees in relevant areas at either NUI Galway or GMIT.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
The course is taught at NUI Galway with laboratories held in GMIT. The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time Science, Engineering and IT degrees at either GMIT or NUI Galway and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria to apply as Mature Students.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 6
Duration: 26 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: EU: €380 (€60 if unemployed)
Start date: September

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“I’ve found being a mature student to be refreshingly fun in comparison to the first time, straight out of school. It has given me a new perspective and I’ve found I am a lot more motivated in my studies, after having experienced life outside of academia.”
- Ciarán McCarthy
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This course focuses on the knowledge and skill requirements of high-tech industries. The modular structure is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling students to balance study with work and other commitments and to accumulate credits over a timeframe that suits their lifestyle. Learning is delivered via a blend of distance and online resources, on-campus tutorials and labs, and company-based projects.

YOUR MODULES:
20 modules cover foundations of Science, Engineering, Management and IT; a range of electives allow participants to specialise in an area of particular interest to them. Key modules include:

**Year 1**
- Chemistry
- Introduction to Management
- Information Technology
- Introduction to Operations Engineering
- Maths

**Year 2**
- Human Biology Fundamentals
- Introduction to Environmental Science
- Design of Engineering Systems
- Introduction to Management Science
- Statistics
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applications must hold a Pass in Leaving Certificate Mathematics. 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.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, e-learning & multimedia activities and written exams. Project modules are assessed by submission of written reports and presentations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
The course is primarily intended to support those seeking career advancement in a variety of high-tech industries such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and manufacturing. It will also appeal to those with a personal interest in Science and Technology.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This course provides students with a comprehensive grounding in the theoretical foundations of Science and Engineering.
- It introduces students to areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in today’s high-tech environments.
- You will develop important managerial skills such as problem solving, decision-making and advanced communication skills.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 120
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2–4 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees (per annum)
EU: €3,915 Non-EU: €4,415
Start date: September

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides students with a comprehensive grounding in the theoretical foundations of Science and Engineering.
- It introduces students to areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in today’s high-tech environments, through the provision of elective streams allowing you to specialise in areas of interest to you.
- You will develop managerial skills such as problem solving, decision-making and advanced communication skills.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course focuses on the knowledge and skills requirements of high-tech industries. The modular structure is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling students to balance study with work and other commitments and to accumulate credits over a timeframe that suits their lifestyle.

The modular structure enables you to study at a pace that suits you. The syllabus provides a comprehensive grounding in the foundations of Science, Engineering and Technology, and introduces areas of specialist knowledge found in high-tech operational environments.

YOUR MODULES:

There are 12 core modules and 2 elective streams, comprising of 4 modules each. Core modules include:

- Applied Innovation
- Environmental Science
- Health & Safety Systems
- Materials Science & Processes
- Product & Process Development
- Project Management

In addition to the core modules, students take 2 elective streams including Automation and Control, Lean and Quality Systems, Medical Device Science and Regulatory Affairs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification. 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.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, e-learning and multimedia activities, and written exams. Project modules are assessed by submission of written reports and presentations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The course is primarily intended to support those seeking career advancement in high-tech industries such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and manufacturing or those with an interest in specialising in a particular area of science and technology.

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09 TRAINING & EDUCATION STUDIES
Our courses are offered at Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters level and are quality assured through programme partners, e.g. the Teaching Council of Ireland. You can also choose from a range of 1-year special purpose continuing development courses that are industry friendly and in high demand such as Technology Enhanced Learning and Learning and Development or one of our Business courses, e.g. Change Management and Leadership Development.

Across our courses you can expect opportunities to develop your professional knowledge and skills through practical and meaningful work based learning activities that are transferable to your working environment. All of our courses are developed around continuous assessment and do not require participants to sit end of semester examinations.

Flexible learning options are also on offer if you are not sure where you want to go next. Each of our course modules (50+) can be taken on a standalone basis through Continuing Professional Development (CPD). It is a great way of accumulating academic credits and availing of exemptions should you wish to progress further.

Training & Education Studies partners with institutions, companies and services to deliver tailor-made, part-time courses. We have successfully provided consulting, design, development, accreditation and delivery of bespoke solutions to multiple organisations over a 10-year period. Our strong track record has allowed us to collaborate with multiple stakeholders such as: Allergan, Dublin GAA, Foroige, the Irish Prison Services, SOLAS and other public and private entities.

These engagements include the following current and strategic themes: Assessment and Evaluation; eLeadership; Education and Training; Employment Assistance; Change Management; Coaching and Mentoring; Essential Trainer Skills; Leadership and Management; Learning and Development; Technology Enhanced Learning; and Sports Performance Coaching.
Master of Arts in
ADULT LEARNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
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.

This course is suitable for education, training and human resources practitioners who seek to accelerate their professional development, specialise in key educational themes and enhance their career prospects.

Students who successfully complete year 1 may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Adult Learning and Development.

YOUR MODULES:
Year 1
- Human Resource Development and Training for Work
- The Psychology of Adult Learning and Development
- Adult Learning Theories and Concepts
- Teaching and Learning Online
- Lifelong Learning: Concepts, Context and Issues
- Social Science Research

Year 2
- Learning and the Individual
- Management and Leadership in Training and Education (Elective)
- Online Learning and Design (Elective)
- Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Candidates must have a 2.2 honours undergraduate degree and minimum three years’ experience in a relevant area.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
In year 1 participants attend three (1-day) workshops and three (2-day) workshops. In year 2 participants attend one (1-day) workshop, one (2-day) workshop and online face-to-face/orientation sessions to support participants’ minor dissertations.

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Lifelong learning graduates are in demand in the following domains: public and private sectors; further education and training organisations; learning and development, human resources and staff training.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- This 2-year agile course allows participants to consolidate their experiences, skills and competencies to achieve a Masters degree in the discipline of lifelong learning.
- Course pathways in Educational Management and Technology Enhanced Learning are available which support a variety of professional pathways.
- The concluding minor dissertation can be strategically targeted toward participants’ career pathway or industry setting.

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“I have transferred what I have learned and I now have a better understanding of different styles of teaching, learning and so much more. It has broadened my horizons both personally and professionally.”
- Orla Fox-Colleran
Master of Arts in ADULT LEARNING AND TEACHING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
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 implementing a learning environment and engaging with online learning to become effective e-learning professionals.

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

This course is designed for qualified teachers working in the further education and training sector.

YOUR MODULES:
- Social Science Research
- Management and Leadership in Training and Education
- Online Learning Design
- Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Candidates must have achieved a minimum of a H2.2 honours degree in the Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) or an equivalent teaching qualification award (NFQ level 8/60 ECTS).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities occur as training, learning and development, and instructional specialists in a wide range of public and private organisations and businesses. Opportunities also exist within private training providers alongside corporate training and professional development sectors.

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Diploma in **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**
This course is specifically targeted at those who have coordination, managerial and supervisory responsibilities in corporate and private sector learning and development roles. It aims to develop effective and responsible leaders who can design, develop and operationalise strategic plans within their remit. It also affords participants the opportunity to re-skill for new opportunities within the learning and development environment in preparation for emerging skills requirements and new work practices.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**
Participants’ transferable learning and development skills are in high demand for the roles of practitioners, project managers, team managers, and strategic managers across workplace training and education, learning and development, and management/leadership functions.

For graduates who hold an undergraduate degree, the course offers progression with exemptions to our Masters in Leadership Development and Adult Learning and Development.

**YOUR MODULES:**
- Organisational Management: Human Resource Management
- Coaching for Improved Performance
- The Virtual Learning Environment

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
Applicants are normally required to have a relevant coordination, managerial and or supervisory experience in the lifelong learning sector (e.g. further education and training (FET), corporate, public or community service). However, applicants who are new to learning and development are also invited to apply for this course. See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**
Participants attend 2-day workshops for each of the three course modules. This course employs continuous assessment projects demonstrating learning through realistic work-related activities. Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. All assessments are grounded in participants’ workplace contexts.

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**COURSE FACTS**

| ECTS: | 30 |
| NFQ Level: | 8 |
| Duration: | 1 year, part-time |
| Mode of study: | Blended learning |
| Fees: EU | €2,575 |
| Non-EU | €3,075 |
| Start date: | September and January |

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Professional Diploma in EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION)

**YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:**

The aim of the course is to provide student teachers with a recognised teaching qualification. It provides trainee teachers with the professional knowledge, understanding and pedagogical skills required to carry out their further education teaching roles and responsibilities. The course content guides student teachers in developing the theoretical knowledge and professional competencies required to successfully teach in the further education sector. 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.

**YOUR MODULES:**

- Psychology of Learning: Theories & Concepts
- Programme Design Development & Assessment
- Teaching Practices & Learning Methods
- Professional Teaching Practice
- Quality Assurance: Monitoring & Evaluation
- The Learning Society: Context, Structure & Policy

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Level 8 primary degree or level 7 ordinary degree with an additional qualification.

**TEACHING PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must demonstrate that they are in a position to undertake the teaching practice requirements of this course in year 2.

**DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:**

This course is delivered through six 2-day workshops that span over two academic years. Three workshops are delivered in year 1 and three additional workshops in year 2.

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

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:**

Students who successfully complete the course gain exemption to progress to the 1-year Master of Adult Learning and Teaching or the 2-year Masters in Adult Learning and Development.

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:**

- This course is specifically aimed at upskilling practitioners working in the further education sector
- It allows participants to obtain a further education teaching qualification to facilitate registration with the Teaching Council of Ireland.

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“This course has given me the tools, methodologies, academic insights, along with the practical experience, to begin teaching. 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.”

- Tom Randles
Diploma in
TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This in-demand course aims to develop the capabilities of participants who are interested in incorporating digital learning practices, tools and strategies in their own professional contexts. The course content is designed to bring participants through hands-on tasks and strategies that support blended learning and teaching, online curriculum design and digital leadership. Each participant is provided with their own private online course to allow the development of new knowledge and skills that can be applied to all digital settings.

This course is suitable for practitioners, managers and leaders in the areas of teaching and learning, learning and development, change management and strategic leadership.

YOUR MODULES:
- TEL eLeadership
- Blended Learning Design
- Blended Learning and Teaching

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
A working knowledge of applications such as MS Office or equivalent, see general entry requirements (pg. 14).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:
Participants attend 2-day workshops for each of the three course modules. This course employs continuous assessment projects demonstrating learning through realistic work-related activities. Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. All assessments are grounded in participants’ workplace contexts.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Participants’ transferable TEL skills are in high demand for the roles of practitioners, project managers, team managers, and strategic managers across workplace training and education, learning and development and management/leadership functions.

For graduates who hold an undergraduate degree, the course offers progression with exemptions to our Masters in Leadership Development and Adult Learning and Development.

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:
- The digital landscape is increasingly influencing society, education and the workplace. Organisations have identified a skills shortage in the area of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL), which has created a demand for training in this area. (SOLAS, 2016).
- This hands-on course accelerates participants’ development of key TEL skills that can be applied and embedded into private and public sector workplaces.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: EU: €2,575
Non-EU: €3,075
Start date: September and January

APPLY ONLINE:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply
Bachelor of Arts
(TRAINING AND EDUCATION)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:
This 4-year course aims to provide a comprehensive grounding in the knowledge and skills required to develop professional competence in training delivery and related activities. It is aimed toward those practicing or planning a career as training or instructional specialists in the educational, industrial, private, and voluntary or community sectors.

Students who successfully complete year 1 may exit with a Certificate in Training and Education and students who successfully complete year 2 may exit with a Diploma in Training and Education.

YOUR MODULES:
Six modules are completed in years 1–3. In year 4 there are four modules, including a research project. 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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Applicants typically have appropriate experience in a training or educational organisation and are in a position to undertake assignments and end of year projects relating to practical aspects of training or education. See general entry requirements (pg. 14).

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:
Career opportunities can be found in the public and private sectors in the areas of teaching, staff development, learning and development and human resource management.

Successful participants can further their studies at undergraduate level via the Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) or at postgraduate level in the Master in Adult Learning and Development Degree.

"Anyone can get a book education, but the most valuable part for me, NUI Galway makes it easy to transition the knowledge and apply it to everyday life and most importantly my career at IBM."

- Maria Nordwind
SHORT COURSE SERIES (NON-ACCREDITED)

Each year the Centre runs a series of short courses (non-accredited) over two months – October and November.

Taking a non-accredited short course is a great choice if you are interested in a particular subject area, but haven’t had an opportunity to study it before and would like to gain a deeper insight into it. Or perhaps you are considering taking a higher education course for credit as a Mature Student and want to experience learning at an introductory level? Whatever your motivation, or your interest, taking a short course is a great way to meet interesting people, discuss your ideas with others and find out more about your subject area while also experiencing the world of lifelong learning.

Courses consist of eight weeks of lectures (typically one evening per week) in a number of general interest areas including Archaeology, History, English Literature, Creative Writing, Film Studies, Philosophy, Languages, Health & Wellbeing, Astronomy, History of Art and many others. There are no assessments on the short courses. Attendance and participation are based on your interest in the subject area, the pursuit of your personal development and the joy of learning.

The range of courses on offer vary each year so check out the Short Courses website for further details.

www.nuigalway.ie/shortcourses
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 Certificate, Diploma and Masters courses. A formal module called “Introduction to Learning” is also a core part of our Degree courses and covers the essential skills to equip you on your learning journey.

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, especially in providing valuable study tips and techniques.

### DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

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 and support you as an independent learner.

Support is provided to students who have a disability or learning difficulty, including:

- Autism spectrum disorder, including Asperger’s syndrome
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/vision impaired
- Deaf/hard of hearing
- DCD—dyspraxia/dysgraphia
- Mental health condition
- Neurological condition
- Significant ongoing illness
- Physical disability
- Specific learning difficulty, including dyslexia and dyscalculia

The DSS works closely with the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development, assisting your participation in our range of part-time courses.

**Disability Support Service**

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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 also provides a variety of study spaces for staff, students and researchers of the University. These range from individual study spaces for quiet study and 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 540,000 print books, 400,000 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.

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 work and study opportunities
- 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 throughout the academic year. Seminars are also organised for particular focus groups, for example, mature students and adult learners. The Careers Connect online guidance service includes access to a virtual careers library via the Career Development Centre 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:
- 6-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 8-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 and 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 over 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 Online Learning portal to access learning and library materials, collaborate on projects and communicate with teaching staff. To make your campus life easier you can download the NUI Galway mobile app to learn about the University, stay informed of campus news and events, explore full-time/part-time courses, and browse sports, clubs, societies, and volunteering opportunities.

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
Tel: 091 495777
Email: usersupport@nuigalway.ie
www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-and-services
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
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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.

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www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses
ADULT LEARNING STUDENTS

945 graduated in 2018/19
90+ in employment (full-time, part-time, self employed)

Age Range

39% 21-34 years old
54% 35-54 years old
7% 55+ years

New Entrants 2019/2020

- 31% Arts & Social Sciences
- 15% Business & Management
- 12% Community Education
- 10% Early Childhood Studies
- 9% Health Promotion
- 7% Information Technology
- 3% Languages
- 3% Science & Technology
- 3% Training & Education

72% took a part-time course for professional reasons
25% took a part-time course for personal reasons

SCHOLARSHIPS

70+ received Springboard+ funding for their part-time course
60+ availed of the Adult Learning Tuition Scholarship

89% rated their overall experiences as excellent or good
93% indicated that they would choose an adult learning course with NUI Galway again

Adult Learning First Year Survey 2019
ISSE (National Student Survey 2019)
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