

Entry Requirements

Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence this BA. While there are no formal educational requirements candidates will be expected to have good reading and writing skills as independent home study is required. Applicants must have experience in care work which can either be in a formal or informal capacity. In addition applicants must meet the University's requirements for mature students.

Location of Workshops

- Year 1: Galway, Carlow and Portarlinton,
(other venues may be considered).
Year 2: Galway, Portarlinton.
Year 3: Galway.
Year 4: Galway.

All centres are dependent on adequate numbers of students registering.

Fees

- E.U. Students: €2,740*
Non-E.U. Students: €3,240*

Applicants must submit a non-refundable administration fee of €30 with their application. E.U. students can pay fees in one instalment in September 2011 or over two instalments - the first in September 2011 and the second in January 2012. Non- E.U. fees must be paid in full prior to registration.

* Subject to ratification.

Past Graduates of Social Care Programmes from NUI Galway

Past graduates of the Diploma in Social Care are credited with 60 (ECTS) credits; 30 for the Certificate and 30 for the Diploma. It is necessary for past Diploma graduates who wish to progress onto the BA in Social Care to undertake an additional year in the degree cycle. On successful completion of this additional year, students will be eligible to progress to years 3 and 4 of the BA.

Additional Year Content

- Introduction to Social Research Skills
- Introduction to Information Technology for Social Care Practice
- Introduction to the Legal and Ethical Context of Social Care
- Independent Research Project 1

Application Procedure

Online application at -

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/adultedapply.html>

Select 'Social Care – Certificate/Diploma/BA' and follow the online instructions.

Closing date for applications is 5pm, 15th July 2011



Further Information:

www.nuigalway.ie/hpr

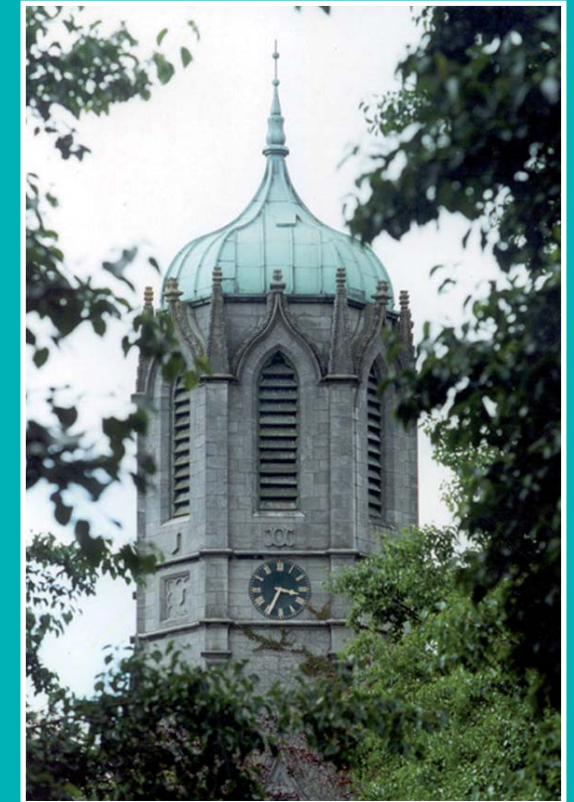
<http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/adult-and-continuing-education-courses/social-care.html>

If English is not your first Language:
English Language Tests:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/international/english.html>

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Social Care Programmes
BA in Social Care
Certificate / Diploma in Social Care

2011/2012

Health Promotion

The Discipline of Health Promotion at the National University of Ireland, Galway is the only one of its kind in Ireland. Its mission is to promote health and well-being and to reduce inequities in health. This is carried out by undertaking primary research and by providing training and education courses. Social Care Programmes have been available since 1993 and are now offered to degree level.



Bachelor of Arts (Social Care)

The BA (Social Care) is a 4 year part-time degree programme delivered through blended learning. The course aim is to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of social care. It also provides the teaching of theoretical concepts applied to social care practice. It has been designed to meet the needs of adult learners returning to education and to enable those working in the social care field to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills.

Intended For

These Social Care Programmes are intended for those working in the social care field in a formal or informal capacity, in either residential or community settings and with various client groups such as older people and people with disability.

Programme Structure

This programme is provided on a modular basis over four years through a blended learning programme combining open learning through distance education, workshops, seminars and workplacements. Each module will carry a number of European Credit Transfers (ECTS) with students undertaking 45 credits per year.

Students will receive interactive materials for home study and attend workshops for each module. These are scheduled throughout the academic year, from September to May. A workplacement is part of the programme in years 1, 2 and 3. In the 1st and 2nd year of the programme, students will also be required to attend one weekend seminar in NUI Galway.

Programme Content

Year 1: Certificate in Social Care

- Redefining Health and Well Being
- Personal Care
- Health Services and Policy Context
- Workplacement 1
- Introduction to Information Technology
- Introduction to the Legal and Ethical Context of Social Care

The opportunity exists for students to exit the Social Care Programme at the end of year one, having successfully completed the course requirements and be awarded a Certificate in Social Care. Entry to the 2nd year is open to those who have successfully completed the 1st year and obtained a mark of, or in excess of, 60%.

Year 2: Diploma in Arts (Social Care)

- Skills in Practice for Social Care
- Psychology for Social Care Workers
- Sociology for Social Care Workers
- Workplacement 2
- Introduction to Social Research Skills
- Independent Research Project 1

Students who successfully complete year two can exit and be awarded a Diploma in Arts (Social Care), or have the option to continue to year 3.

Year 3: Bachelor of Arts (Social Care)

- Health and Social Care Services
- Equality and Diversity
- Social Care Theory and Practice 1
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- Workplacement 3

Those who successfully pass year 3 can continue to the final year of the BA.

Year 4: Bachelor of Arts (Social Care)

- Social Care Theory and Practice 2
- Promoting Health in Social Care
- Working with Older People*
- Working with People with Disabilities*
- Working with Children/Young People*
- Research Project

*Optional Modules - students must choose one.

Assessment

Assessment of course modules, seminars and workplacements will be based on written assignments, practical work, presentations and examinations, or any combination of these.

Award

Exit year 1: Certificate in Social Care

Exit year 2: Diploma in Arts (Social Care)

Completion year 4: BA in Social Care

"As a very mature student I have found that this course has pushed my boat out to a place that was challenging to get to, but brilliant to arrive at".

Martin Mannion, student.