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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to NUI Galway’s Adult Learning & Professional Development programmes. In this prospectus, you will find all the advice and information you need on studying at NUI Galway. We offer an extensive range of part-time, flexible programmes in a range of subject areas, including Access and Foundation courses, and Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters awards. All our tutors are experienced educators who have a particular interest in working with adult learners. We also provide a range of specialist support services, which will assist you in your progress through your chosen programme.

So, whether you want to enhance your career prospects or simply study for your own enjoyment and pleasure, 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, consider which path you might like to take, consider which option suits you.

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

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

WIDE RANGE OF PART-TIME STUDY OPTIONS

In areas such as Archaeology, Business Studies, Information Technology, Social Care, Languages, Science and Technology Studies and Early Childhood Studies.

FLEXIBLE MODES OF DELIVERY

We offer classroom-based programmes, online programmes and modular study options so that you can study at your own pace and fit your study programme around your work and personal life.

EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

Our lecturers and tutors have a particular interest in working with adult learners and have an in-depth knowledge of their subject area, with insights into the latest research and development findings.

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.

EXCELLENT CAREER PROSPECTS

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability. Our adult learning programmes provide a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

NUI Galway is ranked third of the Irish universities in The Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

FIVE-STAR QS RATING

The University is one of only two Irish universities to receive the prestigious five-star rating for excellence from QS.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

Our research is global in scale, with internationally-recognised expertise developed in selected priority areas.

A RICH ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

The library provides rich resources for undergraduate and postgraduate study and research, housing many special collections.

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability.
WHAT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER AS A PART-TIME STUDENT

MAKING THE RIGHT COURSE CHOICE

Deciding to enrol on a Certificate, Diploma or Degree programme is an important step in your life. It will require immense time commitment on your part and there is also a financial commitment, 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 programme coordinator listed if you require further course details, or perhaps set up an appointment to meet them if you wish to discuss the programme in person;
- Attend any of the information evenings provided by the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development. Information sessions for entry in September of each academic year usually take place from April to June of that year;
- Check programme entry requirements - while there are no formal educational entry requirements for many of our courses, certain programmes 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 programme varies, you are advised to contact the coordinator 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.

SETTING ASIDE TIME FOR 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 programme, 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 programme depends on the individual student.

You complete each module at your own pace. You must also allow time to complete assignments. Most blended learning programmes 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 programmes.
ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS

Assessment is required for all programmes 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 programmes that do not lead to an award, for example, the short, non-accredited courses, do not involve any assessment.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

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

If you feel that you have covered some of the course material previously, the RPL process may allow you to gain admission to a programme of study, or to gain exemptions from some parts of a programme, based on demonstrated learning achieved prior to admission. This means that you will have a lighter course load for some elements of the programme 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 programme taken at another institution or training organisation, this prior learning may be recognised and may entitle you to exemptions from some parts of a programme.

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

For further information, please contact the programme coordinator or go to the following webpage: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

An International Language Testing System (ILTS)/TOEFL certificate is required for students whose first language is not English. ILTS/TOEFL is not required for the language diplomas listed in this prospectus.
GENERAL INFORMATION

MODE OF STUDY

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

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

Blended learning programmes
Certain programmes 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, assignments and formal examinations. When you enrol on a blended learning programme, you receive a set of self-instructional learning materials to use at your own pace. This material is also available online using our designated learning portals.

Blended learning programmes 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 programme, 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 programme coordinator will provide you with training and support when you begin the programme.

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

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT (CPD)

There are a number of opportunities to take standalone modules from our suite of programmes as a self-contained learning unit. Each module has a specific number of credits attached to it and you may consider this option for upskilling and developing your continuing professional development portfolio. You may also build accumulated modules towards an overall award at a later stage. Courses which offer standalone modules are highlighted with a special icon (below) for easy recognition.

For more information, see the course description of the subject area of interest to you.
STUDENT SUPPORT

As a student registering for one of our programmes, 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, reading skills and memory technique workshops are offered to students on our Diploma and Degree programmes. These are provided outside of regular class hours and will assist you in preparing course assignments and doing end-of-semester examinations. These workshops are optional, but you are encouraged to attend as many as possible, particularly during your first year’s study programme. If you register for a part-time programme, you will automatically gain access to a free online study skills course entitled Skills4Study. Students who attend our workshops and avail of the online course regularly comment on how useful these materials are, particularly in providing valuable study tips and techniques.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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The workshops were lively and interesting and the dynamic between students was a fantastic way to enhance my learning.
The Diploma in Software Engineering provided me with a solid understanding of software engineering as a whole and its many technologies. The self-paced, online learning really suited my situation, and round the clock interaction with people from all over the world is very useful. Taking this course gave me a lot more confidence to apply for a higher role. It has certainly opened new doors for me as I am now in the process of moving to a more senior position in my company.

EOIN JORDAN

Programme materials from the Diploma in Innovation Management were instantly transferable to my day to day activities and shall remain an excellent source of reference in the future. I got a great insight into current practices outside my own company/industry which was an invaluable benchmarking tool. Having been away from formal education for almost twenty years, I was nervous about returning, but being motivated was the key for me.

EAMON DOYLE

At first it was difficult to settle into my new life as a student, but I had great family support to continue with my studies, attend lectures, and work out a healthy balance between home and academic life.

MARTÍN UÍ THUARISC
I am a 1st year mature student at NUI Galway, taking Science as my degree. This a huge change in my life – I have just turned 30, I am married with other responsibilities, and English is not my first language, which in itself is a challenge. I enrolled in the Diploma in Foundation Studies – Science, Engineering and Technology and passed with fantastic results. I met fellow mature students there and we were given motivational talks and academic skills to take with us on our new adventure. All in all it’s like a dream come true for me and I know this seems like a very cliché thing to say but: “If you want it badly enough you will make it happen”.

PAULA ARKINS
Having spent many years as dental nurse and receptionist I needed a course to strengthen my knowledge base. The Specialist Certificate in Oral Health Promotion provided me with the platform to further my career. The part-time nature of the course was attractive and I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of self-directed learning. Workshops, debates and essays provided variety and excellent support was just an e-mail away.

DEIRDRE COLLINS

The BA in Training & Education certainly had a positive impact on my career. I found that this programme was exactly what I needed to help me fully fulfill my role as Games Manager with Leinster G.A.A. The theory of training was of the highest quality and has revolutionised my training methods. The training on the programme was so effective that I have changed my approach completely and now deliver in a more professional manner. The resource material supplied and the workshops delivered were of the highest quality. They are still a reference point for me and I use them continually in my work.

GERARD O’CONNOR
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Anyone with an interest in the past
• Primary school teachers
• Secondary school teachers
• Heritage employees
• Those employed in the tourism industry
• Local government employees

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

• Students who are interested in English literature (graduates or non-graduates)
• Those who wish to build towards degree level studies

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The Diploma in English Literature introduces students to the fundamentals of literary analysis. It provides an insight into the use of genre and style in literature and the diverse critical perspectives that may be applied to the ways in which literature functions in society.

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

Assessment
All modules of the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays and written assignments during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

The analytical and writing skills developed through the Diploma programme assist students in a variety of fields, such as journalism, technical writing and public relations, where writing is a key feature of the work. Equally, the research and writing skills developed through the programme are transferable to other sectors, such as banking, tourism, retail, education, libraries and social services, among others. Students of the course may also progress to the part-time BA programme, taking English as a specialism.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum) EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: Check with the programme coordinator

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Arts and Social Sciences
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

• Those interested in history and historical developments over a number of centuries, from the perspective of different countries
• Those working within heritage centres and the tourism industry, who may require a knowledge of history and cultural issues in their working lives
• Teachers, primary and secondary, who wish to refresh their knowledge of history for classroom teaching

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The Diploma in History seeks to analyse and explain the development of human society over time.

Content
The History modules are very broad, covering a range of chronological periods, the historical experience of different countries, major themes in human society and the processes of cultural change. The Diploma aims to introduce students to the nature of historical knowledge, the key role of history in shaping social and political attitudes, the significance of history in building our perceptions of ourselves and others, major historiographical controversies and debates, and recent advances and changes in the study of history.

Assessment
All modules on the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

The Diploma in History will be of benefit to those who are working in an area of heritage and tourism or for those requiring a knowledge of history and cultural issues for their workplace. The programme content and analytical skills developed provide a good preparation for a career as an archivist, librarian, or historian. Students of the programme may also progress to the part-time B.A. programme taking History as a specialism.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees:
EU: €970
Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: Check with the programme coordinator

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Those interested in subjects such as English, History, Sociology and Politics, and other subjects related to the humanities and social sciences
- Those who require a general academic qualification for either career or personal development purposes

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
This programme aims to provide you with an opportunity to pursue a number of subject areas to degree level according to your personal and educational interests.

Content
In the current cycle of the programme, English, History, French, and Sociological & Political Studies are on offer, providing students with a thorough knowledge of the subject areas and an opportunity to explore their particular themes and concepts from a variety of perspectives. During each cycle of the BA programme other subject areas are offered. Students are advised to contact the programme coordinator regarding alternative subjects. In undertaking this degree programme, you will have an opportunity to develop your analytical and problem-solving skills which are appropriate for decision-making roles and for personal or professional competencies.

Assessment
All modules in the degree programme are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Graduates of the BA programme are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of sectors, including government, healthcare and information technology organisations, and business services. Graduates of the programme will develop critical thinking skills and become competent in the practical skills of oral presentation, writing and analytical reading, which are essential skills for today’s workforce.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)

NFQ Level: 7 (Diploma), 8 (Degree)

Duration: Part-time, 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)

Mode of study: A combination of classroom-based and blended learning,

Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,055
Non-EU: €3,555

Start date: Check with the programme coordinator

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

• Anyone interested in Irish food
• Those who have completed cookery courses and want contextual information
• Those starting food-related businesses
• Those interested in food tourism
• Anyone interested in food writing
• Food industry employees seeking to improve their product presentation

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
This Diploma is designed to introduce participants to diverse aspects of Irish Food Studies and, for the first time, combine the practical with the academic.

Content
This programme will explore diverse aspects of Irish food, starting with an exploration of what food meant to our ancestors. It will trace the evolution and development of Irish food and Irish food systems from prehistory right up to the 1970s, examining the history of what we consider to be signature Irish products, methods, ingredients and dishes. The diploma will also study the role of food in the work of great Irish writers like Joyce and McGahern. At a more practical level, participants will learn about relevant image design, popular food writing and presenting food in food tourism. Issues relating to the contemporary production of Irish food and related materials, regulations, finance, marketing and promotion will all be discussed. Successful Irish food practitioners and leaders in Irish food tourism and Irish food production will share their experiences with students. The course will be taught by experts in the field, including Regina Sexton, Aoife Carrigy and Peter Ward. Teaching will comprise illustrated lectures, in-class interviews with current successful practitioners in the field, in-class demonstrations and some practical hands-on experimentation.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessments take the form of essays and projects during the semester and end-of-semester written examinations.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
The information and skills introduced by this programme will contribute to careers in areas such as food tourism, food writing, food production, brand development and marketing.

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DIPLOMA IN IRISH MUSIC STUDIES

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This programme is of particular interest to anyone with an interest in Irish traditional music, song and dance and its place within modern Irish culture.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
Participants will gain an understanding of the ways in which Irish performers have been actively involved in imagining and re-imagining Ireland from the eighteenth century through to the present.

Content
Irish traditional music, song and dance are an integral part of Irish cultural life and identity. This programme provides an interdisciplinary introduction to the ways in which traditional Irish music, song and dance have contributed to the creation of identity amongst Irish communities on the island of Ireland and beyond. A practical workshop element in sean-nós singing and dancing, along with insights from literature, television and film, enhance the learning experience.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma programme are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or practical presentations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
The knowledge and skills acquired in this programme are relevant to a broad range of career options, including education, journalism and communications, arts and heritage, publishing and the public service.

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www.nuigalway.ie/centre_irish_studies
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Anyone interested in Ireland’s past and culture
- Primary school teachers
- Secondary school teachers
- Heritage employees
- Those employed in the tourism industry

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

The information and skills introduced by this programme might contribute to careers in a wide variety of areas, such as in the heritage, tourism and education sectors.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Online (100%)
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970
Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Those who are involved in a helping or advice role
- Volunteer workers who would like to develop their interaction skills
- People who wish to gain a foundation in counselling psychology prior to undertaking an undergraduate programme
- Those who are interested in pursuing knowledge of how humans develop, etc.
- Teachers and others working in the caring industries who wish to further their knowledge of interaction skills and understanding of human interactions, etc.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be required to submit a statement with their application addressing the following items:

- Involvement in voluntary/community work
- Personal reasons for doing the programme
- How the applicant considers the programme will benefit their work/community

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

This aim of this programme is to develop essential skills in counselling psychology, along with building blocks of knowledge in the field.

Content

The course includes six modules: Each module is of eight weeks duration, involving three hours of class work a week. Modules include subjects such as counselling skills and human development, and theories and practices in the counselling psychology field.

Assessment

You will be assessed on each module either by assignments, which may include written assignments, skills training sessions, presentations, group work, etc., or by an examination. On successful completion of Year 1, you will be eligible for the award of certificate or may progress to the diploma cycle of the course. On successful completion of Year 2, you will be awarded a Diploma in Psychology of Counselling.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

On successful completion of Year 2, you may go on to take an undergraduate programme in counselling psychology, psychology or counselling. Participants who already have a third level qualification may be entitled to undertake a Masters in Counselling programme.

PROGRAMME FACTS

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

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CERTIFICATE IN SCREENWRITING

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
The certificate programme is open to people with an interest in film and screenwriting who wish to explore their ideas and writing skills.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates are required to submit a sample of written work in English (around 500 words) describing an idea for a film. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
The Certificate in Screenwriting should primarily facilitate and enable the expression of talent and ideas in screenplay form. Graduates may also find opportunities in the areas of film development, script editing and arts policy. Students have also progressed from the Certificate to the MA in Screenwriting at NUI Galway.

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

Courses are offered in the following subject areas: English Literature, Archaeology, Creative Writing, Russian Literature, Astronomy, Philosophy, European Cinema, Genealogy and History among others.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Those working in the social care field with a aim to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills
• Adult students returning to education

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must have:
• A minimum of one year’s experience in care work, which has been gained in either a formal or informal capacity
• Good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required.

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Graduates of the programme are employed by statutory, private and voluntary bodies and work with a variety of groups, including young children, young people, older people and individuals with disabilities. In addition, graduates have gone on to pursue study on both taught and research postgraduate programmes.

PROGRAMME FACTS
- **ECTS:** 45 (Certificate), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)
- **NFQ Level:** 7 (Certificate/Diploma), 8 (Degree)
- **Duration:** Part-time, 1 year (Certificate), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)
- **Mode of study:** Blended learning, including workshops, seminars, workplacements, online and home study.
- **Fees:**
  - EU: €2,740
  - Non-EU: €3,240
- **Start date:** September

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This programme is designed for individuals who have been out of the formal education system for some time and now wish to begin third level studies in the areas of business, law or the arts.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

Content
Subjects include Economics, Accountancy, Maths, Applied Writing, Study Skills, IT and Educational Guidance.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Upon completion of the programme, students are encouraged to apply for degrees in business, law or the arts in NUI Galway or Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. A degree in business can lead to a wide variety of careers, including accounting, public service, human resource management and marketing.

PROGRAMME FACTS

| ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 6 |
| Duration: 26 weeks | Tuesday, 7pm to 10pm | Thursday, 7pm to 10pm | One Saturday per month, 10am to 5pm |
| Mode of study: Part-time, classroom-based |
| Fees: €380, €60 if in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection |
| Start date: September |

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www.nuigalway.ie/mature
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This is a conversion diploma aimed at reskilling graduates.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must hold an NQAI Level 8 qualification (minimum) or equivalent.

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
Organisations require people who are equipped with a particular set of analytical skills and who also understand business and technology. The Diploma in Business Analytics will provide its students with these skills.

Content
This programme places a great emphasis on applied learning. In addition to lectures, participants will attend workshops, where they will be trained in using specialised software required in the role of a business analyst. Participants will acquire technical skills in business intelligence software (SAP and advanced MS Excel), statistical analysis software (R), programming (Java) and database management. Through assignments and additional workshops, participants will gain experience in teamwork, leadership, and effective business communication.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Industry requires graduates with skills which enable them to undertake business analytics and business consultancy roles. On completing this programme, students will be capable of entering the workforce in these positions.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 Year
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,950
Non-EU: €4,450
Start date: September

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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE/ DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This is an ideal programme for mature students who wish to:
• Gain a range of transferable skills and competencies necessary for careers in business, the public sector and elsewhere
• Learn skills in critical thinking, communication, analysis, teamwork, networking, problem solving and decision-making, management capacity, and information competency

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The Diploma programme
Applicants should have a minimum of pass mathematics at Leaving Certificate level or equivalent. All students who have passed the Diploma in Foundation Studies (Business) are eligible for admission. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim and content
This programme will help students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to new business methods and contexts throughout their working life. It will help with the acquisition of contemporary knowledge and specialisation in business practice through the disciplines of accounting and finance, marketing, business information systems, economics and management. The programme is delivered by blended learning to allow mature students with work and/or family commitments to study at times that suit their needs.

Assessment
Students are required to attend eight weekend workshops each academic year (on Fridays and Saturdays) and participate in online discussions and activities throughout the year. All modules are individually assessed. Typically this assessment consists of assignments and end-of-year/end-of-semester examinations.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Graduates gain a sound knowledge in the fundamentals of business and management, and will have the opportunity to receive a more comprehensive grounding in specialist areas, such as services marketing, human resource management and e-commerce.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)
NFQ Level: 7 (Diploma), 8 (Degree)
A Certificate in Business is offered to students who successfully complete all elements of Year 1, but do not progress to the Year 2 Diploma programme.
Duration: Diploma, 2 years part-time; Degree, 4 years part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: Diploma €3,055; Degree €3,055 Non-EU: Diploma €3,555; Degree €3,555
Start date: Check with programme coordinator for start dates

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

The programme is designed as a specialist course, which assists students in blending their existing talents with the technological skills and business knowledge needed to design, develop, use and manage information systems in modern organisations.

The programme may provide an opportunity for students to progress to further qualifications at Masters level.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This programme is open to applicants from all backgrounds who hold an NQAI level 8 qualification (minimum) or equivalent. Consideration may be given to applications for candidates with a level 7 qualification and relevant professional experience.

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The Diploma in E-Business Analysis serves distinct needs pertaining to the use, management and development of information systems within organisations. It is anticipated that students will bring to the programme a variety of skills from different backgrounds. The programme will be delivered via a mixture of scheduled classes and online learning which enables participants to pursue employment commitments.

Content
The syllabus for the Diploma in E-Business Analysis is flexible and permits students to choose modules in accordance with their own previous background, aptitudes, and career aspirations. The timetable is designed so that part-time students need only attend for one day each week, when all of their classes take place. This is to accommodate students in full-time employment.

Assessment
Courses are assessed through a combination of continuous assessment and written examinations, with the typical balance being 30-40% for continuous assessment and 60-70% for final examination. The mode of assessment may vary from year to year at the discretion of the course instructor.

DIPLOMA IN E-BUSINESS ANALYSIS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 Year

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees:
EU: €3,950
Non-EU: €4,450

Start date: September

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Graduates of the Diploma in e-Business Analysis are eligible to apply for postgraduate study at Masters level and may be eligible to claim exemptions on the basis of modules completed on the Diploma. A number of past graduates have proceeded to take professional examinations (e.g. MySQL, SAP, Cisco, Microsoft) or taken up internship positions.

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake assignments and work-based projects relating to practical aspects of employee assistance and support. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The aim of the programme is to enable participants develop and enhance understanding, knowledge and skills relevant to employee assistance and social support work practice and policy in Ireland.

Content
The Certificate programme focuses on building basic knowledge and skills for the practice of employee assistance, while the Diploma programme in Year 2 further expands these core competencies. 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. Participants will develop the competence to use a range of interpersonal skills to respond to the needs of their clients within the workplace. During the Diploma year participants will also consider topics such as substance misuse, depression, common mental disorders, psychological trauma, bullying and harassment.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 45 (Certificate), 90 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: Part-time: 1 year (Certificate), 2 years (Diploma)
Mode of study: Blended learning. The programme may be offered in a number of locations throughout the country.
Fees: EU: €2,900
Non-EU: €3,400
Start date: September

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Business/Management 31
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Those responsible for managing innovation within their organisations
• Operations and production managers
• Product design and development engineers
• Research and development managers
• Potential entrepreneurs

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

On successful completion of the Diploma in Innovation Management, students may apply for entry to the Masters in Technology Management with credit for related modules.

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management aims to produce the next generation of innovators. This course will address the effective management of new product and service innovation strategies, and will identify appropriate business process improvements to facilitate the introduction of such change.

Content
Students of the Diploma in Innovation Management will learn about innovation and change and how it affects business operations. They will gain knowledge of new process technologies that contribute to improving operational efficiency and competitiveness in their organisations. The programme will also address how to manage new product innovation strategies, process technologies effectively and identify appropriate change management strategies to make sustainable improvements.

The programme is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) alternating between the different universities.

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group orientated. The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Innovation skills are currently much in demand and graduates of the course are working in areas such as research and development, and production and operations management, as well as in a broad range of industry and service sectors.

PROGRAMME FACTS

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

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Business/Management
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

This is an ideal programme for students who wish to:
• Gain a critical understanding of a number of business functions in international markets;
• Develop analytical skills in relation to international finance and the essential technical skills used in applied financial analysis;
• Develop an understanding of the influence of international markets on business and management in today’s global economy;
• Develop basic language skills in a chosen area of interest;
• Improve their employability opportunities by re-skilling in the area of international business with a language.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Diploma programme is open to diploma and degree holders of all disciplines from a University or other recognised third level educational institution. Applicants should hold an NQAI level 7 qualification (minimum), or equivalent.

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
This programme’s primary objective is to equip students with readily transferable skills that will increase their employability within the international financial services industry.

Content
The programme provides students with comprehensive knowledge and skills in a range of multidisciplinary business subjects. Students will gain expertise in the principles and practices of marketing, management, financial markets and economics in preparation for a career in international business. Students will gain language skills in a choice of European languages, Chinese or Russian. Through participating in the programme, students will develop the skills to become business leaders in national and international markets.

Assessment
Modules are assessed through a combination of written assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

The Diploma in International Business and Financial Markets is aimed at students who wish to develop their careers in today’s global business environment. Students will be equipped to take up management, organisational development and team leader roles in a range of organisations and work in areas such as administration, accounts, ICT, research and development, operations, etc. Graduates will be employable in Irish companies wishing to trade internationally and in multinational organisations based in Ireland and abroad.

The programme may provide an opportunity for students to progress to further business qualifications at Masters level.

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALISATION

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
- Those responsible for supporting technology commercialisation within their organisations
- Business development managers
- Patent portfolio managers
- Research and development managers
- Product design and development engineers
- Potential entrepreneurs

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

On successful completion of the Diploma in Technology Commercialisation, students may apply for entry to the Masters in Technology Management with credit for related modules.

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
The Diploma in Technology Commercialisation seeks to improve Ireland’s expertise in Technology Commercialisation and to up-skill the next generation of entrepreneurs focused on new and emerging technologies. This programme is designed to assist managers, scientists and engineers who support technology commercialisation activities to realise the potential of innovation and gain a greater understanding of the commercialisation process.

Content
The programme will develop students’ understanding of venture capital financing, business management, marketing and technology development. Students will participate in project activities that will assist their understanding of the commercialisation options available to an identified venture. In addition, this programme will provide invaluable networking opportunities with individuals, companies and agencies involved in technology commercialisation.

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group orientated. The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Graduates of this programme work in both private and public sector organisations in the area of research and development of new technologies, with a specific focus on commercialisation and marketing activities. The programme is also suitable for students who have a business idea and wish to avail of an opportunity to further explore its potential through a structured programme providing theoretical knowledge and practical opportunities to test their business idea.

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

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MASTERS OF SCIENCE
IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Those responsible for managing technologies within their organisations
• Managers in technology-rich environments
• Technical specialists
• Lead developers
• Engineers

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should hold a primary honours degree (minimum H2.2) or equivalent and have at least five years of industrial experience.

Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management or the Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation. On successful completion of either of these programmes, students may apply for entry to the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
The MSc in Technology Management will assist managers or aspiring managers to develop their knowledge and understanding of the increasingly important area of technology management, while building their management and leadership capabilities for new or current roles.

The course aims to develop students' knowledge of product innovation, technology transfer and R&D processes, enabling students and companies to gain competitive advantage through their technologies.

Content
The Masters runs over four semesters on a part-time basis and includes ten taught modules and one year-long research module (thesis) in Year 2 of the programme. The modules include Managing Innovation, Managing Technology Projects, Information Systems and Software Management, Marketing Technology Products, Strategy and Management of Technology, and Six Sigma.

The programme is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) alternating between the different universities.

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group orientated. The thesis module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment, including presentations, and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
A wide range of career opportunities are available to graduates of the course in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, information systems and management consultancy. The course is suited to a variety of industry sectors, including services, medical devices, high-end manufacturing and healthcare, and would benefit those working in the public sector.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 90 | NFQ Level: 9
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
  EU: €7,900
  Non-EU: €8,400
Start date: September

HOW CAN I APPLY?
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Adult learners returning to education
- Those working in a professional and/or voluntary capacity in family and community work practice or policy areas seeking access to relevant third level education through a flexible mode of delivery

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should have good reading and writing skills as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

This programme was developed in response to the continuing education needs of people working in community/voluntary and state sectors and actively supporting community and family life in a rapidly changing society.

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

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

HOW CAN I APPLY?

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CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• Candidates should have experience of working in a community or voluntary organisation
• Candidates should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
There are many career opportunities open to you as a graduate of the Certificate in Community Development Practice programme as it offers a solid practical and theoretical understanding of the community development sector. Some graduates have gone onto further studies, such as the BA in Community and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of community development.

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

• Adult learners returning to education
• Those working in a professional and/or voluntary capacity in the field of community development/community work who are looking for a third level qualification

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• Candidates should have experience of working in a community or voluntary organisation
• Candidates should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The programme’s aim is to enable community activists to gain a thorough understanding of community development and the practical skills necessary to work effectively in development work.

Content
The programme provides you with an opportunity to explore community development in detail and to learn from the experiences of development initiatives elsewhere. The Diploma combines course modules, seminars, project work and field trips, providing a comprehensive educational experience.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
There are many career opportunities open to graduates of the Diploma in Community Development Practice programme as it offers a solid practical and theoretical understanding of the community development sector. Some graduates have gone on to further studies, such as the BA in Community and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of community development.

PROGRAMME FACTS

| ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7
| Duration: 1 year, part-time | Mode of study: Classroom-based |
| Fees: (per annum) | EU: €600 | Non-EU: €1,100 |
| Start date: September/October |

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

• Mature learners seeking a third level qualification with an interest in rural affairs and community development
• Rural enterprise managers and entrepreneurs
• Enterprise support and local authority staff
• Rural and community development activists seeking continued professional development opportunities

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a minimum of two years’ experience in rural development or related activities in either a voluntary or professional capacity. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

The programme provides students with a broad introduction to all aspects of rural development, reflecting a creative approach to changing social, economic and environmental issues affecting rural communities.

Content

Students will deepen their understanding of the issues that have, and will continue to shape, modern Irish rural life in the areas of economy, society and environment. The programme introduces students to a broad range of theory and practice in the field of rural development and trains them in the planning and management of rural development activities, such as community/area analysis and project management. It critically appraises them of the multiplicity of local, national and EU policy strategies and approaches to rural development issues, and provides them with the knowledge and skills required to successfully establish and manage rural farm/non-farm based private, community, co-operative and social enterprises.

Assessment

Students in full-time study will attend monthly weekend workshops at each of the three participating universities between September and April, engage with the online learning system (Blackboard), and carry out an assignment each month. During the degree phase, students are examined in addition by written in-class tests at the end of each semester.

Note: Students who complete 30 ECTS may exit with a Certificate in Rural Development, and those who complete 60 ECTS may exit with a Diploma in Rural Development.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Career opportunities occur in rural development organisations and local authorities, as well as in rural enterprise and through working as an entrepreneur. Students have the opportunity to use their skills in providing rural adult education as well as continuing on in specialised Master’s programmes across the participating universities, such as in community development or food business.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 180  |  NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 3 years, full-time; 4 years, partial part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
  EU: €3,352 full-time, €1,676 part-time
  Non-EU: Please contact programme coordinator
Start date: September

HOW CAN I APPLY?

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CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

This part-time certificate programme provides a high-quality youth work programme, enabling people working within the youth work sectors, whether private, voluntary or statutory, to gain additional skills and knowledge in response to the changing youth work context.

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 15 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees:
- EU: €300 (per annum)
- Non-EU: €800
Start date: September

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HEALTH PROMOTION
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH PROMOTION
(APPROACHES TO CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH AND DIABETES PREVENTION)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
- Nurses
- Public health nurses
- Pharmacists
- Medical doctors
- Dieticians / Nutrition Scientists
- Physiotherapists / Exercise Specialists
- Others who work in the area of health promotion in the prevention of cardiovascular disease and diabetes

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
For this programme, a primary degree at any level is normally required. The Programme Board evaluates each applicant’s academic record and relevant professional experience and assesses the level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted as part of the online application.

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
The programme provides students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion as applied to cardiovascular health and diabetes prevention.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Students with the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion programme offered by NUI Galway can carry forward 15 ECTS.

PROGRAMME FACTS
| ECTS: 30  | NFQ Level: 9 |
| Duration: 1 year, part-time |
| Mode of study: Blended (combination of distance and classroom-based learning) |
| Fees: (per annum) | EU: €1,750  | Non-EU: €2,250 |
| Start date: October |

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CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH PROMOTION
(ORAL HEALTH)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Dentists
• Dental Nurses
• Dental Hygienists
• Others in a position to promote oral health e.g. Public Health Nurses, Dieticians, Nurses, Special Needs Assistants

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants for this specialist certificate programme should have a primary dental health or other relevant qualification. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Students with the Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work, or achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion.

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PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 15 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: €1,250 Non-EU: €1,750
Start date: October
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

The software industry includes businesses involved in the development, maintenance and publication of computer software, as well as software services such as training, documentation and consulting.

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Online learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €4,250
Non-EU: €8,350
Start date: August

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This programme is ideal for students who wish to update their ICT development skills and engage with a software development and database technologies curriculum in a flexible online environment. The programme particularly suits those working in the area who would like to gain a recognised Masters qualification.

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

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
For the IT specialist, the MScSED programme provides a valuable means of studying important, contemporary aspects of the IT industry which may be outside their current working environment.

Content
Students will complete ten, eight-week modules over the course of two academic years. There are two programme streams which students study: Software Engineering (focusing on fundamentals of programming, software engineering and advanced topics in software systems and development) and Database Technologies (focusing on database administration, architectures and applications, using Oracle). Students study a set number of core modules, then choose from a wide range of electives in these two streams.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Information Technology in general is one of the success stories in the modern Irish economy, particularly the field of software/database design and development. This course will enable you to participate in this vibrant, international industry. Since IT is crucial in every sector, many of our graduates have also used the course for career advancement and progression within their current employment field.

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LANGUAGES
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

- **ECTS:** 30
- **NFQ Level:** 7
- **Duration:** 2 years, part-time
- **Mode of study:** Classroom-based
- **Fees:**
  - **EU:** €970
  - **Non-EU:** €1,470
- **Start date:** September
- **Start date:** Available at NUI Galway and Ennis, Co. Clare.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

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CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRTHET?

• Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Beidh an cúrsa seo oiriúnach do dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán ard Gaeilge acu cheana féin sa scríobh agus sa labhairt agus sa labhairt agus a dtéastaíonn uathu barr feabhas a chur ar a gcuid scileanna teanga.
• Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Tá an cúrsa seo oiriúnach d’fhoghlaimeoirí a bhfuil gráid D nó níos airde sa Ghaeilge bainte amach acu ag leibhéal na hArDteistiméireachta nó a bhfuil cumas ag leibhéal B1 de réir an Chomhchreata Eorpaigh acu sa Ghaeilge.

RIACTHANAIS IONTRÁLA

• Leibhéal C1: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil leibhéal pas bainte amach acu i scrúdú ardleibhéil Ghaeilge na hArDteistiméireachta agus a bhaineann amach an caighdeán sásúil sa Triail Socrúcháin Teanga.
• Leibhéal B2: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil eolas airdiúil sa teanga cheana féin (de bharr a dtreimhsé scoláiochta, mar shampla). Caithfear Triail Socrúcháin Teanga a chomhlíonadh freisin.

PROIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhmeanne leibhéal B2:
• Saibhruí a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá ag na mic léinn cheana féin.
• Forbairt agus leathanadh a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur iniuil go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthéacsanna.
• Léargas a thabhairt ar gnáthúsaidh laethúil na Gaeilge agus ag na mic léinn a chumas chun páirt réasúnta gníomhach a ghlacadh i rgnáthchumharsáid laethúil ina saol pearsanta fágus gairmiúil.

Córas Measúnachta:
• Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn na tríú na blianta den chur sna duais neamhsúil, leatháin, príomhái agus saoránachta.
• Déanann leibhéal C1 ina bhfuil cumas idirmheánach lehainn i gceist i gcosaint na Gaeilge.

DEISEANNA FOSTÁIOCHTA I Réimse na Gaeilge

• Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Cuirfidh an Dioplóma le do dheiseanna fostáiochta i réimse leathan gairmeacha i saol na Gaeilge, ina measc: tá an mhúinteoir eireachta, an chraoltóireacht agus an iriseoireacht.

AN DIOPLÓMA SA GHAELILGE (LEIBHÉAL B2 AGUS C1)

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA

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PROIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhmeanne leibhéal C1:
• Tuiscint a chogadh as na hÉireann agus a chinntiú go mbeidh aon duais i bhfeidhm ar chomhghairmiúil.
• Cur le cumas i leith na Gaeilge agus a thabhairt a lorg i gceist i gcosaint na Gaeilge.

Aidhmeanne leibhéal B2:
• Saibhriú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá ag na mic léinn cheana féin.
• Forbairt agus leathanadh a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur iniuil go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthéacsanna.

Córas Measúnachta:
• Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn na tríú na blianta den chur sna duais neamhsúil, leatháin, príomhái agus saoránachta.
• Déanann leibhéal C1 ina bhfuil cumas idirmheánach lehainn i gceist i gcosaint na Gaeilge.

DEISEANNA FOSTÁIOCHTA I Réimse na Gaeilge

• Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Ar chríoch ar chur sna duais, beidh deiseanna fostáiochta ag mic léinn i réimse leathan gairmeacha i saol na Gaeilge.
• Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Ar chríoch ar chur sna duais, beidh deiseanna fostáiochta ag mic léinn i réimse leathan gairmeacha i saol na Gaeilge.

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30 | Leibhéal NFQ: 7
Fad: Dha bhliain, páirtaimseartha.
Modh Seachadta: Seomra Ranga
Táille Bhliantúil: €990 in aghaidh na bliana.
Mic Léinn OÉG: €200 in aghaidh na bliana.
Foireann/Alumni OÉG: €660 in aghaidh na bliana.

Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair gach bhliain.

CÉN CHAOI IARRATAS A CHUR ISTEACH?

Déan iarratas ar lín ag: www.acadamh.ie/cursai/cursai_dioplomai/dioploma_sa_ghaeilge.html

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CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

• Foghlaimeoirí lánfhásta
• Daoine nach bhfuil aon cháilíocht tríú leibhéal acu
• Daoine atá ag iarraidh cur leis na cáilíochtatáí atá acu
• Daoine atá ag iarraidh a bhéith ina múniteoirí
• Daoine atá ag iarraidh obair san Earnáil Poblaitheach

RIACHTNAIS IONTRÁLA

• Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó daoine a bhfuil aon Gaeilge ar a dtol acu. Beidh ceadadh leis an Ghaeilge riachtanach. Sásaíonn sé sin gnáth-riachtanais iontrála na hOllscoile.
• Is féidir le hiarratasóirí a bhíonn os cionn 21 bliain d’aois leis an bhliain iarratais a dhéanamh mar fhoghlaimeoirí lánfhásta. Sa chás seo, ní gá go mbeadh an Ardteist riachtanach. Cuirfear iarratasóirí faoi agallamh agus bunófor an toradh ar chumas cumarsáide agus iarratasóra san agallamh sin.

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhm
Is é aidhm an chúrsa céime seo barr féabhsa a chur ar scileanna teanga na mac léinn, idir labhairt agus scriobh, agus iad a chumasaí le tabhairt faoi saol gairmiúil trí mheánaíochtaí ar fad ná gafáil an iarratasóra san agallamh.

Ábhar
Beidh an cruinneas na teanga chomh maith le litéaracht mar chroílár an chúrsa. Clúdóidh siollabais na céime: Cruinneas na Gaeilge; cürsaí litéarachta, béaloideach agus staire cultúrtha; gnéithe den aistriúcháin agus den ireoireacht.

Córas Measúnachta
Cathfheidhí mic léinn a bhéith páirteach i ndíospóireachtaí agus fóirmeachtaí ar line i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. Measúnófar na modúl uilig ar bhonn aonarach. De ghnáth bunófar na measúnaithe seo ar imeachtaí i rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scriofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA I RÉIMSE NA GAEILGE

Téann céimteacht le Gaeilge go obair i réimse leathan post, ina measc:
• Müinteoireacht
• An earnáil phoiblí, an earnáil ghnó
• An Státseirbhís, An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
• Riaracháin aithiúl
• Na meáin chumarsáide – TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta

SONRÁI AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 180 | Leibhéal NFQ: 8
Fad: 4 bliain ar bhonn páirtaimsearta agus/nó ar bhonn modúil
Modh Seachadta: Foghlaim Chumaísc
Táille Bhliantúil:  
EU: €3,055  
Non-EU: €3,555
Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair

CÉN CHAOI IARRATAS A CHUR ISTEACH?

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
Those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and wish to develop German language skills for work or personal reasons.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
This two-year Diploma course equips students with communicative German language skills and develops intercultural skills through an introduction to modern German, Austrian and Swiss culture. It is designed for students with no previous knowledge of German. Language tuition is in small groups by German native speakers.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Although your level of German will not enable you to compete with native speakers, a knowledge of the language is more useful than ever before for career opportunities involving internet trade and multinational companies based in Ireland, as well as tourism.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years
Mode of study: Interactive classroom tuition in small groups
Fees: (per annum) EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470
Start date: September

HOW CAN I APPLY?
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WHO CAN I CONTACT?
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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Level A2: This programme is for complete beginners. Therefore, there are no formal entry requirements for this programme.
- Level B1: This programme is suitable for those who have a prior knowledge of the language. Applicants must complete a language placement test.

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Assessment:

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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 programmes.

DIPLOMA IN IRISH
(LEVELS A2 AND B1)

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HOW CAN I APPLY?

Apply online at: www.acadamh.ie/cursai/cursai_dioplomai/dioploima_sa_ghaeilge.html

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www.acadamh.ie
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This is a programme that will suit you if you have:
• An interest in Italian language and culture
• No previous knowledge of the language
• A wish to learn the language for work or pleasure or out of personal interest

The Diploma is offered both online and via classroom-based learning.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
The Diploma in Italian introduces students to the basics of the Italian language and assists them in developing their language competence in relation to the common situations of everyday life.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
This programme is designed to give participants enhanced language skills for personal, travel and professional purposes. At the end of the programme, students will have additional transferable skills and the knowledge of a new language. They will also have improved communication ability in written and oral tasks, and a recognised university qualification in the Italian language.

PROGRAMME FACTS

**ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 7**

**Duration: 2 years**

**Mode of study:**
- Option 1: Classroom-based
- Option 2: Online learning

**Fees: (per annum)**
- EU: €970
- Non-EU: €1,470

**Start date:** September

HOW CAN I APPLY?
Apply online at:
www.nuigalway.ie/apply

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www.nuigalway.ie/Italian (classroom)

http://italianonlinenuig.wordpress.com (online)
DIPLOMA IN SPANISH

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and wish to gain Spanish language skills for personal or professional reasons.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

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

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

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

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HOW CAN I APPLY?
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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This course is designed for graduates who have completed a primary degree and are interested in a career in teaching English as a foreign language.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must:
• Have a primary degree
• Be proficient in the English language

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
This postgraduate certificate programme provides the initial training and the specialised knowledge and skills needed for graduates who wish to teach English as a foreign language.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Career: Opportunities arise for graduates for positions in Ireland and abroad as teachers of English as a foreign language.

Study: Successful completion of this programme enables graduates to proceed to the postgraduate Diploma in TEFL at NUIG Galway.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €1,600
Non-EU: €2,100
Start date: October

HOW CAN I APPLY?
Apply online at: www.nuigalway.ie/apply

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
Experienced qualified TEFL teachers who are interested in progressing their careers in teaching English as a foreign language.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must have:
• A primary degree
• A recognised Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
• A minimum two years’ experience of teaching English as a foreign language

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
The postgraduate programme provides experienced TEFL teachers with a range of competences to extend their knowledge and practice and to apply for more senior roles within the TEFL profession.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Career
Opportunities as TEFL teachers occur both in Ireland and internationally. Opportunities also exist to progress to senior teaching positions and director of studies positions.

PROGRAMME FACTS
| ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 9 |
| Duration: 1 year, part-time |
| Mode of study: Classroom-based |
| Fees: (per annum) EU: €1,600 Non-EU: €2,100 |
| Start date: October |

HOW CAN I APPLY?
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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Internal environmental policy consultants
• Waste minimization specialists
• Energy optimisation advisors
• Entrepreneurs interested in the green economy

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Consider the areas of the green economy in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: environmental impact assessor, environmental systems manager, green economy advisor.

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HOW CAN I APPLY?
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www.aua.ie
DIPLOMA IN FORM AND FUNCTION OF THE HUMAN BODY

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

• Develop students’ specialist knowledge of the human body, disease states and possible interventions
• Equip participants with state-of-the-art reference materials to support module topics
• Develop transferable and soft skills needed to work in the biomedical sector

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Consider the areas of the biomedical sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: diagnostics technician, product assurance, pharmaceutical production.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning (i.e. face-to-face tutorials and online support)
Fees: (per annum)
  EU: €1,900
  Non-EU: €2,400
Start date: September

HOW CAN I APPLY?

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DIPLOMA IN SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (GEMMOLOGY)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Open to everyone with an interest in gemmology
- Those practising or planning a career in jewellery and related trades
- Those who want to have a taste of what the science of gemmology has to offer

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

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HOW CAN I APPLY?

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
DIPLOMA IN SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (GEOLOGY)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
People with an interest in our natural environment and the outdoors.

It may also be professionally beneficial for geography teachers (second level), environmental scientists and engineers.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE
Aim
This programme’s aim is to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of the Earth, and hands-on practical experience of the techniques employed within the fields of geology.

Content
This programme uses lectures and practical exercises 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. There is a focus in the second year on the interaction of people with the planet we inhabit. Fieldtrips (2 x 1 day, 2 x weekend) within Ireland complement the course material.

Assessment
All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed by continuous assessment (practical exercises) and either assignments (Semester 1 modules) or written examination (Semester 2 modules).

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
A number of graduates from the programme have since gone on to study for a degree in Earth Sciences. Many students have stayed actively involved in geology through the Galway Geological Association, and doing voluntary work during the restoration of the James Mitchell Geology Museum in NUI Galway.

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

HOW CAN I APPLY?
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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
DIPLOMA IN LEAN AND QUALITY SYSTEMS

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Consider the areas of the quality systems sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: lean manager, quality assurance, systems analyst, quality control technician, validation engineer, operations manager.

Programme Facts

| ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8 |
| Duration: 1 year, part-time |
| Mode of study: Blended learning (i.e. face-to-face tutorials and online support) |
| Fees: (per annum) EU: €2,000 Non-EU: €2,500 |
| Start date: September |

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Apply online at: www.nuigalway.ie/apply

Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites.

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DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL DEVICE SCIENCE

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The four module course allows students to develop specialist knowledge of the medical devices sector and to hone relevant technical and soft skills. On completion of the course students should have:

• An holistic appreciation of the science and engineering behind various medical devices
• Specialised knowledge of human anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and of disease processes which can be improved by the use of medical devices
• Technical knowledge of the chemistry and physics of materials and an appreciation of which materials can be used to best effect in medical devices
• Technical knowledge and skills in the design, development and manufacture of medical devices
• An appreciation of best practice, industry standards, policies and regulations within the medical devices sector

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Consider what areas of the medical device sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfil those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: medical device construction, product testing, quality assurance, research and development, automation maintenance, operations control, research and development.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 1 year, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning (i.e. face-to-face tutorials and online support)
Fees:
( per annum) EU: €1,900 Non-EU: €2,400
Start date: September

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DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Those seeking career advancement in a variety of high-tech industries
• Those with a personal interest in science and technology
• Those wishing to continue to a level 8 degree in science and technology
• Those interested in continuing professional development on a modular basis

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Over 21 years of age; a pass standard in Maths at Leaving Cert level is desirable. Exemptions may be available for having completed accredited study in a relevant area. Credit may also be granted for demonstrable experiential learning.

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Consider what areas of the high tech sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 7 course will fulfill those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: product builder, machine operator, automation systems monitor, product/process technician.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 120 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: Minimum 2 years part-time, with a maximum of 6 years
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees:
EU: €380 per module
Non-EU: €380 per module plus an additional €500 per academic year.
Start date: August
DEGREE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduates of the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies can automatically progress to the degree. Other applicants over 23 with a diploma in a related area in science or engineering may be considered for direct entry to the degree cycle. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

All modules are assessed individually through assignments, written exams and, in some cases, practical laboratory sessions. Exams take place at the end of each semester.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Consider what areas of the high tech sector in which you wish to work and note the qualifications needed to further you on that career path. Confirm if this level 8 course will fulfill those requirements. Apply online and submit the required documentation. Possible career paths include: validations engineer, regulatory compliance manager, process design, validation engineer, automation process engineer, research and development, software engineer.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 240 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: Minimum of 2 years part time up to a maximum of 6 years
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum) EU: €380 per module Non-EU: €380 per module plus an additional €500 per academic year.
Start date: August

HOW CAN I APPLY?

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DIPLOMA IN FOUNDATION STUDIES
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This programme is designed for individuals who have been out of the formal education system for some time and now wish to begin third level studies in the areas of science, technology or engineering.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

Content
Subjects include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Applied Writing, Study Skills, IT and Educational Guidance.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Upon completion of the course, students are encouraged to apply for degrees in science, engineering and technology at NUI Galway or Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. A degree in science/technology/engineering may lead to employment in areas such as industry, IT, consulting, research or third level education.

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Duration: 26 weeks | Tuesday, 7pm to 10pm | Thursday, 7pm to 10pm One/two Saturdays per month, 10am to 5pm

Mode of study: Part-time, classroom-based

Fees: €380, €60 if in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection.

Start date: September

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TRAINING & EDUCATION
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Further education teachers
- Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors, supervisors, managers
- Instructional designers
- Educational consultants
- Human resource specialists
- Self-employed trainers
- Those practising or planning a career as trainers in the educational, industrial, commercial, voluntary or community sectors

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a:

- 2.2 Honours undergraduate degree
- Minimum three years’ experience in a relevant area

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The programme 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, and managing the education and training environment and the pedagogy and design of online learning. These skills will help learners develop the professional competence needed to practically respond to the rapidly changing field of education and training.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study

Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

Career

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

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[www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning)
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
- Those who wish to gain a recognised qualification in coaching and mentoring
- Human resource practitioners who have responsibility for people performance management in organisations and companies
- Managers and supervisors who wish to enhance their managerial skills
- Those who wish to establish careers as consultant or freelance coaches

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Appropriate experience in a training or educational context is desirable, but not essential. Applicants must be in a position to undertake assignments and work-based projects relating to practical aspects of coaching and mentoring. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study
Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education programme.

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.

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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION (ASSESSMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
The programme is designed for those who have responsibility for:

• Designing assessment in line with quality assurance standards
• Designing assessment of learning strategies

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of assessment of learning. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Further study: Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Diploma in Training and Education programme.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS
(EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES AND PRACTICE)

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
This programme is aimed at early-years practitioners with extensive practice experience wishing to upgrade to a graduate qualification. It is aimed at:

- Practitioners/managers in crèches, pre-schools, school-age childcare services, special education services, family support sector and child-minding settings
- Staff of county childcare committees and national voluntary childcare organisations

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must:

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

See general entry requirements (p.85)

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

Content
This four-year, part-time programme of study, with options for interim exit awards, builds on practical experience, enhancing the learner’s skills through exposure to theory, social policy, research practice and work-based experiential learning opportunities. At the end of year four, the graduate emerges as a reflective practitioner, with an in-depth understanding of the holistic needs of children and families, the importance of evidence-informed practice and the role of early years services in the broader community and policy context.

This part-time distance learning programme will be delivered on a modular basis over four years using a blended learning approach. This allows adult learners with work and family commitments to study at times that suit their needs.

Assessment
Blended learning combines traditional learning approaches with distance learning and utilises a variety of teaching methods and assessment techniques suited to the adult learner returning to education. Assessment techniques may include a range of the following:

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Upon completing this degree programme, students will be qualified to be employed in a variety of early years settings, including preschool settings, full daycare centres/creches, playgroups, after school settings and drop-in centres, as well as a range of specialised settings, such as family intervention settings. Due to the extensive range of programme topics covered, the graduate will be skilled in a wide range of issues and areas that might see them employed in early years support organisations, community outreach and development settings, family and community resource centres or, at a national level, contributing to policy or programme development.

PROGRAMME FACTS

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

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Further education tutors
• Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors
• Educational consultants
• Self-employed trainers
• Those practising or planning a career as trainers in the educational, industrial, private, voluntary or community sectors

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a training session. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim
The aim of the programme is to introduce participants to the basic knowledge and practical skills related to planning, designing, developing, delivering and evaluating training interventions.

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study
Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education programme.

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

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

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Managers and supervisors in the further education and training sector
- Managers and supervisors who have a range of administrative responsibilities

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a:

- 2.2 honours undergraduate degree
- Minimum three years’ experience in a relevant area

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study
Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

Career
Opportunities for career advancement are likely to be found in senior management and leadership positions, senior administrative roles and senior professional and technical roles.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PRACTICE-BASED PLAY THERAPY

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

The programme is particularly suitable for those wishing to add therapeutic play skills to their existing psychological therapy skills, and/or those working with children including:

- Counsellors and psychotherapists or psychologists
- Teaching staff
- Occupational Therapists
- Nurses and social workers

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants:

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

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

- To enable participants to apply the therapeutic perspective of play therapy to other types of work with a wider client group
- To provide participants with sufficient skills to obtain work as professional play therapists

Content

The programme will be delivered during an intensive summer school course of 15 days from early July each academic year. One hundred hours of clinical work with children per year must be achieved in addition to set written assignment work. This workload normally requires a minimum of one academic year to complete. Students can exit the programme at the end of Year 1 or progress to Year 2, the Diploma phase, once Year 1 has been successfully completed.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 30 (Certificate), 60 (Diploma)
NFQ Level: 9
Duration: Part-time, 1 year (Certificate), 2 years (Diploma)
Mode of study: Classroom-based
Fees: (per annum) EU: Certificate, €3,600; Diploma, €3,800
Non-EU: Certificate, €4,100; Diploma, €4,300
Start date: Early July

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CERTIFICATE IN RPL PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
Those working in tutoring/instructional roles in the Further Education and Training – FET (or equivalent) sector who wish to gain academic recognition for prior certified and experiential learning

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Further study
Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education programme.

PROGRAMME FACTS
ECTS: 15 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 20 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €995
Non-EU: €1,495
Start date: September

HOW CAN I APPLY?
Apply online at: www.nuigalway.ie/apply

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www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning
WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of skill development. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

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

Assessment
Assessment includes submission of a portfolio of skills.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study
Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education programme.

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 10 | NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 12 weeks, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning. The programme is offered in a number of locations throughout the country.
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €850
Non-EU: €1,350
Start date: October and February

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:
• Those with sports coaching roles
• Those who wish to prepare for sport coaching roles

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a sports coaching session. See general entry requirements (p.85).

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

Content
This programme focuses on performance improvement in the field of sport. The emphasis is on the skills and knowledge required in face-to-face coaching with individuals when addressing performance issues. The module considers the principles and theories that underpin performance improvement in sports coaching, and focuses on the behaviours and attitudes that coaches need. It sets out a simple map of how to coach for performance improvement.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?
Further study
Participants who successfully complete the programme gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Certificate in Training and Education programme.

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WHO CAN I CONTACT?
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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

PROGRAMME PROFILE

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

Content
The programme content guides student teachers in developing the theoretical knowledge, pedagogical skills and professional competencies required to successfully teach in the further education sector. Participants will study teaching methods and techniques, curriculum design and development and the theory of adult learning processes. Quality assurance concepts and procedures are studied to provide participants with the competences necessary to meet awarding bodies’ requirements. Throughout the programme, 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 programme.

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study: Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

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

PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS: 60 | NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees:
(per annum)
EU: €3,500
Non-EU: €4,000
Start date: September

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WHO IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR:

- Further education tutors
- Vocational trainers, instructors, tutors
- Educational consultants
- Self-employed trainers
- Those practising or planning a career as trainers in the educational, industrial, private, voluntary or community sectors

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering training activities. See general entry requirements (p.85).

PROGRAMME PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further study

Successful students may undertake postgraduate study.

Career

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

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PROGRAMME FACTS

ECTS:
- 45 (Certificate), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)

NFQ Level:
- 7 (Certificate/Diploma), 8 (Degree)

Duration:
- Part-time, 1 year (Certificate), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree)

Mode of study: Blended learning. The programme is offered in a number of locations throughout the country.

Fees:
- EU: €2,900
- Non-EU: €3,400

Start date: September
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Jane Doyle

THE DECISION TO DO THE DIPLOMA IN SPANISH WAS ONE OF THE BEST I HAVE EVER MADE. I REALLY ENJOYED THE COURSE AND FOUND IT TO BE STIMULATING AND CHALLENGING. THE COURSE WAS WELL ORGANISED, INTERESTING AND VARIED AND THE LECTURERS WERE ALL EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC, SUPPORTIVE AND IMPORTANTLY WERE ALL SPANISH NATIVES.

Geraldine Dooley

I CHOSE THE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS FOR ITS INTENSE FOCUS ON PRACTICAL LEARNING THAT PERMEATES ALL TAUGHT MODULES IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE, STATISTICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE CONCENTRATIONS. ALL OF WHICH WERE DELIVERED BY A WORLD CLASS INNOVATIVE FACULTY. STUDENTS LEARN BY DOING AND GRADUATE WITH SKILLS THAT MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT, PROVIDING A QUICK RETURN ON INVESTMENT TO EMPLOYERS SEEKING STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE.

Matthew O’Connor
As a registered student you will receive access to a range of University facilities.

**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. There are nearly 2,000 study spaces, most of which are equipped with sockets, and WiFi (wireless network) is available throughout.

**Information resources**: the library provides access to nearly 500,000 print books, 450,000 e-books and over 70,000 e-journals. If you are registered on a blended learning programme 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 subject librarians and 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. Check the library website or inquire at the library for more details.

**James Hardiman Library**

www.library.nuigalway.ie

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**CAREERS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

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

The Centre helps students with some of the following areas:

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

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

**Careers Development Centre**

www.nuigalway.ie/careers
SPORTING FACILITIES

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

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

Outdoor amenities include:

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

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

STUDENT SOCIETIES

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

Sporting Facilities
www.sports.nuigalway.ie
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.

**Student Societies**
www.socs.nuigalway.ie

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

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

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

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**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**
Trish Bourke
Tel: 091 492695
Email: maturestudents@nuigalway.ie
www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/mature-students

**POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT NUI GALWAY**
If you are interested in postgraduate study, NUI Galway offers a wide range of graduate level Diploma programmes, Masters degrees and Doctoral research degrees in each faculty. Renowned internationally for its quality in teaching and research, the university has a student body of 3,600 postgraduates.

While many of these programmes are geared for full-time students, a growing number of part-time study options are also available. Contact the course coordinator for further information.

**Postgraduate Admissions Office**
Tel: 091 495999
Email: postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie
www.nuigalway.ie/courses

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Having shared much laughter and tears, I know I’ll leave this course with much more than a piece of parchment.
FAQ

Check out some of the most commonly asked questions from prospective students. These will assist you in your search for the most suitable programme of study.

PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS

What are the adult learners entry requirements for these programmes?

Part-time programmes
If you are aged under 21 on January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time programme 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 a pass in at least six subjects (including Irish, English and another language) at the Leaving Certificate examination, with at least grade C3 in two subjects at higher level and at least grade D3 (ordinary or higher course) in the remaining four subjects. If you do not meet this matriculation requirement, you may be allowed to submit applications for some courses and you will be assessed on suitability for entry on a case-by-case basis.

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

Full-time programmes
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.

How do I apply for a programme?
You complete an application form online by logging onto www.nuigalway.ie/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 programme for which you are applying. You will also be required to upload a copy of your birth certificate or passport and the programme application fee (non-refundable), which is around €30.

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

What happens to my application form after I apply?
Applications are processed by the Admissions Office and the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development for assessment in accordance with selection criteria. Successful applicants are informed via email by the University. To accept your place, you will be required to pay a deposit within the specified timeframe – this deposit is offset against the full fee payment. 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 programme commences, informing you of the registration date and lecture times for the programme.
FEES

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

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

Are there any scholarship schemes?
A fees scholarship is provided for a number of programmes 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
• Social Insurance Contribution Credits

If I change my mind about a programme, are fees refunded?
Once registered, you are liable for full course fees regardless of whether you attend or complete the course. The University accepts no obligation to refund any fees or part thereof. However, if you wish to appeal this decision, please contact the Fees Office directly in writing or by email at fees@nuigalway.ie.

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

Is funding available for these programmes?
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.

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

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