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welcome

**WELCOME TO
NUI GALWAY'S
ADULT LEARNING
& PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
COURSES.**

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**IN THIS PROSPECTUS, YOU
WILL FIND ALL THE ADVICE
AND INFORMATION YOU
NEED ON STUDYING AT
NUI GALWAY.**
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We offer an extensive range of professional, part-time and flexible courses in a variety of subject areas. Awards are offered at Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters level. All our tutors are experienced educators who have a particular interest in working with adult learners. We also provide a range of specialist support services, which will assist you in your progress through your chosen course.

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

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

Nuala McGuinn

Director,
Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development

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Almost 50 years of experience in delivering courses to adult learners across the western region and nationally.

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 courses, online courses and modular study options so that you can study at your own pace and fit your study programme around your work and personal life.

EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

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

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

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

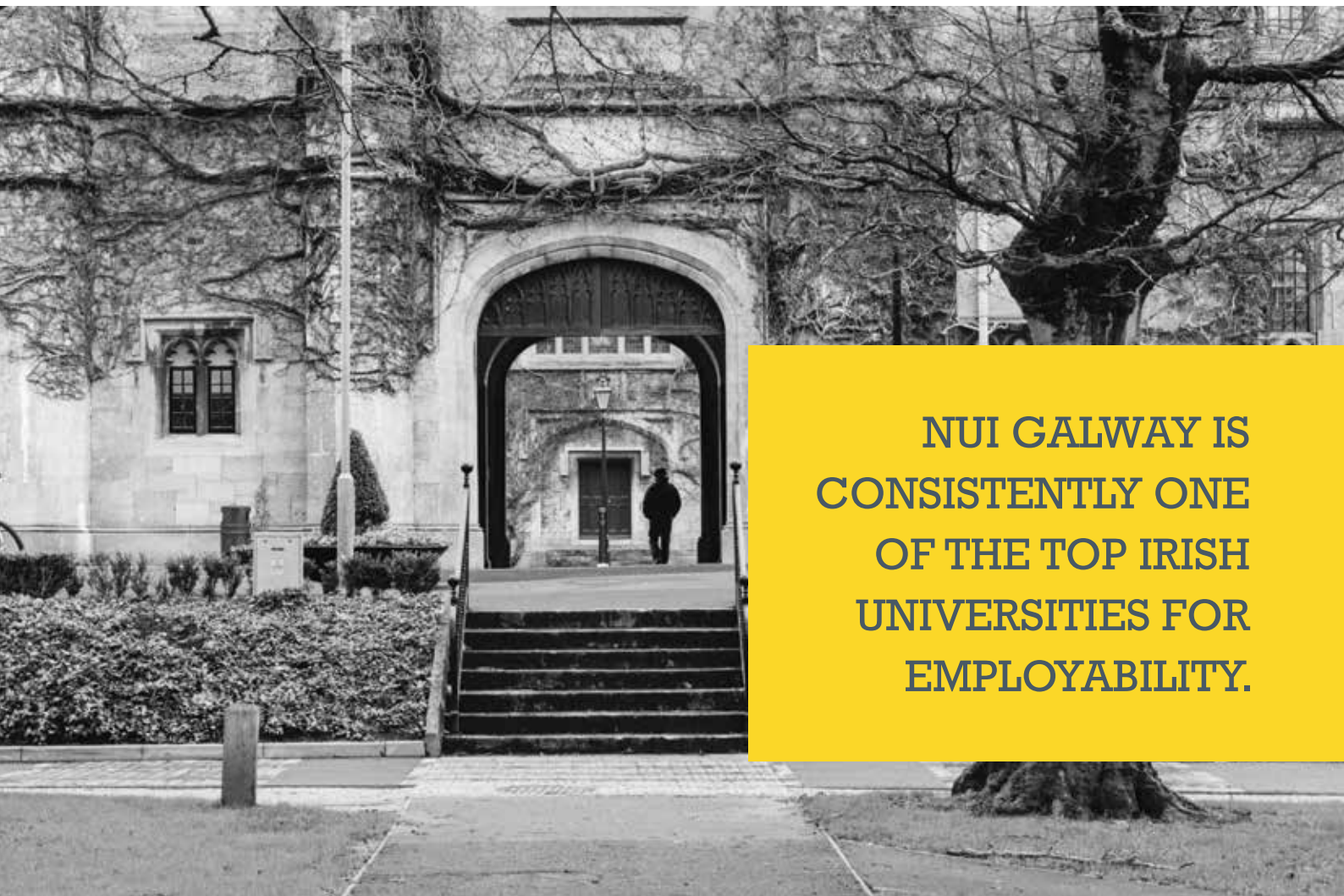
NUI Galway is in the top 100 most international universities in the world according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

WORLD-LEADING TEACHING AND RESEARCH

NUI Galway is ranked among the top 2% of universities in the world for the quality of our teaching and research.

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.**

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

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

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

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

- Research which course suits your talents, experience and interests before you begin studying;
- Consider what pace of study (full-time, part-time or modular) suits your needs best;
- Read the relevant section of this information booklet and contact the course coordinator listed if you require further course details, or perhaps set up an appointment to meet them if you wish to discuss the course in person;
- Attend any of the information evenings provided by the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development. Information sessions for entry in September of each academic year usually take place from April to June of that year;
- Check course entry requirements – while there are no formal educational entry requirements for many of our courses, certain courses require candidates to have some work experience in the area of study, partake in an informal interview or perhaps meet the University's entry criteria for adult learners. As each course varies, you are advised to contact the 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.

MANAGING YOUR STUDY

We are conscious of the many demands placed on you as an adult learner and that is why all new courses are developed on a modular basis. This means that you are provided with manageable amounts of learning to enable you to combine your work and family commitments with your studies.

As a general rule, it is recommended that if you are a student in a classroom-based course, you should spend at least two hours studying or researching at home for every hour spent in class. This may need to increase coming up to examination time.

The amount of study time involved in a blended learning course depends on the individual student. You complete each module at your own pace. You must also allow time to complete assignments. Most blended learning courses involve attendance at workshops or classroom-based lectures at different stages during the academic year. The number and duration of these activities vary across the different courses.

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



MODES OF STUDY

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

Classroom-based

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

Blended learning

Certain courses are taught using blended learning, which allows you to study at times that suit you best. Blended learning is simply an extension of what was traditionally called distance learning. It is a combination of self-instructional learning materials, traditional face-to-face lectures and workshops, online discussions, self-assessment activities, assignments and formal examinations. When you enrol on a blended learning course, you receive a set of self-instructional learning materials to use at your own pace. This material is also available online using our designated learning portals.

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

Online learning

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

Modular

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

Continuing professional development credit (CPD)

There are a number of opportunities to take modules from our suite of courses on a standalone basis. Each module has a specific number of credits attached to it and you may consider this option for upskilling and developing your continuing professional development portfolio. You may also build accumulated modules towards an overall award at a later stage. For our full list of CPD modules, visit www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/cpd/.

COURSE FEES

FEES Payment Schedule

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

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

Scholarship schemes and fee discounts

A fees scholarship is provided for a number of courses in this prospectus for students who wish to upskill for the purposes of re-employment.

Students must be registered as unemployed and in receipt of one of the following:

- Job Seekers Benefit
- Job Seekers Allowance
- One-Parent Family Allowance
- Disability Allowance
- Community Employment Scheme
- Social Insurance Contribution Credits

Springboard or ICT skills funding is also available for specific courses in areas of high skills needs within the Irish economy. They are designed to help people who lost their jobs to reskill and find employment. A list of all Springboard and ICT skills funded courses are available on the following website: www.springboardcourses.ie.

Fee refunds

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

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

Is funding available for these courses?

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 courses at the standard rate of tax. This is in accordance with the Taxes Consolidation Act of 1997. For specific details on this scheme, contact your local tax office or visit the Revenue website on www.revenue.ie

Are there additional course costs?

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

English Language Requirement

An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English for the course you are interested in taking. IELTS/TOEFL is not required for the language diplomas listed in this prospectus.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

You complete an application form online by logging onto www.nuigalway.ie/apply. On the online application form, you provide your contact details, and outline your educational background, any previous courses undertaken and any additional information that may be required to assess your suitability for the course for which you are applying. You will also be required to upload a copy of your birth certificate or passport and the course application fee (non-refundable), which is around €30.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

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

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

1. Recognition of Prior Certified Learning

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

Certain courses are deemed eligible for the award of credit

- Extra-mural or Adult Education Certificates or Diplomas
- University courses, full-time or part-time
- Other third-level courses

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

2. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning

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

For further information, please contact the course coordinator or go to the following webpage:
www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/recognition-of-prior-learning/



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‘INNER’ CONFIDENCE SINCE
GRADUATING, I NOW SEIZE
OPPORTUNITIES WHEN
THEY COME MY WAY BOTH
PROFESSIONALLY AND
PERSONALLY.’**

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

DAVID RONAN MSC. IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

All technology management positions are different and require specialist skills to deliver success. Learning the right attitude to managing innovation as well as gaining the skills to be able to interpret the metrics used to manage complex technical resources was vital to me. The MSc. In Technology Management gave me the knowledge to approach medical device R&D management with fresh insight and up-to-date tools which had practical applications in the workplace.

The content in the course was well presented, carefully compiled and delivered in a way that allowed me to apply it in the workplace as I was covering the material, testing the practical aspects of the knowledge as I learned it.

The blended learning approach meant that the course work never overwhelmed me and I could plan for assignments and exams well in advance. The support from the lecturers and course administrators was constant and the online portion ensured my focus was maintained throughout the course.

I would highly recommend the MSc Technology Management for anyone considering further education where they need to combine adult learning with a full-time job. The knowledge I gained is used every day, it has allowed me to make real advances in my career.

BRIDIE THORNTON

BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES & PRACTICE

The B.A. in Early Childhood Studies and Practice went beyond my expectations as a mature student and I have no hesitation in recommending this as an excellent course of study for those who wish to pursue a professional career in the early years sector or for those currently working in the sector who wish to enhance their professional career. As a mature student I was initially apprehensive about returning to formal education, however, the easily understandable module content, flexibility of online learning, workshops encouraging peer support/shared learning experiences and continuous tutor support reassured me. Significantly, tutors are experts in their fields and also have practical experience in the early years sector. As a proprietor and manager of a preschool, the flexibility of the online learning course ensured that the course was easily manageable with my work commitments.

Completing the B.A. in Early Childhood Studies and Practice has enhanced my knowledge ensuring our preschool service is providing the highest quality and innovative practice underpinned by a range of contemporary theory and the most relevant and up-to-date policy, frameworks and legislative guidelines. Personally, achieving the degree has also opened many doors and provided a range of professional opportunities for me. I have since been providing workshops for Galway City and County Childcare Committee and am participating in a range of further research projects contributing to innovative policy and practice in the early years. I am also hoping to embark on the new M.A. in Early Childhood Education in 2016.



MARY BERNARD

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH AND IT)

Studying at NUI Galway as a mature student was an amazing experience. Although heading back into education was a daunting task, the rewards were countless. Completing a Bachelor of Arts gave me added confidence in myself and my abilities; it allowed me to hone my skills and realise my potential in many different areas. This degree changed the direction of my career and helped me gain a promotion. It's not just about learning a subject, I also gained experience in public speaking, problem solving, time management and project work. There were times when it was very challenging, although being a member of a group of students going through the same experiences allowed me to overcome those challenges.

I recommend taking the step into further education to anyone at any stage of life. Explore an interest, further your career, or discover another path. Whatever the reasons are, returning to education is an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.





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ARTS AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Anyone with an interest in the past
- Primary school teachers
- Secondary school teachers
- Heritage employees
- Those employed in the tourism industry
- Local government employees

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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WEBSITE

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16 DIPLOMA IN IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Anyone with an interest in the Irish past
- Primary school teachers
- Secondary school teachers
- Heritage employees
- Those employed in the tourism industry
- Local-government employees

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessments take the form of ongoing participation in the class discussion board and end-of-module essays. The final

module of the course replaces the essay with a project examining current archaeological research in Ireland, with topics chosen from a set list related to the work of archaeologists at NUI Galway.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Blended-learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: Please contact
Course Coordinator



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18 DIPLOMA IN HISTORY

WHO IS THIS COURSE 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 (pg. 9).

COURSE 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 course content and analytical skills developed on this programme provide a good preparation for a career as an archivist, historian, librarian, journalist and civil servant. Graduates of the course may also progress to the part-time B.A., taking History as a specialism.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

A Bachelor of Arts is awarded upon successful completion of 180 ECTS, generally taken over four years. A Diploma in Arts is awarded after successfully completing 90 ECTS (years 1 and 2). Students can choose from the following three degree pathways:

- I. **Double major:** Major specialisms in two subject areas (75 ECTS per major) plus core and electives modules (30 ECTS)

- II. **Major and minor:** A major specialism (75 ECTS) and a minor specialism (40 ECTS) plus core and electives modules (65 ECTS)
- III. **Major and double minor:** A major specialism (75 ECTS) and two minor specialisms (40 ECTS per minor) plus core and electives modules (25 ECTS)

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

You will complete three core modules: Skills for Learning and Critical Thinking in first year; and Skills to Succeed in final year. You will also choose elective modules from a variety of subject areas over the duration of the course.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

This course may provide an opportunity for students to progress to Masters level qualification.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 180 (Degree)

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 4 years, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €3,055 **Non-EU:** €3,555

Start date: September 2017



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20 DIPLOMA IN IRISH STUDIES

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

Irish Studies online provides an overview of Irish history from the pagan Celtic world and the coming of Christianity through to the cataclysmic famines of the 1840s, the establishment of an independent state in 1922 and Ireland's integration into the European community, which has been ongoing since the 1970s. Students are introduced to Irish literature in both the Irish (Gaelic) and English languages, from the Old-Irish sagas and early Irish lyrics through the emergence of Anglo-Irish literature in the 18th century to the 20th century revival of writing in Irish. Emphasis is also placed on the study of Irish

society since independence, with due consideration being given to such crucial issues as gender, religion, modernisation, emigration, identity and socio-economic development.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be required to submit a personal statement with your application, outlining the following information:

- Your involvement in voluntary/community work (if any)
- Personal reasons for doing the course
- How you consider the course will benefit your work/community

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

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

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

Assessment

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

Students who successfully complete the first year of the programme are awarded a Certificate and have the option of proceeding to the second year of the programme to obtain a Diploma.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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22 CERTIFICATE IN SCREENWRITING

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

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

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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SHORT COURSES SERIES (NON-ACCREDITED)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

Courses are offered in the following subject areas: English Literature, Archaeology, Creative Writing, Russian Literature, Astronomy, Philosophy, 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.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: N/A

NFQ Level: N/A

Duration: 8 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: €120

Start date: Late September



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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24 BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL CARE)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have:

- A minimum of one year's experience in care work, which can have been gained in either a formal or informal capacity.
- Good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).
- Garda Vetting/Police Clearance.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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, work-placements, online and home study.

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,740 **Non-EU:** €3,240

Start date: September



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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WEBSITE

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**BUSINESS /
MANAGEMENT**

26 DIPLOMA IN FOUNDATION STUDIES (BUSINESS)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 6

Duration: 26 weeks

Tuesday, 7pm to 9pm

Thursday, 7pm to 10pm

One Saturday per month, 10am to 5pm

Mode of study: Classroom-based

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

Start date: September



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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WEBSITE

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

- Gain a range of transferable skills and competencies necessary for careers in business, the public sector and elsewhere.
- Progress within your chosen field or move towards a different area of business.
- Learn skills in critical thinking, communication, analysis, teamwork, networking, problem solving and decision-making, management capacity, and information competency.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Diploma course: 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. All applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should note that IT skills are not a prerequisite for entry to the course. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim and content

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

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

100% online delivery, this unique course gives you maximum flexibility to study anytime anywhere to achieve a bachelor's

degree in Commerce. The part-time Bachelor of Commerce degree is a four year online course. A Diploma in Business is awarded upon the successful completion of the first two years.

We use Blackboard, which is a virtual learning environment. This allows you to download lecture notes, reading lists, assessment information and other course-related materials. It also contains functions that enable you to interact with your lecturers and fellow students.

Assessment

Students are required to 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.

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

COURSE 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 course.

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

Mode of study: Online

Fees: (per annum)

EU: Diploma €3,055; Degree €3,055 **Non-EU:** Diploma €3,555; Degree €3,555

Start date: September 2017

Check with Course Co-ordinator for start dates.



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28 DIPLOMA IN E-BUSINESS ANALYSIS

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course 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.

COURSE 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 course a variety of skills from different backgrounds. The course 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.

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.

COURSE 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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DIPLOMA IN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT 29

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake assignments and work-based projects relating to practical aspects of employee assistance and support. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Those who successfully complete the Diploma may progress to Year 3 of the BA in Training and Education.

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 45 (Certificate), 90 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 7

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

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

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,900 **Non-EU:** €3,400

Start date: September



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30 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Those responsible for managing innovation within their organisations
- Operations, production and service managers/consultants
- 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 degree with five years of relevant industrial experience; or a recognised professional qualification with five years of relevant industrial experience.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

The Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management aims to produce the next generation of innovators. Students will learn about innovation and change and how it affects business operations. They will gain knowledge of new process technologies that can contribute to improving operational efficiency and competitiveness. The course will also assist individuals with a business idea that they want to bring to market or develop.

Content

Course content will address the development and effective management of innovation strategies, driving product and process improvement, and strategies to facilitate the

introduction of such change in an efficient and sustainable manner.

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

Assessment

Modules are normally assessed by a range of assignments carried out during the semester, a selection of which will be group orientated. The Improving Business Process module also includes a formal end-of-semester examination. The project module will be continually assessed throughout the academic year 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 globally and in all sectors. Graduates of the course are working in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, as well as in a broad range of industry and service sectors.

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €3,950 **Non-EU:** €4,450

Start date: August



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DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MARKETS (WITH A LANGUAGE)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

This is an ideal course 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 course 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.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The course 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 course, students will develop the skills to become business leaders in national and international markets.

Assessment

Students are required to participate in online discussions and activities throughout the year. 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 course may provide an opportunity for students to progress to further business qualifications at Masters level.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

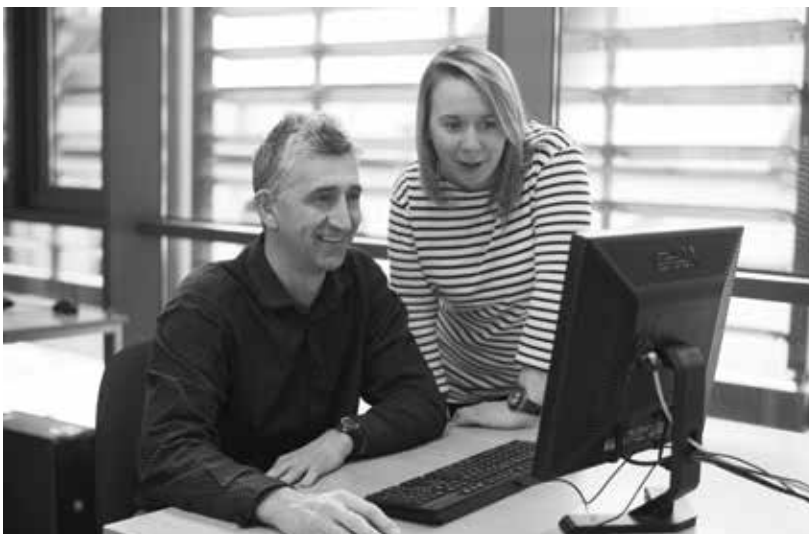
Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,940 **Non-EU:** €2,440

Start date: Check with the course coordinator for start dates.



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32 DIPLOMA IN MARKETING

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

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

Course Structure

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

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

This course is aimed at students who wish to develop their careers in today's global business environment. Students will be equipped with the fundamentals to embark on a career path in marketing and marketing management. Graduates may be employable in a range of organisations and sectors.

The course may provide an opportunity for students to progress to degree level qualification.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALISATION

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Those responsible for supporting technology commercialisation within their organisations
- R&D and business development managers
- Patent portfolio 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 degree with five years of relevant industrial experience; or a recognised professional qualification with five years of relevant industrial experience.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

The Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation aims to improve Ireland's success in commercialising opportunities and to up-skill the next generation of entrepreneurs focused on new and emerging technologies. The course will 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 course content will develop students' understanding of venture capital financing, the patenting process, business strategy, financial management, marketing and technology

development. Students will participate in project activities that will assist their understanding of the commercialisation options available to an identified venture. In addition, this course will provide invaluable networking opportunities with individuals, companies and agencies involved in technology commercialisation.

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

Assessment

Modules are normally 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 continually assessed throughout the academic year 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 course work in both private and public sector organisations in the area of research and development of new technologies, with a specific focus on commercialisation and marketing activities. The course is also suitable for students who have a business idea and wish to avail of an opportunity to further explore its potential through a structured course.

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €3,950 **Non-EU:** €4,450

Start date: August



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34 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Those responsible for managing technologies within their organisations
- Managers in technology-rich environments
- Technical specialists
- Lead developers
- Engineers

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should hold a primary honours degree (minimum H2.2) or equivalent and have at least five years of 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. Students who successfully complete their Postgraduate Diploma with an average grade of 2.1 honours may apply for the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

The course aims to develop students' knowledge of product and service innovation, process optimisation, 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 course. The modules include Managing Innovation, Managing Technology Projects, Information Systems and Software Management, Marketing Technology Products, Strategy and Management of Technology, and Six Sigma.

Delivery

The course is delivered in association with the University of Limerick and University College Cork, with the location of Saturday workshops (approximately monthly) rotating between the different universities. Two of the modules are delivered entirely online.

Assessment

Modules are individually assessed by a combination of assignments during the semester and, in some cases, a formal examination at the end of each semester, some of which will be open book format. 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.

COURSE 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: August



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COMMUNITY
EDUCATION

36 BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES)

WHO IS THIS COURSE 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 (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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: Mid-September



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WEBSITE

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 8 months, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €500 **Non-EU:** €1,000

Start date: September/October



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38 DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The course 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 course will be monitored by the course

board and will be delivered by course tutors who are based locally. There is also an attendance requirement – a minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €800 **Non-EU:** €1,300

Start date: September/October



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CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 8 Months, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €500 **Non-EU:** €1,000

Start date: September / October



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BACHELOR OF ARTS (EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES AND PRACTICE)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

This course 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 (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

This four-year, part-time course 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 course 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 course, students will be qualified to be employed in a variety of early years settings, including preschool settings, full daycare centres/crèches, 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 course topics covered, the graduate will be skilled in a wide range of issues and areas that might see them employed in early years support organisations, community outreach and development settings, family and community resource centres, in mentoring or inspection roles, or, at a national level, contributing to policy or programme development.

COURSE 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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42 MASTER OF ARTS (EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

On completion of this course, graduates will possess:

- An in-depth knowledge and understanding of contemporary theories in relation to early childhood.

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 90

NQF Level: 9

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: Year 1, €4,200; Year 2, €3,700

Non-EU: Year 1, €4,700; Year 2, €4,200

Start date: September



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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PRACTICE-BASED PLAY THERAPY

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants:

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

- To provide an opportunity for experienced practitioners and graduates with relevant professional qualifications to study play therapy at an advanced level, fostering the knowledge, judgment and skills necessary to challenge boundaries at the forefront of the discipline
- To enable participants to apply the therapeutic perspective of play therapy to other types of work with a wider client group

- To provide participants with sufficient skills to obtain work as professional play therapists or establish their own play therapy service

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30 (Certificate), 30 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: Part-time, 20 months (Certificate), 20 months (Diploma)

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: Certificate, €3,700; Diploma, €3,900

Non-EU: Certificate, €4,200; Diploma, €4,400

Start date: Early July



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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

45

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

The course provides students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion as applied to 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 course development and implementing evidence-based interventions. Communication training and facilitation skills are also developed.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,000 **Non-EU:** €2,500

Start date: September



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46 CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH PROMOTION (ORAL HEALTH)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Dentists
- Dental Nurses
- Dental Hygienists
- Others in a position to promote oral health e.g. Public Health Nurses, Dieticians, Nurses, Special Needs Assistants

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for this specialist certificate course should have a primary dental health or other relevant qualification. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

Assessment is continuous and includes written assignments and project work.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Students with the Certificate in Health Promotion have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work, or achieve promotion within their work. They may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,500 **Non-EU:** €2,000

Start date: September



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

48 DIPLOMA IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is open to honours degree graduates (minimum second class honours) in Science, Engineering or related disciplines, 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.

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

This course 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 course particularly suits those working in the area who would like to gain a recognised Masters qualification.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

The MScSED course provides a valuable means of studying important, contemporary aspects of the IT industry which may be outside a student's current working environment.

Content

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

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

Students study a set number of core modules, 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 online discussions. 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.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 90

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €4,250 **Non-EU:** €8,350

Start date: August



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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LANGUAGES

TEASTAS/DIOPLÓMA SA CHULTÚR DÚCHAIS

Cé air a bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe?

Tá an cúrsa dírithe ar dhaoine ar spéis leo cultúr dúchais na hÉireann. I measc na n-ábhar a chlúdaítear tá:

- Deasghnátha, nósanna agus tuiscintí traidisiúnta
- Na healaíona dúchais: amhránaíocht, ceol & damhsa
- An cultúr ábhartha: bealaí maireachtála agus ceirdeanna traidisiúnta

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA

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

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhm:

Is í aidhm an chúrsa seo eolas a roinnt le rannpháirtithe le go bhfaighidh siad léargas ar shaibhreas an chultúir dhúchais. Gheobhaidh rannpháirtithe léargas freisin ar acmhainní agus ar shaothair bainteach leis an gcultúr dúchais, agus gheobhaidh siad deis forbairt phearsanta a dhéanamh agus cur lena gcáilíochtaí oideachais.

Cuirfear an cúrsa páirteimseartha Dioplóma seo ar fáil ar an idirlíon den chuid is mó, ar bhealach a thabharfaidh deis do rannpháirtithe tabhairt faoi ina n-am féin.

Measúnú:

Measúnú leanúnach i bhfoirm aistí agus obair eile. (Ní bheidh aon scrúdú le déanamh). Caithfear bliain 1 a phasáil chun cáiliú do Bhliain 2.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA I RÉIMSE NA GAEILGE

Cé go bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe ar gach duine a bhfuil spéis acu san ábhar, bhainfeadh daoine atá ag obair nó ar mhaith leo oibriú i réimsí áirithe tairbhe as freisin, mar shampla:

- Turasóireacht chultúrtha
- Forbairt phobail
- Ealaíona cruthaitheacha
- Múinteoireacht

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30

Leibhéal NFO: 7

Fad: Dhá bhliain, páirteimseartha.

Modh Seachadta: Foghlaim chumaisc

Táille Bhliantúil: €750 in aghaidh na bliana

Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair



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52 DIPLOMA IN FRENCH

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

in everyday situations in a contemporary Francophone environment. Students study major issues in the contemporary French-speaking world, such as current affairs, education, culture and politics.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September. Available at NUI Galway and Ennis, Co. Clare.



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AN DIOPLÓMA SA GHAEILGE (LEIBHÉAL B2 AGUS C1)

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CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

- 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 a dteastaíonn uathu barr feabhais a chur ar a gcuid scileanna teanga.
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Tá an cúrsa seo oiriúnach d'fhoghlaimeoirí a bhfuil grád 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.

RIACHTANAIS 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 áirithe acu ar an teanga cheana féin (de bharr a dtréimhse scolaíochta, mar shampla). Caithfear Triail Socrúcháin Teanga a chomhlíonadh freisin.

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhmeanna leibhéal C1:

- Tuiscint a chothú sa mhac léinn ar Cheart na Gaeilge.
- Cur le cumas an mhic léinn an Ghaeilge a shealbhú sa tslé agus go mbeidh siad inniúil ar chumarsaíd éifeachtach a dhéanamh sa teanga.
- Léargas a thabhairt don mhac léinn ar chultúr agus ar shaíocht Ghaeltach na hÉireann
- Meon dearfach i leith na Gaeilge a chothú sna hiarrthóirí a neartóidh a (h)iompar Gaeilge sa saol mór.

Aidhmeanna leibhéal B2:

- Saibhriú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá ag na mic léinn cheana féin.
- Forbairt agus leathnú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur iniúil go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthéacsanna.
- Léargas a thabhairt ar ghnáthúsaid laethúil na Gaeilge agus na mic léinn a chumasú chun páirt réasúnta gníomhach a ghlacadh i ngnáthchumarsáid laethúil ina saol pearsanta agus gairmiúil.

Córas Measúnachta:

- Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn gach aon bhliain den chúrsa. Léamhthuiscint agus cluastuiscint a bheidh i gceist sna measúnuithe seo.
- Déanfaidh rannpháirtithe an chúrsa scrúdú cainte agus scrúdú scríofa ag deireadh gach bliana.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA I RÉIMSE NA GAEILGE

- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Cuirfidh an Dioplóma le do dheiseanna fostaíochta i réimse leathan gairmeacha i saol na Gaeilge, ina measc tá an mhúinteoireacht, an chraoltóireacht agus an iriseoireacht.
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Ar chríoch an chúrsa, beidh deiseanna fostaíochta ag mic léinn i réimse leathan gairmeacha ina bhfuil cumas idirmheánach Gaeilge ag teastáil. Tá Dioplóma B2 sa Ghaeilge aitheanta ag an Roinn Oideachais mar cháilíocht iontrála sa Ghaeilge dóibh siúd atá ag cur isteach ar chúrsaí sna Coláistí Oiliúna Múinteoirí.

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30

Leibhéal NFO: 7

Fad: Dhá bhliain, páirtaimseartha

Modh Seachadta: Seomra Ranga

Táille Bhliantúil:

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?

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54 AN BA SNA DÁNA (GAEILGE FHEIDHMEACH)

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 cáilíochtaí atá acu
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh a bheith ina múinteoirí
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh obair san Earnáil Phoiblí

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA

- Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil Gaeilge ar a dtóil acu. Beidh grád C3 (ardleibhéal) sa Ghaeilge riachtanach. Sásaíonn sé sin gnáthriachtanais iontrála na hOllscoile.
- Is féidir le hiarratasóirí a bhíonn os cionn 21 bliain d'aois an 1 Eanáir den bhliain iontrála, iarratas a dhéanamh mar fhoghlaimeoirí lánfhásta. Sa chás seo, ní gá go mbeadh an Ardteist riachtanach. Cuirfear iarratasóirí faoi agallamh agus bunófar an toradh ar chumas cumarsáide an iarratasóra san agallamh sin.

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA

Aidhm

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

Ábhar

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

Córas Measúnachta

Caithfidh mic léinn a bheith páirteach i ndíospóireachtaí agus fóraim phlé ar-líne i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. Measúnófar

na modúil uilig ar bhonn aonarach. De ghnáth bunófar na measúnaithe seo ar imeachtaí i rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scríofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA I RÉIMSE NA GAEILGE

Téann céimithe le Gaeilge ag obair i réimse leathan post, ina measc:

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

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 180

Leibhéal NFO: 8

Fad: 4 bliana ar bhonn páirtaimseartha agus/nó ar bhonn modúil

Modh Seachadta: Foghlaim Chumaisc

Táille Bhliantúil:

EU: €3,055 **Non-EU:** €3,555

Tús an Chúrsa: Meán Fómhair



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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



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56 DIPLOMA IN IRISH (LEVELS A2 AND B1)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Assessment:

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 6

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum) €990

NUI Galway student fee: €200

NUI Galway staff/alumni: €660

Start date: September



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

This is a course that will suit you if you have:

- An interest in Italian language and culture
- A wish to learn the language for work or pleasure or out of personal interest

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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



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58 DIPLOMA IN SPANISH

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 year, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September



HOW CAN I APPLY?

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must:

- have a primary degree
- be proficient in the English language

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Opportunities arise for graduates for positions in Ireland and abroad as teachers of English as a foreign language. Successful completion of this course enables graduates to proceed to the postgraduate Diploma in TEFL at NUI Galway.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30 (Certificate), 60 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 9

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

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,600 **Non-EU:** €2,100

Start date: October



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DIPLOMA IN AUTOMATION AND CONTROL

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The course consists of a project and four taught modules: Automation 1 and 2, Manufacturing Technology, and Machine Design. The modules examine key performance indicators, and describe tangible and quantifiable goals for various automation projects. They also cover main key strategies adopted by industry to deploy automation in order to

improve competitiveness. It will provide the skills required to develop, implement and manage automated systems in a manufacturing environment.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,900 **Non-EU:** €2,400

Start date: September



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62 DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Internal environmental policy consultants
- Waste minimization specialists
- Energy optimisation advisors
- Entrepreneurs interested in the green economy

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,900 **Non-EU:** €2,400

Start date: September



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Medical device operatives, technicians and engineers
- Those who require up-skilling for career advancement within the medical devices sector
- Those with a biology background who wish to gain an understanding of the technology of the 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 (pg. 9).

COURSE 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. Possible career paths include: diagnostics technician, product assurance, pharmaceutical production.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,900 **Non-EU:** €2,400

Start date: September



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64 DIPLOMA IN SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (GEMMOLOGY)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: September 2017



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DIPLOMA IN SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (GEOLOGY)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE 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 (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

This course'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 course 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 course 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.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €970 **Non-EU:** €1,470

Start date: Check with course coordinator



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66 DIPLOMA IN LEAN AND QUALITY SYSTEMS

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

This course focuses on the topical area of Lean, Six Sigma, Business Process Modelling and Continuous Improvement. Graduates will have highly marketable knowledge and skills relevant to product, process and service optimisation and improvement. Green belt material is covered to enable students to top off their academic award with an industry-

standard professional qualification. This course is approved by Engineers Ireland for Continuous Professional Development purposes.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,000 **Non-EU:** €2,500

Start date: September



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- Those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change
- Those with a biology background who wish to work in the medical device sector
- Engineers interested in the science behind medical devices

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies or a related level 7 diploma or higher qualification. Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

- Understand the science of materials and the technology and design of medical devices
- Develop 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 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. Possible career paths include: medical device construction, product testing, quality assurance, research and development, automation maintenance, operations control, research and development.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,900 **Non-EU:** €2,400

Start date: September



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68 DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 120

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: Minimum 2 years part-time, with 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



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduates of the Diploma in Science and Technology Studies can automatically progress to the degree. Other applicants over 21 with a diploma in a related area in science or engineering may be considered for direct entry to the degree cycle. Applicants may use experience in addition to academic qualifications to demonstrate that they satisfy the course prerequisites. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE 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



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70 DIPLOMA IN FOUNDATION STUDIES (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Leaving Certificate is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 6

Duration: 26 weeks | Tuesday, 7pm to 10pm | Thursday, 7pm to 9pm. One/two Saturdays per month, 10am to 5pm

Mode of study: Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

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

Start date: September



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**TRAINING
& EDUCATION**

72 MASTER OF ARTS IN ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a:

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

The course encompasses knowledge of learning theories and processes to enable effective integration of theory and practice in adult learning and development approaches. Students will learn about people development in the workplace, fostering transferable skills, responding to issues and trends in the practice of lifelong learning, managing the education and training environment and the pedagogy

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

Assessment

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 90

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees:

EU: Year 1, €4,200; Year 2* €3,700

Non-EU: Year 1, €4,700; Year 2, €4,200

*The Postgraduate Diploma has an EU fee of €1,250 (Non-EU: €1,750) for Year 2.

Start date: September



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CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED TRAINER SKILLS

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

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 (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

Course content concentrates on building core coaching and mentoring skills, such as achieving performance excellence, enhancing professional capacity and enriching employee motivation. The course focuses on identifying practical techniques with which participants can successfully shape their practice. By emphasising the effectiveness of coaching and mentoring in helping individuals achieve personal and

professional goals, learners will enhance their coaching style and approach. The course facilitates the development of personal awareness and self-management, creating successful interpersonal relationships, forming effective teamwork capability and the ability to respond creatively to problems.

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 12 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,425 **Non-EU:** €1,925

Start date: October and February



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

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

The course is designed for those who have responsibility for:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of assessment of learning. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Participants who successfully complete the course gain an exemption from relevant modules in the Diploma in Training and Education course.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 10

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 12 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €850 **Non-EU:** €1,350

Start date: October and February



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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION (ESSENTIAL TRAINER SKILLS)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a training session. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Further Study

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

Career

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 10

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 12 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €850 **Non-EU:** €1,350

Start date: October and February



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76 MSC IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Managers and supervisors in public and private organisations
- Managers and supervisors who have a range of administrative responsibilities

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a:

- 2.2 honours undergraduate degree
- minimum three years' experience in a relevant area

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Successful students may continue their postgraduate studies.

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 90

NFQ Level: 9

Duration: 3 years, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees:

EU: €3,800 (Year 1 & 2 p.a.)*, €1,900 (Year 3)

Non-EU: €4,300 (Year 1 & 2 p.a.), €2,400 (Year 3)

*The Postgraduate Diploma has an EU fee of €3,800 (Non-EU: €4,300) per year.

Start date: September



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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION (PERFORMANCE SPORTS COACHING)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

- Sports coaches
- Sports mentors
- Sports managers
- Coaches or managers who have responsibility for ensuring that performance standards are achieved

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering a sports coaching session. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 10

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 12 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €850 **Non-EU:** €1,350

Start date: October and February



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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 20 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €500 **Non-EU:** €1,000

Start date: September



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WEBSITE

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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION (SKILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

The course is designed for those who are seeking to:

- Enhance their portfolio of core personal and professional skills
- Improve their professional performance
- Develop their career competencies
- Boost their job search prospects
- Further their career advancement prospects

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to the practical aspects of skill development. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

an entrepreneurial approach to work and learn about the traits of the entrepreneur, how to stimulate creativity and innovation and the basics of change management.

Assessment

Assessment includes submission of a portfolio of skills.

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

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

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 10

NFQ Level: 7

Duration: 12 weeks, part-time

Mode of study: Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €850 **Non-EU:** €1,350

Start date: October and February



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80 PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Educational Requirements

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

Teaching Practice Requirements

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

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

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

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

WHAT CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?

Successful students who successfully complete the course gain exemption to progress to the Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Development.

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

COURSE 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 COURSE FOR:

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

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be in a position to undertake an assignment and project relating to practical aspects of delivering training activities. See general entry requirements (pg. 9).

COURSE PROFILE

Aim

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

Content

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

Assessment

Assessment methods include written assignments, 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?

Successful students may undertake postgraduate study.

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

COURSE 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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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

SAFIA WALLER

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION)

After completing a degree through NUI Galway as an adult learner, I realised that I wanted to support other adult learners to fulfil their own learning potential and experience the transformative benefits that I had observed through returning to learning. The Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) is a practical course that has armed me with the theory and the knowledge that I feel I will need for facilitating adult learning in the future. While I had little previous teaching experience, the micro-teaching sessions, where short classes are taught in front of tutors and fellow students, gave me confidence in my ability and constructive feedback to improve all aspects of my practice. Studying while working part-time and with a young family has been challenging, but with routined weekly study time, the blended learning aspect of the course has suited my busy life. I believe that the area of further education is an exciting and growing one and I look forward to being a part of it.

MARY LOFTUS

MSC IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING & DATABASE TECHNOLOGIES

I was looking for a good solid qualification in the area of Information Technology to certify about 12 years of practical experience in the industry. I also wanted to broaden my expertise with a view to taking my next steps career-wise.

The online MScSED provided a very structured, online learning environment which equipped me very well for a variety of roles. It got me interested in research, in new ways of working and in finding better ways to problem- solve.

My fellow students came from a wide variety of backgrounds – some used the course as a career-change opportunity while others shared generously from their experience of long careers in IT. Some had very little IT experience but the material was designed to support their learning also.

Learning to relate to remote colleagues and collaborate online effectively was key for me. This was invaluable a few years after the course, when an IT management role came up with GlaxoSmithKline in Sligo, which was exactly what I had in mind when I undertook my studies. With the MSc under my belt, I felt very comfortable working with remote teams and enjoyed working as part of the senior management team there.

The course also opened up a deeper interest and opportunities for me in the education sector and I have since left the corporate world to lecture part-time at IT Sligo and to study for a PhD.

I really couldn't speak highly enough of my MSc experience.



PATRICIA BURKE

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY OF COUNSELLING

Having completed the part-time Diploma in Psychology of Counselling at NUI Galway, I have progressed to further studies in this area. The Diploma was a fantastic learning experience and I thoroughly enjoyed my time at NUI Galway. Starting a third level course as a mature student can be a daunting experience, but I was supported and encouraged every step of the way. Lecturers were knowledgeable, professional and approachable.

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



RUTH HOLLAND

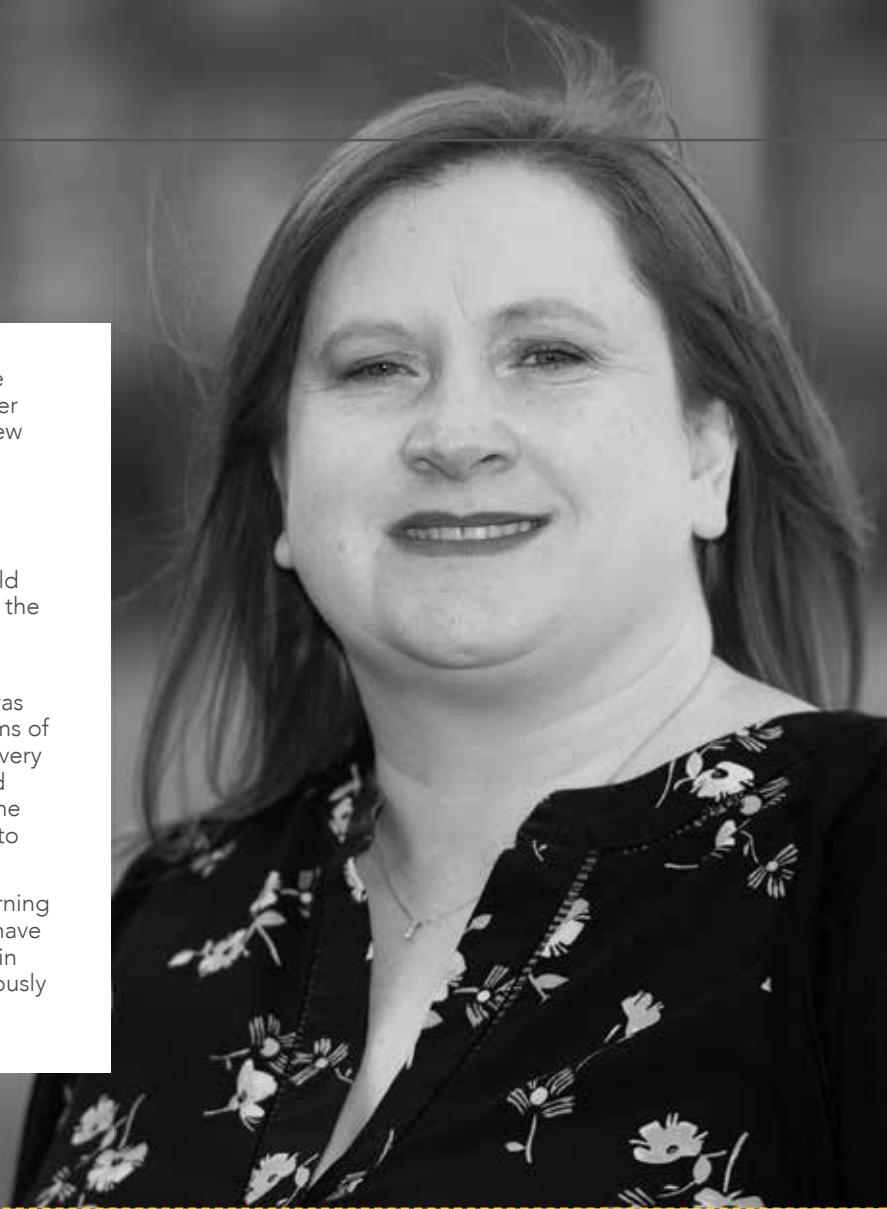
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES

I left work after the birth of my children to spend more time with them and took up a voluntary position as a youth leader in my spare time. I enjoyed the work and as my children grew older, I decided to get a job as a youth worker. However, in order to do this I needed a college qualification.

After much encouragement from family and friends, I decided to apply for the Diploma in Youth and Community Development Practice. My greatest concern was that I would not be able to keep up academically; however, I found that the course was both manageable and very enjoyable.

After my first year, I gained enough confidence to continue on to the B.A. in Community and Family Studies. Again, I was concerned that the course might be too challenging in terms of time and academic difficulty. However, I found the content very interesting and the tutors exceptionally patient, helpful and knowledgeable. The structure and course timetable gave me the time to find a job as a youth advocate and to continue to look after my children.

I never believed that I could enjoy education, but adult learning in NUI Galway has altered my outlook. Even though I now have the job I wanted, I still enjoy the course and continue to gain skills that I use in my work. I found the course to be enormously rewarding.



ANNETTE MURPHY

MASTERS IN ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

It has been my pleasure and good fortune to participate in the MA in Adult Learning & Development course at NUI Galway over the last two years. I've had the most wonderful experience of learning from, and with, my fellow students and faculty members in a constructive and supportive environment. I can now say with confidence that I understand, and have personally experienced, what it is like to place a learner at the centre of the learning. The facilitative and open approach from faculty and support staff was extremely helpful and demonstrated a genuine desire for each student to achieve success and gain as much as possible from the course modules. I was delighted by all aspects of the course, particularly the prompt results and formative feedback after each assignment.

I would highly recommend this excellent adult learning course, delivered using a blended learning approach that takes account of the need to balance studies with life and work commitments. I have no hesitation in recommending the MA in Adult Learning & Development to anyone who has an interest in furthering their education in this continuously evolving field.





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STUDENT SUPPORTS

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

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

Additional study skills, examination techniques, applied writing skills, reading skills and memory technique workshops are offered to students on our Diploma and Degree courses. 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 course, 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 courses.

Disability Office

Tel: 091 492813

E-mail: disability.service@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/student_services/disability_office/

JAMES HARDIMAN LIBRARY

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

Information resources and off-campus services: the library provides access to nearly 500,000 print books, 450,000 e-books and over 70,000 e-journals. If you are registered on a blended learning course or if you are unable to access the library on a regular basis, you are encouraged to use the e-books and e-journals, which are available through the off-campus services from any location using an internet connection.

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.

www.library.nuigalway.ie

CAREERS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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

The Centre helps students with some of the following areas:

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

www.nuigalway.ie/careers



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SPORTING FACILITIES

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

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

Outdoor amenities include:

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

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

www.sports.nuigalway.ie

STUDENT SOCIETIES

The University is also home to over 85 active societies, covering a large range of sporting and non-sporting 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.

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

www.socs.nuigalway.ie

IT FACILITIES

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

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

User Support Centre

Tel: 091 495777

Email: usersupport@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-and-services

MATURE STUDENTS OFFICE

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

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

Mature Students Officer

Trish Bourke

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www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/mature-students

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT NUI GALWAY

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

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

Postgraduate Admissions Office

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