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| Computer Support Technician L5 | 96 | Performing Arts & Drama Studies L5 | 87 |
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| Gym & Fitness Instructor – Personal Trainer L5 | 48 | ● Advanced Performing Arts & Theatre Studies L6 | 77 |
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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training prospectus for full-time courses in 2023-24. You'll discover the wide range of opportunities that we have on offer, with courses that will support you to achieve your ambitions.

Whether you are leaving school, looking to return to the world of work, or seeking a new direction, you will find courses that can help you achieve your goals. Our fantastic staff members are experts in their subject fields, and we ensure that our courses combine expert knowledge with real-world skills and experience. Our year-long courses will open a wide range of opportunities, so whether you are seeking a qualification to help you progress to Higher Education, entry to employment, or a route to an apprenticeship, you'll find options to suit you. This prospectus will also

give you a glimpse of what it's like to study at our state-of-the-art campus, and the support and opportunities we offer, including work placements, and our Erasmus+ international travel programme for students.

At Carlow Institute, we believe in our students' ability to fulfil their potential and to achieve great success. That is why we go the extra mile to support our students, and you can find out information about the range of supports on offer in this prospectus, and even more information on our website. Every year our students achieve excellent results and progress on to the next stage of their career journeys, and we are proud of our students' many success stories. We look forward to helping you do the same too.

I am sure that you will find interesting courses in this prospectus, but also suggest that you should come and see for yourself at our Open Day. This is a great opportunity for you to meet our brilliant staff team, tour our outstanding facilities, meet current students and find out all that is involved in studying at Carlow Institute. Please check our website and social media platforms for dates and further details of our Open Events.

I look forward to welcoming you to Carlow Institute,

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What is Further

Education and Training?



Did you know?

Realistic Working Environments

Some of our new spaces are familiar lecture-rooms, but you'll find Realistic Working Environments too. These are professional standard facilities with real-world equipment.

Some of our Realistic Working Environments include:

- Art Studios
- Music Performance Studios
- Recording Studio
- Science Labs
- Animal Care Studio
- Horticulture Greenhouse
- Engineering and Mechatronics Workshops
- Automotive Engineering
- Hair and Beauty Therapy Suite
- Sports-hall, Gym and Conditioning Studio

We've designed the new Institute with the spaces and equipment to develop your skills and talents!

Further Education and Training provides a broad approach to learning and assessment. Qualifications at Carlow Institute include QQI, City and Guilds, ITEC, VTCT. The main award offered at Carlow Institute is QQI Level 5 and 6, these awards are easily transferable and recognised on the NFQ Awards Framework, enabling access and progression within education.

Progression to Higher Education

Carlow Institute of Further Education & Training has progression agreements with IT Carlow and Waterford IT. Also available is the Higher Education Links Scheme which for a select number of courses paces and Round Zero Offers. The Higher Education Links Scheme also offers learners the opportunity to apply to Higher Education using their QQI qualification. Applications for all Higher Education courses are made through CAO. Applicants should check course links and entry requirements prior to embarking on any Further Education course of study.

Learning

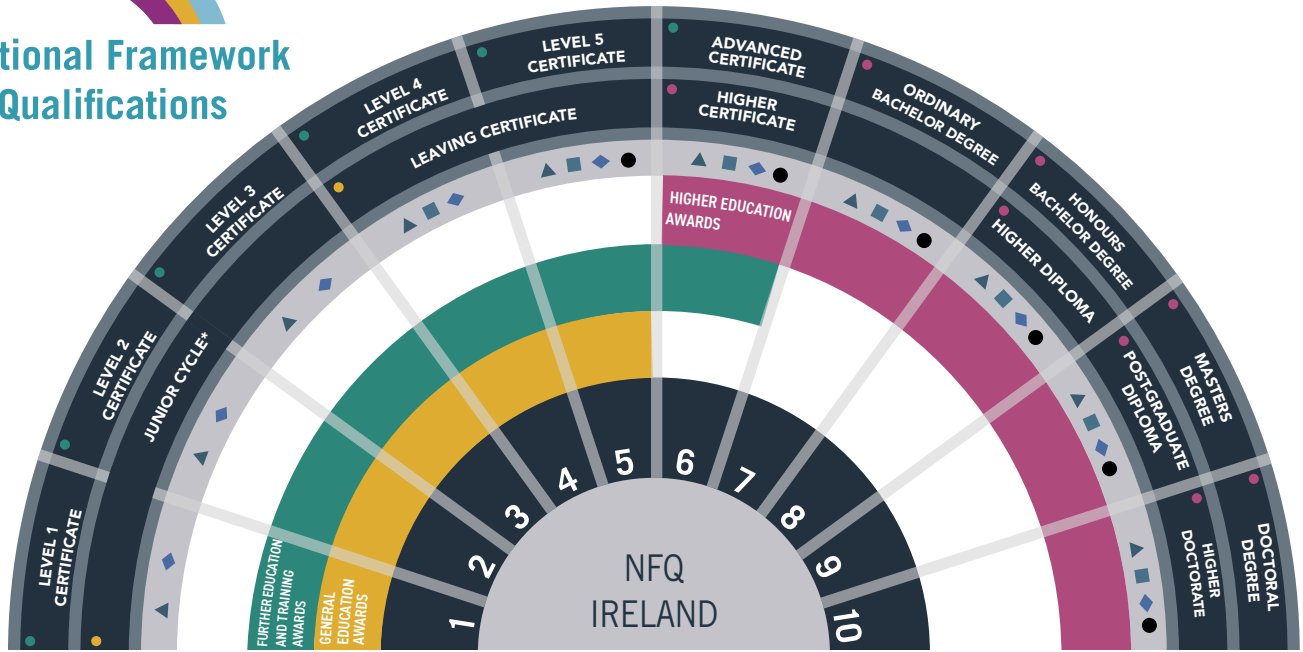
Our courses cover many professional fields and are relevant to professional standards. You complete practical tasks to develop the technical, occupational skills required for work. You learn related theory and knowledge, to gain a thorough understanding of your area. You can develop wider skills including independent learning, teamworking and research techniques as part of your courses.

At Carlow Institute our courses are at **Level 5** or **6** on the National Qualification Framework.

Assessment

You will have many different ways to demonstrate the skills, competencies and knowledge that you develop. These include practical tasks, demonstrations, presentations, assignments, examinations, portfolios and creating items. Assessment takes place throughout the course, and you will receive regular feedback on your work with advice on how best to improve your skills.

National Framework of Qualifications



CLASSES OF AWARD

- Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
 - Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
 - Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
 - Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement
 - Professional Awards:** are for occupation-orientated qualifications including apprenticeships
- *Please refer to NCCA website, ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/

IRISH REGISTER OF QUALIFICATIONS

For more information on

- Qualifications
- Providers
- Courses

visit www.irq.ie

Supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union



Did you know?

Free Fees @ Carlow Institute.

Carlow institute aims to make education as accessible and affordable as possible.

Your tuition, examination and registration and awarding body costs are all free.

The costs of PPE, clothing, kits, materials, and equipment required for your course are covered.

Comparing Irish NFQ Qualification Levels and UK Equivalent

Some courses lead to international qualifications from UK awarding bodies like ITEC, VTCT and City and Guilds. These qualifications use UK levels, which are different to Irish NFQ levels, but this grid gives you a convenient way to compare:

| Irish Level | UK Level |
|-------------|-----------|
| Level 4 | ↔ Level 2 |
| Level 5 | ↔ Level 3 |
| Level 6 | ↔ Level 4 |

You can see that even though the levels appear different, they are easily comparable. We offer UK awards especially where there is **international recognition** in the industry and occupational sector.



Carlow Student Life



Getting Here

Our new campus is within walking and cycling distance of the town centre, with street-lighting and cycle tracks. We have over 200 first come, first-served parking spaces available to students.

Dedicated parking is provided for students with disabilities, and the new site is fully accessible.

We welcome students from all over Ireland and beyond to Carlow Institute. Public town bus routes and dedicated student bus routes terminate at our location in the morning and leave from here in the evening after classes finish.

Carlow is served by a main-line train station, and an extensive network of public and private bus and coach operators, serving the surrounding counties.

Carlow Student Life

Carlow Institute is within walking distance of the town centre. Carlow is also home to two Higher Education providers – South East Technological University and Carlow College – making it a student-friendly destination with a great mix of services, nightlife and leisure facilities. Carlow is an incredibly popular choice for students with plenty of opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.

Sport

Carlow is home to many sporting opportunities. You will find Carlow Rugby club, Carlow Lawn Tennis Club, Carlow Athletics, Carlow Rowing Club, many GAA clubs and other sports pursuits within easy reach. Carlow town has many sport and leisure centres, and Carlow Institute students can avail of student memberships for many of these.

Things To Do Culture

VISUAL Carlow is an award-winning Creative Arts complex in the town centre. The centre hosts regular exhibitions of national and international artists, and a vibrant programme of film, music, drama and dance. As partners, Creative Arts students from Carlow Institute work with VISUAL/George Bernard Shaw on events and productions. Further afield, you can access festivals and events including music, literature and arts. For those who like the spot-light, there are local performing groups, and cultural and historical societies to join.

Further Afield

You will find plenty to do in Carlow, but if you want the buzz of a big city, Dublin, Kilkenny and Waterford are in easy reach by public transport, with regular train and bus connections. If you prefer the outdoors, Carlow is surrounded by beautiful countryside, with walking, mountain-biking, angling, golf and equestrian within easy reach. Find out more about recreation activities through the Student Support Team.



Student

Support Services

(A selection of what we offer)

Examples of student services

General Facilities

- A café canteen with a range of food options.
- Access to landscaped outdoor areas.
- Lockers and changing areas
- Social spaces on each floor.
- Information TV screens throughout the building.
- Access to our professional gym and sports facilities (where possible).

Teaching and Learning Facilities

Programme Co-ordinator

Each course has a dedicated course coordinator overseeing the academic content and progression of our students

Class Teacher

Every course has a weekly tutorial class with an assigned class teacher. The role of class teachers is pastoral in nature offering students a supportive environment to progress their participation and attendance.

Student Library

This is an open-access space over two floors that allows students access computers and photocopying facilities, enabling them to engage in self-directed study and work on projects and assignments.

Student Email Account

Each student will be provided with an office 365 email account providing access to Office 365 apps – Outlook, OneDrive, SharePoint, OneNote, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.

Moodle

Our Virtual Learning Environment containing calendars, assignment briefs, notes and resources online. Students can access Moodle at any time and from any location. Pertinent information on essay writing, referencing and study skills etc. can also be located in this environment. Important announcements, information and updates, alongside policies and procedures, can be found on Moodle. Completed assignments will be submitted through Moodle.

Guidance Counsellors

The Institute offers students a comprehensive Guidance Counselling Service. This service provides help in the areas of career guidance, personal and educational support. The service encourages students to make informed decisions about career choice and planning and the successful completion of their course.

Student Council

All students are automatically affiliated to the Student Council, thus facilitating student voice and views.

SUSI

Applications are made online to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) through www.studentfinance.ie and payments are monitored monthly by our SUSI officer.

Erasmus+

Carlow Institute offers students an opportunity to participate in Erasmus+. This programme enhances student experiences in an international context.

Graduation

Each year Carlow Institute celebrates the academic achievements of its students through its renowned graduation ceremony.

Eight great reasons to study at Carlow Institute

1

Great Range of Courses

The largest range of courses in the region. All our courses are FREE. Please see page 14 for further details.

2

Experienced, Talented Staff

Our highly motivated teaching team combine qualifications, industry experience and passion for their subjects

3

A Student-centred Institute

We believe that every student matters and provide a caring, inclusive environment

4

Great Results

Students achieve internationally recognised qualifications

5

Great Links with Employers

We work with hundreds of employers every year

6

Progression Opportunities

Progress with us, to employment, or to Higher Education via links-scheme

7

Outstanding Facilities

You will learn using the resources of our new state-of-the-art institute

8

Great Social Opportunities

You'll be able to join events, make new friends and much more

How to Apply

Applications & Closing Dates

It takes just **five easy steps** to become a student at Carlow Institute:

1 Choose Your Course

Read the prospectus and visit our open day. You can contact us for information and advice about the opportunities on offer.

2 Complete an Application

Complete an application online at www.carlowinstitute.ie

3 Come for an Interview

We will invite you to an interview – this is to make sure that you've made the right choice!

4 Accept Your Place & Enrol

When you are offered a place, you confirm that you want to enrol. We will tell you about registration and induction for your course

5 Register & Attend Induction

You will be invited to register for your place, and to attend an induction and welcome programme at the start of your course



Important Information

Making your application

Online: Complete your application online at www.carlowinstitute.ie

- You will need to pay your **€20 euro application fee online.**
- The application fee is non-refundable, and applications cannot be processed if the payment isn't made

APPLY ONLINE NOW

www.carlowinstitute.ie

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Important Information

See CarlowInstitute.ie for information on fees for international applicants, BTEA, grants and financial supports

Interview & Applications

Applications can be made from **January 2024** and interviews will begin in **March 2024**. The closing date for general applications is **August 2024** (see website).

STUDENTS CAN ALSO APPLY THROUGH www.fetchcourses.ie



International Opportunities Erasmus+

As part of our Internationalisation strategy, Carlow Institute, now with accredited status, participates in the Erasmus+, European Union's programmes supporting education and training through mobility and international links.

Through Erasmus+ we offer students and staff the opportunity to enhance their experiences in an international context through funded residential trips to partner organizations across Europe. Research shows that participating in overseas

educational experiences enhances students' progression opportunities, as well as developing a wide range of personal skills, including confidence and intercultural awareness. At Carlow Institute, we have developed links with colleges across Europe and have scheduled student visits which offer amazing opportunities to develop cultural and educational awareness and to understand the international dimension of the occupational areas. International visits are brilliant learning experiences and are significant enhancements to your CV too!

Some of Erasmus+ student and staff visits included visiting Lyon in France, Games development projects in Madrid, staff mobilities in the Netherlands, Germany and Italy as well as micro-credentials in blended collaborations across Europe. Carlow Institute looks forward to continuing their involvement in Erasmus+ and offering enriching experiences for staff and students alike.



Open Learning and Students with Additional Needs

Carlow Institute is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and access for students who have a disability, specific learning difficulty or medical condition. We endeavour, wherever possible, to make it easy for students to access our courses and to participate in student life at the Institute.



Who Can Access Additional Support?

Additional support* can be available to those who

- are deaf or hard of hearing
- are blind or vision impaired
- have a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia
- have a general learning difficulty
- have a developmental co-ordination disorder, such as dyspraxia
- have ADD or ADHD
- have an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- have physical or mobility difficulty
- have speech and language difficulties
- have a mental health condition
- have a neurological condition



How Can I Access Additional Support?

If you have a disability or support need, we ask you to provide this information immediately after registration. If you provide us with the relevant documentation we will apply for funding for additional supports for your studies.

The additional support available may include academic/learning support in the form of:

- Assistive technology, equipment and software
- Examination accommodation (e.g. extra time allowance or reader)
- Group or individual educational support or assistance
- Students who would benefit from a tour of the building or a more in-depth introduction to the college, should contact us in advance of the academic year so that all queries can be addressed.

Subsequent information outlining the disability or support need should be made available **immediately after registration**. Once we have the relevant documentation, an application for additional support can commence.



* Very Important Information

The funding available for additional support for students with disabilities/ special needs comes from the SOLAS Fund for Students with Disabilities. This funding is subject to application and the eligibility of each student. Our ability to provide you with additional supports depends upon:

- the information and supporting documentation you give us
- how soon we get this information and supporting documentation (so we can make a timely application on your behalf)
- your eligibility as determined by SOLAS

Please let us know about a disability or learning difficulty as soon as you apply to study with us. You'll find some initial questions on the application form. We'll contact you for information to make the application, and we'll also let you know the decision. Additional support funding applications require a consultant's report for disabilities/illness or an educational psychological report for specific learning difficulties. Support availability depends on the information provided. Reports over five years old are not accepted. Only reports from Consultants or Educational Psychologists are valid; GP or support organisation letters won't be accepted. Late applications may delay access to support. Funding eligibility is based on nationality and residency criteria. Support approval depends on available resources.



Need More Information?

If you would like to chat about the supports available, feel free to ask at interview, open days or by contacting the student support team at **059 913 4230**

Entry Requirements

Unless otherwise stated, the basic entry requirement to all full-time **Level 5** courses is as follows:

- **Over 18 years** of age and/or successful completion of the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent international qualification).
- Over 18 years of age and/or successful completion of a Level 4 major award (or equivalent international qualification).

For **Level 6** course:

- The basic entry requirement to all full-time **Level 6** programmes is the successful completion of a **Level 5** major award (or equivalent international qualification).

Where a course is part of a jointly managed **Tertiary programme**, any specific admissions arrangements associated with that programme, which may sit outside this policy, will be clearly indicated.

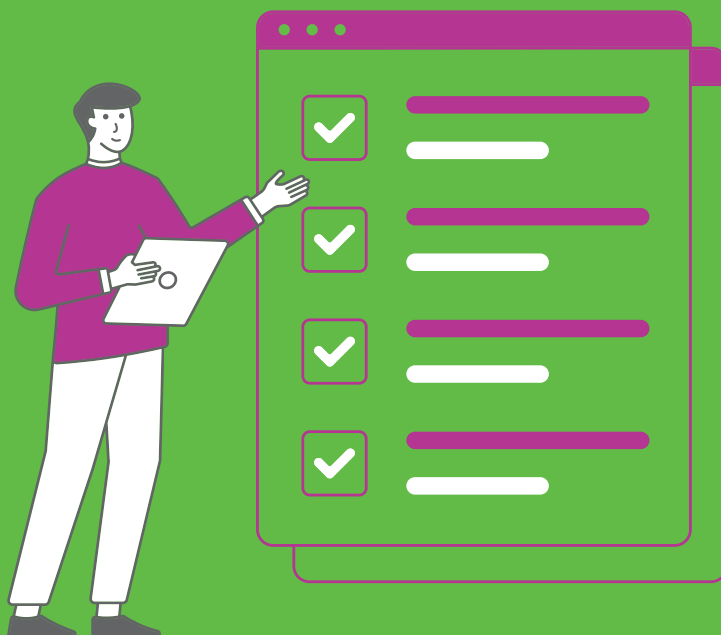
Some programmes may require specific subjects or skills. Our teachers will assess if the course is the right option for you at an interview. All reasonable efforts are made to facilitate diversity and to support learners with additional needs. See the section Open Learning and Students with Additional Needs for more information.

Mature Students

Mature students (over 23 years old) are welcome to apply for all courses at Carlow Institute.

Mature applicants who don't meet the minimum entry requirements, but who have acquired skills or experience, are welcome to apply, and we make sure the course is suitable at an interview.

Students aged between 18 and 23 years who do not have the minimum entry requirement or RPL will be referred to career guidance.





All About the Interview

Your Interview

Interviews take place from **March to late August** – see course information pages for details

Our staff will guide you through questions to make sure that you are in a position to succeed on the course. You will be able to ask about the course and opportunities available.

It is essential to attend an interview – it is your opportunity to see if the course is the right choice for you.

After Your Interview

If the course is the right choice for you, you will be offered a place. As courses are popular, this operates on a first fully registered basis with fees paid in full. We cannot keep places for students who do not pay full fees.

If you aren't ready to undertake a course, or need more time to develop skills, you will be guided to step-up options, including:

- Preparatory Level 4 courses, including Literacy and Numeracy
- Other alternative courses, including work-based learning and apprenticeships

- Career Guidance Counsellor advice on alternative courses.

Garda Vetting (Clearance)

Garda Vetting (police / criminal records clearance) is a requirement on courses where students have access to children or vulnerable adults. Students must be vetted for clearance by the Gardaí prior to attending work experience. It is **your responsibility** to obtain Garda Vetting Clearance / criminal records clearance.

Students who have lived outside the jurisdiction of Ireland / Northern Ireland, and for whom Garda vetting / clearance is unavailable, are required to provide verifiable evidence of criminal records clearance from the relevant police authorities.

We will provide you with information about making an application for clearance, but **it is your responsibility to complete any necessary application and to obtain clearance**. If you are offered a place on a course, you will be issued with information at registration.

It is an advisory interview to help you to understand what is involved on the course. It is aimed to make your transition to college as smooth as possible and you should be confident that you will be successful.

Top Tips For The Interview

Here are some ideas to help you prepare. Remember, we want to make sure the course is right for you!

- We'll ask about your interests and how these relate to the course
- We'll ask about what you want to do in the future
- We'll ask about your achievements – these could be academic, or events that you have participated in
- We'll ask what you think your skills are
- Above all, let us find out about you

Remember that like all professional interviews, some personal preparation will really help boost your confidence! Only the applicant attends the interview, third parties are not permitted to attend.

Other Important Information

The number of places available on each course is limited, and waiting lists will apply when courses are full. All courses are subject to minimum enrolment, and in the event that a course is not available, applicants will be advised of alternative choices on offer. The

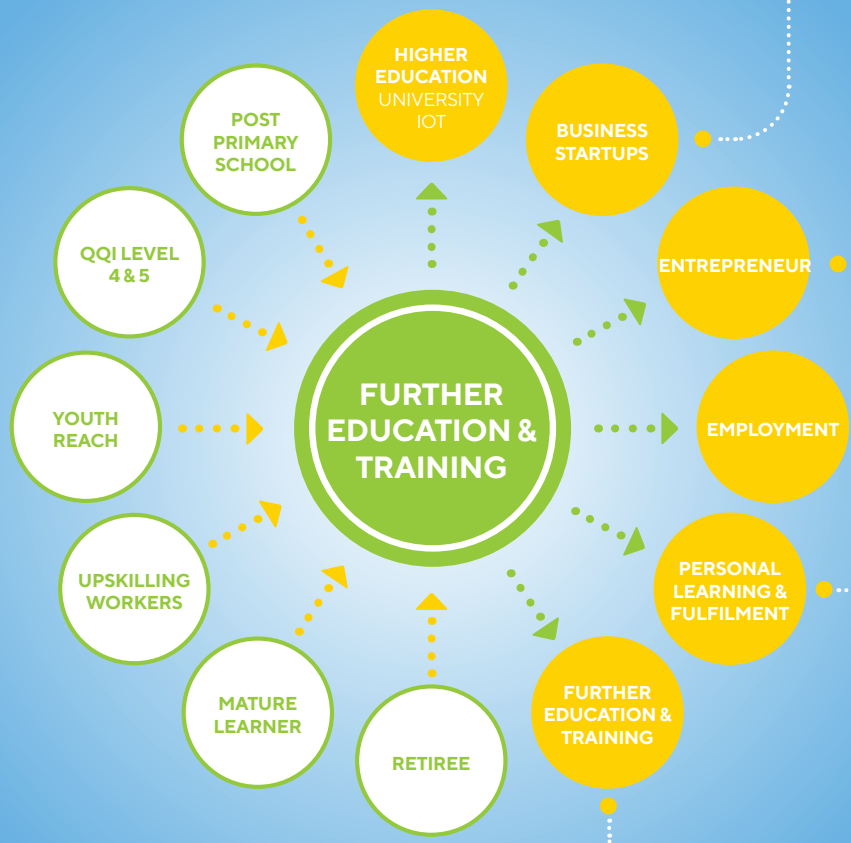
programme content shown in this prospectus is indicative, and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Offers of a place on a course are conditional, which may include grade outcomes in pending examinations,

and are subject to general suitability for the course as determined at the interview.

Only registered students are entitled to attend classes and other activities at the Institute. Registration is only complete once all registration fees have been paid.

Choose your Education journey



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IF YOUR NEXT STEP IS
**HIGHER
EDUCATION**
LOOK OUT FOR THIS



If you see this badge on the course page, this course is designed to provide preparation and access to **Higher Education** in Institutes of Technology and Universities

IF YOUR NEXT STEP IS AN
APPRENTICESHIP
LOOK OUT FOR THIS



If you see this badge on the course page, this course provides preparation and access to **apprenticeships**

IF YOUR NEXT STEP IS
FULL TIME WORK
LOOK OUT FOR THIS



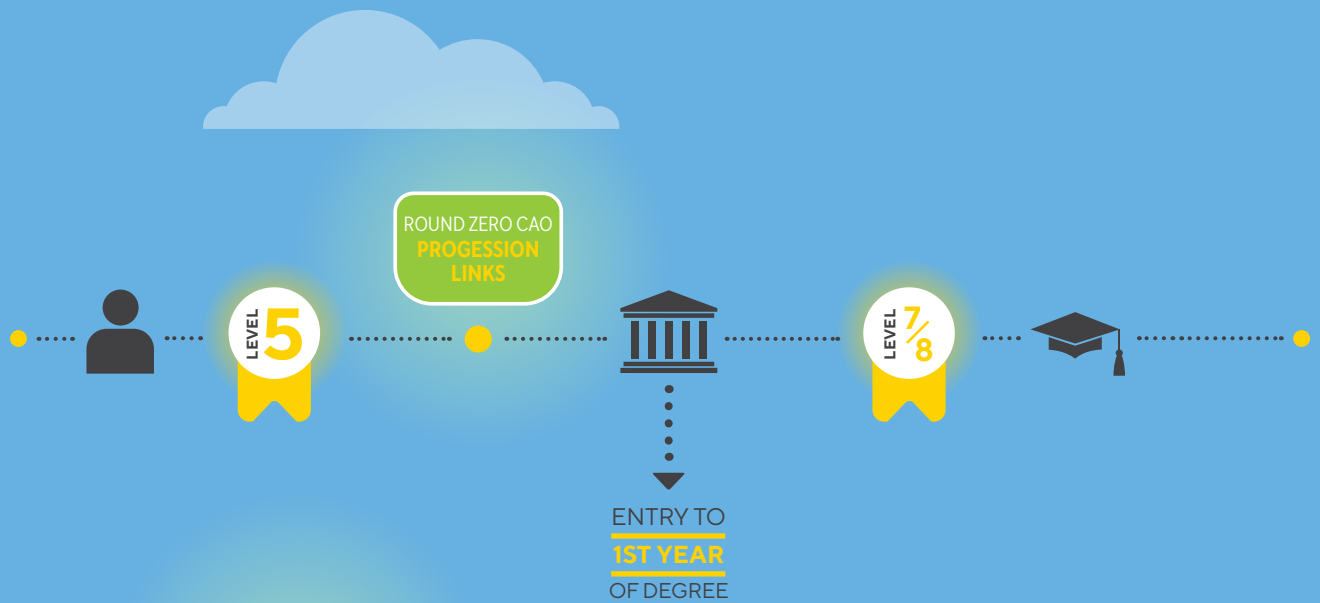
If you see this badge on the course page, this course provides the industry standard qualification for **full time work**



our
Step-by-step
approach

Further Education and Training is your gateway to Higher Education and to work. At Carlow Institute we provide a really effective pathway through to Higher Education, that allows you take a step-by-step approach, achieving internationally recognised qualifications as you go, and without the pressure of a four-year commitment at the outset.

We have progression agreements with our Higher Education partners so you can progress to a wide range of Higher Education courses. You can benefit from our special links which allow preferential access to degree Programmes.



ROUND ZERO CAO PROGRESSION LINKS

About Round Zero CAO Offers

Round zero offers are preferential CAO offers made to Carlow Institute students by our Higher Education Partners. These vary by course, but in general a Round Zero Offer is a conditional offer made in advance of the general Round One CAO offers. This means you can get ahead of the game by completing a Further Education qualification, and secure your CAO offer before the general offers made to

Leaving Certificate completers. Round Zero Offers are based on achieving prescribed grades or other Institution requirements, and in some cases the number of Round Zero Offer places available for particular Higher Education Courses are limited. Look out for the CAO Round Zero symbol on the course information Pages.



Did you know?

1

If you're unsure about going to University straight away, a **one-year PLC course** is ideal to help you decide, and you gain an additional recognised qualification!

2

A one-year **Level 5** Further Education course generates up to 390 points for CAO

3

Our Higher Education partners tell us that **our students perform really well** when they progress to degrees

4

The step-by-step route to Higher Education could **save you money**

5

At each step you will have an opportunity for an **internationally recognised qualification** that will really liven up your CV

6

You can **'step on-and-off'**, so you can take time out between levels if you need to



Our Technology and Science courses are your gateway to a wide range of exciting careers, with numerous options in the world of work, or for progression to Higher Education. We are constantly evolving our curriculum in response to industry and employment opportunities, so you can be sure that your course will be at the cutting edge. Technology and Science are moving faster now than ever before, and its people like you that will be part of that exciting revolution.

Affiliations



Software Engineer

Project manager

Build

Agri-Business

Bench Joinery **Car**

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Web development
Zoo keeper
Teacher

Dog grooming

Vet-nursing

Landscape designer

Civil engineer Ecologist

Painter

Animal Care Enterprise

Martina Redmond

This course is an ideal foundation for careers in the pet and animal care industry, with a special emphasis on setting up your own business. Perfect for entrepreneurial students with aspirations to work in, or start their own, animal care business, including Kennels/Catteries, Pet shops, Dog Groomers, Animal-Assisted therapies to Canine First Responders.

You explore the animal industry in a science-based, hands on and stimulating course covering animal handling, science, welfare and animal grooming. Students learn the practical skills, knowledge and experience required to work directly with animals, including in managing small mammals. You will also learn business skills required for successful participation in industry.

We have many professional links, and you will participate in a wide range of field trips to animal care contexts. This course is a foundation for careers and further study in the animal industry, and there are many progression options, including our own Level 6 Animal Science course.

What Makes This Course Special

- Hands-on course, with Animal Handling Experience
- Highly Experienced Animal Science Team
- Great professional Links
- Opportunities for Field Trips
- Short courses built in such as Canine First Responder
- Excellent Progression Routes, including our own Level 6

Course Content

- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Welfare
- Small Animal Husbandry & Housing
- Start your own business
- Business Administration & Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Animal Care Roles
- Animal Welfare Organisations
- Doggy Daycare
- Boarding Kennels
- Catteries
- Animal Parks & Zoos
- Grooming Parlours
- Large & Small Animal Clinics
- Pet Shops
- Stable Yards
- Animal Assisted Therapy

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Animal Care 5M2768

Canine First Responder Certification of Participation

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our students say...



After 12 years in fitness, I decided to pursue a new passion—animal care. Despite initial concerns about being the oldest in class and relearning how to study, my experience was incredibly positive. I found the animal care course fascinating, with supportive teachers and a diverse, friendly class. This journey inspired me to establish 'Pawfectly Happy Pet Services,' offering various pet care services. The knowledge gained from the course empowered me to open a grooming salon in Mountrath town. Grateful for the assistance from CIFE, especially Martina and the dedicated staff, I'm excited for this new chapter in my life.

Regina

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Animal Health Care

Martina Redmond



our students say...

This course provided me with a pathway into BSc Veterinary Nursing at UCD. The teachers were all so welcoming and helpful that I settled right in. The subjects were well structured and directly applicable to a wide range of university courses such as veterinary nursing, agriculture science and zoology. I constantly apply the knowledge I gained on the Animal Care course, to my Veterinary Nursing degree.

Katie

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

This course is an ideal foundation for progression to careers in the animal health industry, from animal welfare, kennel manager, veterinary nursing to zoologist.

You will explore the animal industry in a science based, hands on and stimulating course. You will study animal handling, science, welfare and animal grooming, learning practical skills, gaining the knowledge and experience required to work directly with animals.

We have many professional links, and you will participate in a wide range of field trips to animal care contexts. This course is a foundation for careers and further study in the animal industry, and there are many progression options, including specialised entry to veterinary nursing, Animal Science, Science, Agricultural Science, Marine Biology and Zoology degree courses.

What Makes This Course Special

- Hands-on course, with animal handling experience
- Highly experienced animal science team
- Great professional links
- Opportunities for field trips
- Short courses built in such as Canine First Responder
- Excellent progression routes, including our own Level 6

Course Content

- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Welfare
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Veterinary Nursing
- Animal Care Roles
- Animal Welfare Organisations
- Boarding Kennels
- Catteries
- Grooming Parlours
- Large & Small Animal Clinics
- Pet Shops
- Stable Yards

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Animal Care 5M2768

Canine First Responder Certification of Participation

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Animal Science

Martina Redmond

Animal Science is an advanced course, building on the occupational skills achieved at Level 5. It is a perfect step-up course to lead you to supervisory careers, or onto Higher Education studies.

The course includes a practical and theoretical study of the science of animal health and behaviour for domestic, farm and wild animals. You will also enhance your animal handling skills through 'hands-on' practical assignments including advanced grooming and a one-week placement at an agricultural college. Other field trips include Wexford wildfowl reserve, Glendalough, and Tayto Park.

You can progress from this course to a wide range of animal science, veterinary and management degrees. We have many professional links, and you will participate in a wide range of field trips to animal industry contexts.

What Makes This Course Special

- Advanced study
- Highly experienced animal science team
- Detailed 'hands on' practical skills and knowledge
- Great professional links including Dublin Zoo and Kildalton College
- Opportunities for fields trips
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Animal Behaviour
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Science & Health
- Kennel & Cattery Management
- Large Animal Husbandry
- Wild Animal Management
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Veterinary Careers
- Animal Health Sciences
- Animal Husbandry
- Animal Shelters
- Animal Welfare
- Animal Grooming
- Boarding Kennels & Catteries
- Pet Shops
- Animal Sales
- Stable Yards
- Stud Farms
- Wildlife Tourism Parks
- Zoology
- Farming/Agricultural Industry

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Animal Care or equivalent

Certification

QQI Level 6 Certificate in Animal Science 6M5153

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

On finishing my Level 5 in Animal Care I decided that I wanted to continue my education in the animal care world. I decided to do another QQI course, this time in Animal Science in Carlow Institute of Further Education. So far, the course is both practical and academic in equal measure ensuring an all-round educational experience. Every day since starting has been both challenging and interesting and fun! Overall doing the Animal Science course has been a fantastic experience and I would recommend it to anyone graduating from a level 5 in Animal Care to continue their education in Carlow Institute.

Jean

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Applied Sciences

Irene Hayes



The science industries are one of Ireland's fastest growing sectors, with job opportunities out-stripping supply of graduates. Our Applied Sciences course is an ideal foundation, providing a platform to a wide range of careers including Bio-pharma, agri-science, chemistry and micro-biology. You'll study a wide range of science subjects, and applied laboratory skills, helping you gain practical insights as well as firm theoretical knowledge.

You can progress both to Higher Education and to many careers both in commercial and research science. For those wishing to progress to Higher Education, this foundation will give you the edge when you progress to degree level study.

What Makes This Course Special

- Develop practical laboratory skills
- Broad range of science knowledge
- Many progression options
- Fast-growing sector
- Exciting links & visits with Third level institutions
- Step up to wider-ranging professional career options

Course Content

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Laboratory Skills
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Agri-science
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biopharma
- Biotechnology
- Chemical Engineering
- Clinical Researcher
- Laboratory Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Science

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Laboratory Techniques 5M3807

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Architecture Pre-University

Laura Conheady

The study of architecture provides students with the opportunity to be creative and use their technical skills in the design of buildings and environments. This architecture course is designed for the student to prepare a portfolio for architecture or architectural technology so that they can continue their studies to degree level.

Students will learn many skills in the areas of building design and modelling which will prepare them for higher education. They will develop key skills in 2D plan production, 3D and architectural design. Through the practical application of theory, students will become familiar with the architectural requirements to meet the needs of the client.

What Makes This Course Special

- 'Hands-on' practical learning
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Work with our construction experts
- Participate in a range of practical projects
- Prepare for work
- Progress to an apprenticeship or Higher Education

Course Content

- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Design Skills
- Parametric CAD (Revit)
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher education degree programmes in areas of further study and careers including:

- Architecture
- Architecture Technologist
- Construction
- 3D design/ Modelling
- Building Trades
- CAD Technician
- Product Design
- Construction Technology
- Quantity Surveying

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 6 Certificate in Construction Technology 5M1940

Safe Pass Certificate

Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

I completed a QQI Level 5 architecture course as a stepping stone to higher education. Currently in my 5th year studying Architecture (Honours) at SETU Waterford, the course at Carlow Institute of Further Education provided a robust foundation in both theoretical and practical aspects of the industry. It offered valuable work experience in a local architectural practice, enabling me to apply and enhance learned skills and build connections. I highly recommend this course for those aspiring to enter the architectural industry. It prepares you for evolving challenges, including sustainability and adaptive reuse, at a higher education level.

Morgan

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Automotive Technology

Kevin O'Doherty



our students say...



I completed Automotive Technology course with no prior mechanics or engineering knowledge. Benefited greatly in my racing career and at the racetrack, gaining confidence to work on my own car and understand on-track situations. Highly recommend the course for those interested in the motor industry, whether in mechanics, car sales, or motorsport progression. Tutors were exceptional, going above and beyond to ensure everyone maximised their learning and provided great support throughout. Lessons learned will stay with me for life.

Kelsey

If you aspire to a career in the Automotive Industry, our Automotive Technology course is a perfect foundation for your future. With progression opportunities including Automotive apprenticeships, motorsport, sales or engineering, this course will provide you with a knowledge and practical skills grounding.

You will learn about motor vehicle maintenance – how to locate, identify and carry out a routine maintenance on a variety of mechanical and electrical components using test models and real vehicles in our Automotive Engineering workshop. You will also gain useful skills in health and safety, communications, maths, teamworking and independent learning.

Automotive Technology will place you at a real advantage if you want to progress to an apprenticeship or further study in the Automotive Industry. This certification can allow you to complete Phase 2 of the SOLAS Level 6 Motor Mechanic Apprenticeship in 12 weeks or less, rather than the standard 24 weeks.

What Makes This Course Special

- Ideal for stepping-up to an apprenticeship
- Can offer step-up on Phase 2 Apprenticeship
- Learn practical skills in a real automotive workshop environment
- Use industry standard equipment
- Learn practical skills and wider technical knowledge
- Work with our automotive experts
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Auto Electricity
- Motor Vehicle Practice
- Motor Vehicle Theory
- Engineering Drawing
- Mathematics
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Engineering Workshop Processes

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Automotive Mechanic
- Car Repairs
- Car Sales
- Dealer Servicing
- Engineering
- HGV Training
- Manufacturer Apprentice

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Motor Technology 5M2145

Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science

Irene Hayes

Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science is the study of human health and disease and represents one of the largest industries in Ireland today. This course aims to provide students with an introduction to laboratory skills and diverse areas of modern health sciences, allowing them to develop their practical skills, techniques and knowledge in the area of Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Science. This is a progression course with significant opportunities to progress to higher education, with all of the core science subjects – Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths – taught in this one year course.

What Makes This Course Special

- Develop practical laboratory skills
- Broad range of science knowledge
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Physics
- Laboratory Skills

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Biopharma
- Biotechnology
- Laboratory Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Science

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Laboratory Techniques 5M3807

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Construction & Building

Laura Conheady



our
students
say...

I had previously worked as a block layer but was forced to stop due to injury and to reskill. This course teaches you the theory behind construction processes as well as providing you with the opportunity to apply those theories practically. This course is the perfect vehicle to prepare you for third-level construction industry courses and I now plan to progress to SETU next year to study civil engineering.

Jonathan

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

If you aspire to a career as a carpenter, bricklayer, and related trades in the construction industry, this programme will offer you a broad foundation of skills to support your progression.

You will learn practical construction skills and detailed underpinning theory through 'hands on' projects. Working with our Construction and Building experts, you can develop a broad range of skills that support progression to a range of careers.

This course will enhance your ability to progress direct to work and will also support progression to Apprenticeships or Higher Education options.

What Makes This Course Special

- Hands-on' practical learning
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Work with our construction experts
- Participate in a range of practical projects
- Prepare for work
- Progress to an apprenticeship or Higher Education

Course Content

- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Wood Fabrication
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Building Trades
- Bricklayer
- CAD Technician
- Carpenter
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Technology
- Quantity Surveying
- Mechanical Engineering

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Construction Technology 5M5010

Safe Pass Certificate

Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Construction Trades Pre-Apprenticeship

Laura Conheady

Our Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Trades programme is the perfect foundation for anyone seeking employment as an apprentice in the construction industry. This Pre-Apprenticeship will introduce you to areas such as carpentry, electrical and plumbing, and working with our Construction and Building experts, you can develop a broad range of skills that support progression to a range of careers.

Completing this pre-apprenticeship will give you a competitive edge when applying for apprenticeship jobs. The skills and knowledge that you learn on this pre-apprenticeship will help you progress quickly through your learning and qualification as a formal apprentice. You will learn practical construction skills and detailed underpinning theory through 'hands on' projects.

This course will enhance your ability to progress direct to work and will also support progression to Apprenticeships and many other options.

What Makes This Course Special

- Hands-on' practical learning
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Work with our construction experts
- Participate in a range of practical projects
- Prepare for work
- Progress to an apprenticeship or Higher Education

Course Content

- Architectural Drawing
- Building Construction
- Wood Fabrication
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Building Trades
- Bricklayer
- CAD Technician
- Carpenter
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Technology
- Quantity Surveying
- Mechanical Engineering

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Construction Technology 5M5010

Safe Pass Certificate

Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered.

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Garda Vetting

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Engineering Pre-Apprenticeship

Pat Lawlor



our
students
say...



I completed the Engineering Technology course in Carlow to explore the engineering industry. Engaging in various modules like CAD, engineering drawing, practical and theoretical aspects, and building construction was enriching. Work experience helped me decide on my future path. I chose toolmaking with Carlow Toolmaking Services and secured a four-year apprenticeship. I highly recommend this course for those keen on enhancing engineering skills. It ignited my passion for engineering and strengthened my existing skills. Excited for my toolmaking apprenticeship and future in engineering!

Casey

Our Pre-Apprenticeship Engineering course offers you the ideal opportunity to learn how to apply solutions to practical problems. This full-time Level 5 course is designed to meet your needs to pursue an apprenticeship. The course provides you with an understanding of Engineering Fabrication, Machine Tool operation and Joining methods. You will also study construction services and systems and develop these skills which are essential to gaining an apprenticeship in a range of trades in the Engineering and Construction Industry.

You will study the fundamentals of engineering and construction – covering drawing, practical workshop and construction skills and the underpinning theory. This course provides you with an understanding of engineering and construction in a wide variety of careers in areas including Engineering fabrication, product manufacturing, construction, electrical & mechanical services. Our industry connections will help you maximise your progression and career options.

What Makes This Course Special

- Learn in our fully equipped workshops
- Use industry standard software SolidWorks®
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Discover new technologies
- Great professional links
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Building Construction
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Engineering Drawing
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Engineering Workshop Theory
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Fitter / Welder
- Metal Fabrication
- Tool Making
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Aircraft Mechanics
- Mechanical Automation.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Engineering Technology 5M2061
Safe Pass Certificate
Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Engineering Technology Pre-University

Pat Lawlor

Engineering offers fantastic career choices – you can progress to work environments where practical skills are combined with solution-focused theory.

You will study the fundamentals of engineering – covering drawing, practical workshop skills and the underpinning theory. This course will set you on the road to engineering careers in a huge variety of disciplines including product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical, electronics,

mechanical, energy, environment and transport. Our HE links and industry connections will help you maximise your progression and career options.

What Makes This Course Special

- Learn in our fully equipped workshops
- Use industry standard software SolidWorks®
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Discover new technologies
- Great professional links
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Building Construction
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Engineering Drawing
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Engineering Workshop Theory
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Aerospace Engineering
- CNC Operators
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Trades
- Electronic Engineering
- Electrician
- Fitter
- Maintenance Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Tool Making

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 6 Certificate in Engineering Technology 5M2061

Safe Pass Certificate

Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

If you are considering a career in engineering or wondering if an engineering role is suitable for you in the long-term, analysis suggests that countless opportunities lie ahead for this critical industry such as technological advancements, sustainability requirements and a growing national community currently paving the way for a positive outlook on Irish engineering for the future.

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.



Forensic Science

Irene Hayes



Discover the world of Forensic Investigation and Science with this new course. You will benefit from an introduction to the basic principles of forensics and criminology in the context of a solid foundation of the core sciences Biology and Chemistry.

Students will participate in laboratory work, with a particular focus on how evidence is collected and analysed for use in legal cases. Participants will gain in-depth knowledge of crime investigation and criminology. Students will have the opportunity to develop their practical laboratory skills with a focus on Forensic applications. Graduates of this course will be prepared for further study or to begin their career.

What Makes This Course Special

- Solid foundation of science and investigation
- Practical skills and applied knowledge
- Many progression routes available
- Fast-growing sector
- Step up to wider-ranging professional career options

Course Content

- Laboratory Skills
- Criminology
- Criminal Law
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Microbiology
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- The Defence Forces
- DNA & Forensic Analysis
- Laboratories in areas such as general science, State Laboratory
- Forensic Science Laboratory
- General science
- Pharmaceutical science
- Biotechnology.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Laboratory Techniques 5M3807

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Furniture Making & Woodworking

Phillip Carey

This course is ideal for anyone seeking a career in designing and manufacture of high-quality furniture or architectural woodwork. A true craft course, working in our workshops, you will build practical furniture-making skills, and learn about design and manufacture techniques.

In addition to design, you will cover a range of practical skills, including furniture-making, wood-turning and finishing. Furniture Making & Woodworking will set you on the way to your own furniture making business, or to progression to other areas of specialism. These include furniture conservation, bespoke furniture design, architectural wood-working, shop-fitting design and other timber crafts.

Students on this programme are supported to build a Design Portfolio for career and progression interviews.

What Makes This Course Special

- Build your design portfolio
- Use industry standard equipment
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Work with our Furniture experts
- Participate in exhibitions
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Furniture Making
- Wood Finishing
- Wood Turning
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Bespoke Cabinet Maker
- Furniture Designer
- Furniture Restorer
- Cabinet Maker
- Furniture Maker
- Carpenter
- Joiner
- Industrial Design
- Product Design & Innovation

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Furniture Design 5M2012

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

I enrolled at Carlow Institute as it was a lifelong dream to create my own furniture. I've always had a passion for design but never thought it possible. I really enjoyed the course - it brought creativity to life, providing me with knowledge and skills. Our teachers encouraged us ensuring everyone's learning styles were accommodated. I highly recommend Carlow Institute to any age - dreams do come true, my only regret is that I didn't do it sooner!

Morgan

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Motor Mechanic Pre-Apprenticeship

Kevin O'Doherty



our students say...



I completed the auto tech course in Carlow to find my path into the motor industry. In this course I gained great practical experience including being able to do work experience which got me into my apprenticeship that I am now in at Mercedes. I would highly recommend this course to anyone wanting to further their skills in the automotive trade, with the progression of new technology, especially vehicle electrics, becoming a big part of the motor industry the course is a real benefit to understanding the motor vehicle systems before starting an apprenticeship or going on to third level.

Caolan

This pre-apprenticeship programme in motor vehicle mechanics will provide you with the perfect grounding for progression to employment as an Apprentice Motor mechanic. This is a highly practical course that will help you build the technical skills and understanding to successfully apply for a position as an apprentice mechanic.

You will learn how to locate, identify and carry out a routine maintenance on a variety of mechanical and electrical components using test models and real vehicles in our Automotive Engineering workshop. You will also gain useful skills in health and safety, communications, maths, teamworking and independent learning.

Pre-Apprenticeship Motor Mechanic will place you at a real advantage if you want to progress to an apprenticeship or further study in the Automotive Industry. This certification can allow you to complete Phase 2 of the SOLAS Level 6 Motor Mechanic Apprenticeship in 12 weeks or less, rather than the standard 24 weeks.

What Makes This Course Special

- Ideal for stepping-up to an apprenticeship
- Can offer step-up on Phase 2 Apprenticeship
- Learn practical skills in a real automotive workshop environment
- Use industry standard equipment
- Learn practical skills and wider technical knowledge
- Work with our automotive experts
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Auto Electricity
- Motor Vehicle Practice
- Motor Vehicle Theory
- Engineering Drawing
- Mathematics
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Engineering Workshop Processes

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Automotive Mechanic
- Car Repairs
- Car Sales
- Dealer Servicing
- Engineering
- HGV Training
- Manufacturer Apprentice

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Motor Technology 5M2145
Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Nutrition & Science

Irene Hayes

This course introduces you to the interdependence of food, nutrition and health. You will be encouraged to develop your scientific mindset and to problem solve, research and analyse in this innovative and cutting-edge course.

Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to meet scientists, researchers, and experts in the area. This generally takes the form of talks, workshops, and field trips.

What Makes This Course Special

- Step-up to HE
- Learn with expert staff
- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Direct to work options
- Educational trips

Course Content

- Laboratory Skills
- Microbiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Nutrition
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Food Science
- Bachelor of Science
- Biological and Biomedical Science
- Computer Science
- Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Chemistry
- Climate and Environmental Sustainability

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Science Pre-University

Irene Hayes



The science industries are one of Ireland's fastest growing sectors, with job opportunities out-stripping supply of graduates. You'll study a wide range of science subjects, and applied laboratory skills, helping you gain practical insights as well as firm theoretical knowledge.

You can progress both to Higher Education and to many careers both in commercial and research science. For those wishing to progress to Higher Education, this foundation will give you the edge when you progress to degree level study.

What Makes This Course Special

- Develop practical laboratory skills
- Broad range of science knowledge
- Many progression options
- Fast-growing sector
- Exciting links & visits with Third level institutions
- Step up to wider-ranging professional career options

Course Content

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Laboratory Skills
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Physics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Agri-science
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biopharma
- Biotechnology
- Chemical Engineering
- Clinical Researcher
- Laboratory Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Science

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Laboratory Techniques 5M3807

Costs

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I'd
like
to be...

Architect

Animal Welfare Officer

Carpenter

Civil engineer

Mechanic

Landscape Designer **Ecologist**

Project manager

Scientist

Software Engineer

Teacher

Vet-nursing Web Developer

Zoo keeper

Our Sports and Services Industries courses provide detailed experience of these fields, preparing you for a wide range of career options. You can acquire professional level skills, comprehensive knowledge and internationally recognised qualifications. Our sports provision provides intensive skills training, and these courses are your ideal stepping stone to wide range of sports and fitness careers. You can expect a great team-spirit, and lots of opportunities to participate in teams events and group-based professional projects.

Affiliations



City & Guilds

Beautician
Cabin Crew
Colourist

Sports & Service Industries

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Sports administrator
Physiotherapist
Spa therapist

Sports nutritionist
Salon manager
Personal trainer

Spa therapist
PE teacher

Make-up artist
Fitness instructor

Hair/beauty receptionist
Trichologist

Events Manager

Advanced Beauty - Senior Therapist

Roisin Scanlon

Make your way to the top of the Beauty Industry with our Advanced Beauty - Senior Therapist course. Our course will provide you with internationally recognised professional qualifications in Beauty Treatments and Spa Therapies.

You learn highly specialised skills in all aspects of Beauty Treatments, including laser, micro-dermabrasion and intense pulsed light treatments. There is an intensive focus on high-level professional practice which will set-up you for a senior role in the Beauty Treatments industry.

This course leads to internationally recognised CIDESCO and ITEC qualifications, and successful students can progress to professional-level roles, both as a self-employed practitioner, or in a wide variety of professional contexts.

What Makes This Course Special

- Senior Therapist level qualification
- Internationally recognised professional qualifications
- Professional-level skills training
- Professional practice-based teaching
- Outstanding facilities
- Highly experienced beauty therapy team

Course Content

- Advanced Skincare
- Advanced Body Treatments
- Microdermabrasion
- Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments
- Epilation and Hair Removal
- Hand and Foot Treatments
- Make Up
- Spa Treatments
- Cosmetic Science & Surgery
- Dermatology and Skin Science
- Nutrition
- Client and Business management

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Beauty Therapist
- Beauty Salon Management
- Cruise Liner Therapist
- Make-up Consultant
- Massage Therapist
- Product Consultant
- Skin Care Consultant
- Spa Therapist

Entry Requirements

Level 5 Certificate in Beauty Therapy or equivalent.

Certification

CIDESCO Diploma Beauty Therapy

ITEC L4 Diploma in Laser & Intense Pulsed Light Treatments 107

ITEC L3 Certificate in Microdermabrasion Treatments iBT3C13

QQI L6 Award in Electrical Epilation 6N3475

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered.

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Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...



I studied 2 years of Beauty Therapy at CIFET. It was honestly the best 2 years of my life. The course is very in depth and hands on which I thoroughly enjoyed! During my time at CIFET I not only learned how to be a professional beauty therapist, but I also learned values that I have taken with me and will continue to do so throughout my career.

The amazing teachers go above and beyond to help and support you without any hesitation. I am now a fully qualified beauty therapist and have worked in both the Spa and Beauty Industry over the last 2 years. I would highly recommend CIFET to anyone looking to upskill or start their career journey.

Frances

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Advanced Make-up – Senior Make-up Artist

Sara Ashmore



our students say...

My time at Carlow Institute was truly incredible! The tutors showcased exceptional talent in their respective fields, enriching my learning journey with invaluable knowledge and skills. The course curriculum was remarkably diverse, leading me to explore unexpected areas like body-painting, which added a captivating dimension to my experience. The college facilities exceeded expectations, with adjustable chairs and spacious mirrors in the makeup room, creating a salon-like ambiance that made every day of learning a joyous occasion.

Emily

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Make-up Artistry is a fast-paced industry, with a wide range of career opportunities for skilled creatives. Our advanced Make-up Artistry course will support your career, building higher-level skills and knowledge, and a professional standard portfolio.

You will develop advanced level skills in practical technical units, where you will apply your creative talents as a make-up and special effects artist. Technical skills include fashion and editorial make-up techniques, and special effects make-up techniques for the Television, Film and Theatre industry. This advanced programme will support progression directly to careers in many areas of the Make-Up Artistry industry or on to Higher Education.

What Makes This Course Special

- High-level professional skills training
- Outstanding facilities and award-winning staff
- Creative portfolio programme
- Many progression options in senior roles/management
- Fast-growing sector
- Exciting links & visits

Course Content

- Advanced Make-up Techniques
- Research & Design Plans
- Face & Body Painting
- SFX Make-up
- Prosthetics & Bald Cap Application
- Permanent Eyelashes
- Threading
- Salon & Sales Management

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Fashion & Media Make-up Artist
- Eye Lash Technician, Threading Specialist
- Film & TV Make-up Artist
- Prosthetics Make-up Artist
- Product Representative & Trainer
- Skincare Consultant
- Senior Make-up Artist
- Special-effect Make-up Artist

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate Make-up Artistry or equivalent.

Certification

City & Guilds Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Theatrical & Media Make-up Techniques 5450-08 or **CIDESCO Diploma in Media Make-up and Diploma in Make-up Artistry** (Not approved)

City & Guilds Unit Awards -

Level 3 Apply individual permanent lashes 3003-93

Level 2 Provide threading services for hair removal 3003-92

Level 2 Provide Skincare 3003

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Barbering

Gerrard Hynes

Our Barbering course offers detailed skills training in all aspects of barbering and men's hair grooming. You'll learn practical skills and the underpinning theory and science to prepare you for a career in the Barbering/hairdressing Industry, including cutting men's hair, cutting men's facial hair and hot towel shaving, and the essential underpinning knowledge.

Barbering offers many employment opportunities, and our course leads to an internationally recognised qualification. You will have opportunities to develop your skills and build a portfolio of work that will help you to progress to employment.

What Makes This Course Special

- Ready for work professional qualification
- Develop practical skills and applied knowledge
- Internationally recognised qualification
- Expert staff and professional facilities
- Build a career portfolio of your work
- Award winning Team

Course Content

- Salon Health & Safety Practice
- Hairdressing Consultation
- Men's Hair Cutting
- Facial Hair Cutting
- Salon Products & Services
- Provide hot towel shave and facial massage service
- Design & Create Patterns in Hair

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Salon Barber
- Self-employed Barber
- Fashion Barber
- Product Representative
- Cruise Ship Barber
- Resort Barber
- TV & Film Barber
- Wedding & Event Stylist
- Hair and Scalp Specialist

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Barbering with Evolve 3003-67
This international award at UK Level 3 is a full award equivalent to an Irish Level 5 major award

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered.

(see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...



This Barbering course covered all the knowledge and skills I needed to help me gain full employment when I finished. I was very nervous starting as a mature student however the teachers immediately put me at ease, and they work to the individuals needs on progression. there was so much more knowledge and skills covered than I expected, and these stood to me when I got a job. I would recommend this course as an ideal pathway to employment.

Maryna

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Beauty Therapy, Massage & Electrotherapy

Roisin Scanlon



our students say...

I had heard fantastic reports about the Beauty Therapy course and couldn't wait to get started! The course itself was incredibly thorough and in depth, with opportunities to experience other avenues within the industry too. I enjoyed how much hands-on experience which helped build confidence when performing treatments. I now work with Dermalogica as a Senior Educator in their training facility in Dublin. It was at Carlow Institute that I realised skincare was my passion!

Louise

Do you aspire to a career in the Beauty Industry? If you are passionate about professional treatments and customer experience, and want a career that can open many options, then our Beauty Therapy course is for you.

You'll work in a professional Beauty Therapy salon environment to learn the essential practical skills and learn to use professional products including Dermalogica and others. You can expect an intensive focus on professional practice, and home treatment evidence is an essential part of the course.

With our internationally recognised ITEC qualifications, successful students can progress to work, or to our Level 6 Advanced Beauty - Senior Therapist

What Makes This Course Special

- Internationally recognised ITEC qualification
- High-level skills training
- Professional practice-based teaching
- Outstanding facilities
- Highly experienced beauty therapy team
- Excellent progression routes, including our own Level 6 programme

Course Content

- Skincare and eye treatment
- Facial electrical treatments
- Manicure and pedicure
- Make-up
- Massage therapies
- Waxing
- Anatomy and physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Beauty Salon Therapist
- Cruise Liner Therapist
- Company Representative
- Make-up Consultant
- Massage Therapist
- Product Consultant
- Skin Care Consultant
- Spa Therapist

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

TEC Level 3 Diploma in Beauty, Massage and Electrotherapy iBT3D8

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Gym & Fitness Instructor - Personal Trainer

Mary Walsh

If you are seeking to build a career as a Gym-based exercise Fitness Instructor, then this course is for you. You will achieve an internationally recognised ITEC award that qualifies you as a Fitness Instructor, and this can lead you direct to work. You will study the theory of principles and practice of Gym and class-based Exercise, Nutrition and understanding the essentials of Anatomy and Physiology while learning with qualified Fitness Instructors in our professional standard Fitness Studio and Sports Hall

This programme is also underpinned by a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sport, Recreation and Exercise, that offers you options to progress to Further and Higher Education.

What Makes This Course Special

- Qualify to work as a Fitness Instructor
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Learn with our highly experienced Fitness team
- Practical training opportunities with local sports and fitness organisations
- Detailed technical and practical skills development
- Outstanding fitness and sports facilities
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Principles of Exercise, Fitness & health
- Planning and instructing gym-based exercise
- Supporting clients in exercise and physical activity
- Health, safety and welfare in fitness environment
- Sports & Recreation Studies
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Nutrition
- Soccer Coaching
- GAA Coaching
- Rugby Coaching
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Fitness Instructor
- Gym Assistant
- Personal Trainer
- Fitness and Sports Management
- Team Fitness Assistant
- Sports Clubs Assistant

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

ITEC L2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym-based Exercise) ISP2C5

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sport, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

GAA Coaching Award Foundation Level

Sport Ireland Child Safeguarding Level 1

Autism in Sport Training Certificate

Disability Awareness Training Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

I am incredibly passionate about sport and I decided I wanted nothing more than a career in the sports industry. As a mature student returning to education, I was nervous about the academic challenge. However, my fellow students and my tutors helped me settle in and were always there for advice and feedback. The new, state of the art sports hall and gym really enhanced my experience and I picked up knowledge and skills from all of my modules that I will take forward with me. I am confident now and excited to be progressing on to Athlone IT to study Sports Management. I will not forget my time at Carlow Institute and will credit them as part of my future successes.

Aoife

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Hairdressing

Gerrard Hynes



our students say...



I decided to do Hairdressing in Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training because it was a new college with really good facilities and easy access. After successfully completing my Hairdressing course I gained a job in a local salon in Carlow and I am still working there 3 years later. I am still availing of salon training and updating my skills even further. I am presently entering hairdressing competitions and I recently won the Wella Trend Vision Creative Colour category and was nominated for the Star Team for the IHF (Irish Hairdressing Federation).

Ciara

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

The Hairdressing industry is a dynamic working environment, with opportunities for many different careers. Our course leads to internationally recognised qualifications in the art of hairdressing. You will learn the practical skills of hairdressing and styling, and the underpinning theoretical knowledge that will enable you to pursue a career in hairdressing business. You will work in professional facilities and with award-winning staff.

You will have opportunities to develop your skills and build a portfolio of work that will help you to progress to employment.

What Makes This Course Special

- Progress to work
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- High-level skills training
- Outstanding facilities
- Award-winning hairdressing team
- Build your own creative portfolio

Course Content

- Hairdressing Theory & Practice
- Hairdressing Science
- Creative Hair Design Skills
- Forme and style support
- Bridal Hair Styling
- Cut Womens Hair
- Colour Hair
- Safety & Health at Work
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Salon Hairstylist
- Self-employed Hairstylist
- Fashion Hairstylist
- Product Representative
- Cruise Ship Hairstylist
- Resort Hairstylist
- TV & Film Hairstylist
- Wedding & Event Hairstylist
- Hair and Scalp Specialist

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Women's hairdressing with Evolve 3002-66

This international award at UK Level 3 is a full award equivalent to an Irish Level 5 major award

SEC Hairdressing Junior Trades

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Make-up Artistry with Fashion, Theatrical & SFX

Sara Ashmore

The world of the professional Make-up Artist offers many exciting national and international career options. This course is an intensive course designed for students who wish to pursue a career as a Make-Up Artist in the Film, Media and Fashion industry. This course will provide you with a range of professional skills and knowledge to help you launch your career.

This exciting course covers all aspects of professional Make-up Artistry that includes High Fashion Make-Up, Make-Up for Theatre, TV and Film, Special Effects Make-up. You'll learn Make-Up techniques, developing skills that respond to various contexts and briefs. You will use our professional purpose-built facilities, and top-end products.

What Makes This Course Special

- High-level professional skills training
- Highly experienced make-up team
- Real-work projects
- Outstanding facilities
- Excellent progression routes and career options

Course Content

- Airbrush Make-up
- Fashion & Photographic Make-up
- Media and Theatrical Make-up
- Creative Hair
- Eye Treatments - Eyelash,
- Brow Tinting, Brow Shaping
- Special Effects Make-up and Moulage
- Prosthetics & Bald Cap Application
- Face & Body Painting
- Camouflage Make-up

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Make-up artist in the Fashion, Film and TV Industries
- Freelance Make-up Artist
- Make-up Consultant
- Skincare Consultant
- Special-effects Make-up Artist
- TV & Film Make-up Artist
- Wedding & Events Make-up Artist
- Eye Technician

Students who successfully complete this course have the opportunity to progress on to other courses within the college which would complement their skill set such as the level 6 Advanced Make-up Artistry Course. Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy or onto other awards in their chosen vocational area.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects Hair and Media Make-up with Evolve 3003-74

This international award at UK Level 3 is a full award equivalent to an Irish Level 5 major award

Costs

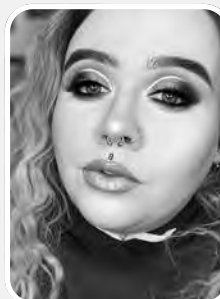
All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...



I applied for the course out of my love for creativity, with makeup serving as my ideal artistic outlet. Passionate about pursuing a career in this field, I enrolled to refine my skills, explore diverse styles and techniques, and deepen my makeup knowledge. My experience at CIFET was fantastic! The talented tutors broadened my horizons, introducing me to unexpected areas like body-painting. The top-notch facilities, including adjustable chairs and large mirrors, provided a salon-like workspace every day. I aim to advance to the level 6 Makeup Artistry course, aspiring to teach and share my knowledge. Additionally, I'm keen on opportunities in theatre and cinema, confident that my CIFET experience is preparing me well for these paths.

Emily

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Outdoor Sports & Recreation

Robbie Kavanagh



our students say...

The National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027 sheds light on the burgeoning prospects within the sector, illuminating the path towards sustainable growth and innovation. By acknowledging the surging tide of tourism, the strategy recognizes the fertile ground it offers for job creation and the nurturing of fresh enterprises. It astutely points out the flourishing landscape of adventure tourism, where bold ventures and thrilling escapades beckon both travelers and entrepreneurs alike. This strategy serves as a compass, guiding us towards harnessing the full potential of our natural wonders, fostering economic vitality while preserving the essence of outdoor adventure for generations to come.

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

The aim of this award is to enable the learner to develop knowledge, skills and competencies in a range of outdoor sport and recreation activities, to allow them gain employment in a variety of outdoor recreation contexts and/or to progress to further and/or higher education and training. Potential jobs include entry level positions as assistant instructors in adventure centres, adventure tourism companies and private enterprises in Ireland and the UK.

What Makes This Course Special

- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Adventure Activities
- Outdoor Recreation
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Outdoor Leadership and Safety
- Adapted Physical Activity
- Kayaking Instruction Skills
- SP Certificate in Lowland Leadership
- Orienteering

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Ed & Leisure
- Bachelor of Arts in Outdoor Learning
- BSc Outdoor Adventure Recreation & Sport Management

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Outdoor Sport and Recreation

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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PE Teaching & Sports Studies Pre-University

Mary Walsh

Our Pre-University PE Teaching & Sports Studies course is designed to provide you with a range of skills and aims to prepare for a career in teaching, coaching, strength and conditioning. You will study the theory of Sport and Recreation, Exercise and Fitness and a range of team coaching awards that are immediately relevant to this dynamic, energetic and fast-moving sector

We are linked with organisations like the GAA, and you will have opportunities to further your teaching and coaching abilities in a range of team sports. You will study the theory required to gain an understanding of the various elements of the sport and fitness industry. This combination of practical and theory-based study will support you to access a range of career opportunities including PE teaching, Strength and Conditioning, Sport and Recreation Management. You can progress direct to work, or to additional Further and Higher Education.

What Makes This Course Special

- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Highly experienced PE, sports & fitness team
- Outstanding PE facilities including fully equipped gym
- Excellent progression routes
- Work experience in sports coaching/PE teaching at primary or post primary schools
- Links with other sport providers

Course Content

- Sports and Recreation Studies
- Nutrition
- Soccer Coaching
- GAA Coaching
- Rugby Coaching
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Sports Anatomy and Physiology
- Adapted Physical Activity
- Exercise and Fitness
- ITEC Gym based fitness Instruction

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- PE Studies
- Sports Coach
- Strength and Conditioning Studies
- Sports Management
- Sports Clubs Assistant
- Sports Development Offices
- Gym Instructor
- Leisure Centre Instructor
- Hotel Leisure Attendant

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sport, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

ITEC L2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym-based Exercise) ISP2C5

GAA Coaching Award – Foundation Level

Sport Ireland – Child Safeguarding Level 1

Disability Inclusion Awareness Training Certification

Autism in Sport Training Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

Sport was always part of my life but after my Leaving Cert I was working here and there. As I matured I decided to connect my life with sport and benefit people. The Sport, Fitness and Exercise course was an amazing experience for me and it helped me to overcome my communication fears. This course gave me lots, motivated me during the academic year, built my confidence and provided lots of opportunities. Now I know who I am and what I want to do for rest of my life – dreams come true!

Samantha

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Physiotherapy Assistant Pre-University

Robbie Kavanagh



our students say...

“Embarking on this course was a transformative experience for me. It not only equipped me with a solid foundation in the field but also ignited my passion for lifelong learning. The course’s comprehensive curriculum and practical approach have prepared me well for my progression to higher education, and I am excited to continue my journey in physiotherapy.”

Emer

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skills and competence to work in a supportive role in the area of rehabilitation and physical disability. Physiotherapy is a rewarding area to work in and provides students with the opportunity to work in a supportive role in the area of rehabilitation and physical disability to assess, treat and support recovering clients.

On this course, you will develop foundational skills and knowledge in subjects related to Physiotherapy, both theoretical and practical. This will prepare you for progression to Higher Level study.

What Makes This Course Special

- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Multiple progression opportunities

Course Content

- Physiotherapy Assistant Theory
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Exercise & Fitness
- Sports Massage
- Care Support
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Physiotherapy
- Sports Rehabilitation
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Injury Clinics Assistant

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Services Skills 5M3782
VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage iSP3D32
PHECC First Aid Responder

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Sports Physiotherapy

Robbie Kavanagh

This course offers a foundation in the field of Sports Physiotherapy. If you aspire to a career as a Sports Physiotherapist or specialist, this course can be your stepping-stone to Higher Level study.

You will develop foundational skills and knowledge in subjects relating to Sports Physiotherapy, both theoretical and practical. You will also learn about the science underpinning the practical application of various treatments. Our course provides an excellent foundation in the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of sports injuries, and will prepare you for progression to Higher Level study.

What Makes This Course Special

- Pre-professional training qualification
- Excellent progression routes
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications

Course Content

- Physiotherapy Assistant Theory
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Exercise & Fitness
- Sports Massage
- Care Support
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Physiotherapy
- Sports Rehabilitation
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Injury Clinics Assistant

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Services Skills 5M3782

VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage iSP3D32

PHECC First Aid Responder

Costs

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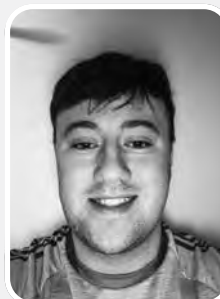
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our students say...



Josh

“My name is Josh Bowes and I am a former student of the Sports Physiotherapy course at Carlow Institute. During my time on this course, I feel as though I gained a wealth of knowledge on various aspects of sports, including Anatomy & Physiology, Exercise & Fitness and Sports Massage.

This course gave me the opportunity to choose the career path that was right for me, and I look forward to my next step in the industry.’

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Sports, Recreation & Exercise

Mary Walsh



our students say...

“ Sport was always part of my life but after my Leaving Cert I was working here and there. As I matured I decided to connect my life with sport and benefit people. The Sport, Fitness and Exercise course was an amazing experience for me and it helped me to overcome my communication fears. This course gave me lots, motivated me during the academic year, built my confidence and provided lots of opportunities. Now I know who I am and what I want to do for rest of my life - dreams come true!

Sam

”

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Our Sport, Recreation & Exercise course is ideal for anyone with an interest in sports, and will prepare you to progress to a wide range of sport-related Higher Education courses. In addition, you will have the opportunity to complete additional certification in coaching and fitness training. You will have opportunities to further your skills and coaching abilities in a range of team sports.

You will study the theory of Sport and Recreation, fitness, nutrition and a range of team coaching awards. You will study the theory required to gain an understanding of the various elements of the sport and fitness industry. This combination of practical and knowledge study will support you to access a range of career opportunities. You can progress to Higher Education courses, or directly to work.

What Makes This Course Special

- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Highly experienced sports & fitness team
- High-level fitness skills training
- Professional practice education
- Outstanding facilities
- Excellent progression routes
- Link with other sports providers

Course Content

- Sports and Recreation Studies
- Nutrition
- Soccer Coaching
- GAA Coaching
- Rugby Coaching
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Sports Anatomy and Physiology
- Exercise and Fitness
- ITEC Gym based fitness Instruction

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Strength and Conditioning
- Sports Management
- Sports Clubs Assistant
- Sports Development Offices
- Gym Instructor
- Leisure Centres Assistant
- Hotel Leisure Assistant

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sport, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

ITEC L2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym-based Exercise) ISP2C5

VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention (COVID-19) for Sport and Fitness Sessions IP2A5

GAA Coaching Award - Foundation Level

Sport Ireland - Child Safeguarding Level 1

FAI Kickstart Soccer Coaching

Costs

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I'd
like
to be...

Cabin Crew
Beautician

Make-up artist Colourist

Events manager

Physiotherapist Sports administrator
Sports nutritionist

Spa therapist

Salon manager

Personal trainer

PE teacher

Fitness instructor

Trichologist

With its wide range of courses, our Humanities, Social and Health faculty is committed to providing the best possible combination of skills training and education. Our health and care courses will prepare you for careers in Care, Emergency Services, Health, Nursing, Social Work or Sports Injury Therapy. Humanities, Social and Health courses prepare you for direct entry to employment, or progression to Higher Education and lead to industry-recognised qualifications.

Sports therapist
Ambulance technician
Adult care worker
Army/defence

Humanities, Social & Health

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Youth worker
Social worker

Occupational therapist Rescue services

Prison officer Psychologist

Special needs assistant Nursing

Garda/policing Play therapist

Fire fighter Midwife

Care assistant

Early Learning & Care ELC

Fiona Maher

A career in Early Learning and Care is highly rewarding, allowing you to work across a range of Early Years Settings. The aim of this one-year full time course is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skills, and competencies to work independently and as part of a team providing holistic care and learning experiences for children from birth to six years. This award also provides the learner with the opportunity to progress into further and higher education and training.

What Makes This Course Special

- Internationally recognised qualification
- High-level skills training
- Outstanding facilities
- Highly experienced Early Years team

Course Content

- Professional Practice placement in Early Learning and Care
- Children's Rights, Legislation and Regulations
- Holistic Care of Children 0-6 years
- Early Childhood Growth and Development
- Curriculum, Play and Creative Studies
- Understanding and Assisting Children with Additional Needs

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- After School Services
- Crèches Assistant
- Nurseries Assistant
- Pre-schools & Playschools
- Primary Schools Assistant
- Special Needs Assistant

Entry Requirements

1. Leaving Certificate including Leaving Certificate Applied or other qualifications equivalent to a QQI major award at level 4.
2. English language – Speakers of English as a second language must have a B2 in writing, reading, listening and speaking from the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Evidence of achievement of this standard is necessary for entry to the programme.
3. Prospective learners will be expected to demonstrate:
 - a desire to work in the early learning care sector
 - an ability to act with responsibility and autonomy,
 - an ability to take responsibility for their own learning while under supervision

Certification

QQI ELC Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care 5M21473
Manual Handling Certificate

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

After 6th year, I was very young for university, and Carlow Institute helped me decide whether childcare was really the career for me. The classes and work-placement were really interesting and enjoyable with support from the teachers. Following my pre-school placement, I was even offered a part-time job, but I decided to do the Level 6. After I complete this, I plan on a full-time job in an ECCE setting, and to study for a BA in Early Childhood Education and Care in the future.

Paulina

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Emergency Services – Pre-Paramedic, Garda, Fire Service & Defence Forces

Muire Burke



our students say...



I loved the diverse content and dynamic daily experiences of this course. Learning from mistakes was encouraged, and tutors were supportive throughout. Real-life scenarios provided valuable insights into emergency services work. The range of modules allowed personal growth and exploration. The college facilities are exceptional, enhancing the learning experience. Overall, this course boosted my confidence and clarified my career goals, inspiring me to pursue a path with An Garda Síochána

Aimee

If your ambition is a career in the uniformed services, then our Emergency Services – Pre-Paramedic, Garda, Fire Service & Defence Forces course is for you. You can prepare for careers in challenging but highly rewarding environments. You'll develop essential skills of physical fitness, leadership and teamwork. This course can be the foundation to progress to a rewarding career in the Ambulance Service, The Fire Service, The Defence Forces/ Army, Prison Service or An Garda Síochána.

What Makes This Course Special

- Pre-professional training qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- PHECC Emergency First Responder
- PHECC First Aid Responder
- Manual Handling/Patient Lifting
- ROSPA – Fire Warden Training
- Emergency Department Care Skills
- Exercise and Fitness
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Care Support
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications

Students completing this course can also take an Optional Extra Qualification:

PHECC Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):
€1850 (average price)

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Ambulance Services
- Defence Forces/Army
- Emergency Services Management
- Fire Service
- Guard/Policing
- Paramedic
- Prison Service

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services 5M4468,
PHECC First Aid Responder
PHECC Emergency First Responder
Manual Handling and Patient Lifting
ROSPA – Fire Warden Training
Breakaway Training

Costs

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Healthcare & Intellectual Disability Studies

Maria Beagan

This one-year course promotes a range of skills and competencies necessary for students to work as Healthcare Assistants in a range of care environments such as hospitals, nursing homes and in the community. Our course is designed to equip you with the specialist knowledge and practical skills to pursue a career in the growing healthcare sector and to work as a healthcare assistant in a variety of settings including the community, nursing home, hospital, hospice, respite and disability sector.

This course can support your entry to a career in health care, and progression to higher education courses in health and social care.

What Makes This Course Special

- Directly to work qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Care of the Older Person
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Intellectual Disability Studies
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Community
- Nursing Home
- Hospital
- Hospice
- Respite
- Rehabilitation
- Disability Services

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Care Support 5M4339

Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC)

First Aid Responder

Patient Lifting & Manual Handling

Costs

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Healthcare Assistant

Maria Beagan



our students say...

This course was my first time in a classroom since I'd left school aged 15, with no qualifications, to work! What a great decision to come to Carlow Institute - the course was amazing and the teachers so encouraging. They boosted my confidence, and made learning much easier, fun and enjoyable. I have now a great job as a Healthcare Assistant because Carlow Institute helped me achieve my goal. If you are considering a new career, even in later years, believe me - this is the place to be!

Eileen

If you would like to work in the health care sector and are looking for a course that is active and enjoyable, with many career options, then our Health Care Assistant course is for you.

Our course is designed to equip you with the specialist knowledge and practical skills to pursue a career in the growing healthcare sector and to work as a healthcare assistant in a variety of settings.

This course can support your entry to a career in health care, and progression to higher education courses in health and social care.

What Makes This Course Special

- Direct to work qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Care of the Older Person
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Palliative Care Support
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Qualified Healthcare Assistant working in:

- Community
- Nursing Home
- Hospital
- Hospice
- Respite
- Rehabilitation
- Disability Services

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Care Support 5M4339

Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) First Aid Responder

Patient Lifting & Manual Handling

Costs

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Hospital & Laboratory Sterile Services

Andrea Lacey

Hospital and Laboratory Sterile Services is a course designed for those seeking employment in the sterile services industry. This course will equip the learner with the skills, knowledge and competence required to work as part of the existing skilled workforce in pharmaceutical manufacture and within hospital sterile services departments. You will be introduced to clean-room techniques, methods of decontamination, high-level disinfection and sterilisation alongside core modules such as Infection Prevention and Control including Microbiology and Health and Safety.

What Makes This Course Special

- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Excellent progression routes
- Excellent Work Experience opportunities
- Immediate Employment opportunities post qualification.

Course Content

- Care Support
- Infection Prevention & Control
- Work Experience
- Operating Department Care Skills
- Communications
- Laboratory Skills
- Sterilisation & High-Level Disinfection
- Health Related Cleaning Skills
- Safety and Health at Work

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Sport Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy (SETU Carlow)
- Physiology and Health Science (SETU Carlow)
- General Nursing (DCU)
- General Nursing (TUS Midlands, Athlone Campus)
- Decontamination Management, BSc Level 7 (TU Dublin).

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Service Skills 5M3782

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

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our
students
say...

This new Sterile Tech course will help students who are studying in preparation of assuming a position within the Sterile Service profession. It will serve to influence their employability skills and enhance their employment opportunities by helping them understand the roles and responsibilities of Sterile Service technicians.

Ashlene Ayres
Sterile services manager,
UPMC Aut Even

Nursing Studies

Maria Beagan



our students say...

The Nursing Studies course in Carlow Institute is one that I highly recommend to people of all ages who would like to pursue a career in healthcare. The teachers are excellent, and they are always there if you need guidance or advice. I made great friends and learned so much in class and on placement. The Nursing Studies course at Carlow Institute helped me realise my goal of becoming a student nurse at University of Dundee.

Kate

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

If you think you would like to be a nurse, then our Nursing Studies course will provide a foundation to support you progression to a Nursing Degree course, both in Ireland and the UK.

Nursing Studies is designed to equip you with detailed knowledge and practical skills to pursue further study in the nursing roles. You can learn about this vital career area and build on your potential to progress.

This course can support progression to higher education courses in a variety of nursing disciplines.

What Makes This Course Special

- Pre-higher education qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert qualified nursing teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Care Skills
- Care of the Older Person
- Nursing Theory & Practice
- Safety & Health at Work
- Human Growth & Development
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Graduates are eligible to apply for academic progression routes in Nursing in Ireland and the UK. Graduates are also able to work in a variety of health and community settings.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Nursing Studies 5M4349

Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) First Aid Responder

Patient Lifting & Manual Handling

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Occupational Therapy Pre-University

Muire Burke

Pre-University Occupational Therapy is a client-centered profession which assists individuals in their everyday activities. This course introduces the world of healthcare with a particular emphasis on occupational therapy. The programme will develop your understanding of how therapy is used to find practical solutions for people of all ages who have physical, sensory, or cognitive problems. You will be introduced to supporting people regain independence in all areas of their lives, through the use of aids and equipment.

What Makes This Course Special

- Direct to work qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed technical knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualifications
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Care of the Older Person
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Palliative Care Support
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Practice
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Community
- Nursing Home
- Hospital
- Hospice
- Respite
- Rehabilitation
- Disability Services

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Nursing Studies 5M4349

Patient Lifting & Manual Handling

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

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our
students
say...



I graduated in 2023. To say it was one of the best experiences I've had in my life is an understatement, as a mature student I got to study subjects that when I was in school, I did not like but enjoyed studying them here. I would highly recommend returning to education at any stage in life, I'm just sorry I left it this late to experience it. It's never too late to learn something new.

Bernie

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Pre-University Arts & Humanities

Jonathan O'Brien



our
students
say...

I really love this course, as I didn't know what I wanted to do in college. The Pre-University Arts and Humanities course at Carlow Institute has really helped me figure out what I love to do. This course is perfect for those who are unsure about what course to do in University.

Eileen

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

If you are looking for a platform to progress to a wide range of careers in the General Arts, Humanities, Psychology or Sociology, then this course is for you. The course provides a foundation for progression to Higher Education study in general Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. You'll get a real taste for what's required at third level before committing to a four-year degree, and it is an ideal first step for school-leavers and mature students returning to education

Our course introduces a wide range of humanities subjects and provides a broad foundation in writing skills and research studies which will help prepare you for further study.

You'll find extensive options for progression, and many potential career pathways.

What Makes This Course Special

- Introduction to new subjects
- Many progression options – ideal to step-up to University or Institute of Technology
- Experienced talented staff
- Exciting links & visits
- Step up to wider-ranging professional career options

Course Content

- Classical Studies
- Creative Writing
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Research & Study Skills
- Communications
- Personal & Professional Development

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Liberal Arts
- Community Development
- Heritage Management
- International Development
- Libraries & Museums
- Media
- NGOs
- Politics
- Psychology
- Public & Civil Service Administration
- Teaching
- Journalism

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in General Studies 5M3114

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Psychology

Mary Kelly

If you are interested in people, their behaviours and motivations, and how they think and act in a range of situations, then our Psychology course will provide you with an introduction to this fascinating field. Psychology opens doors to our understanding of how people act and interact, and how psychological theories impact not only society and mental health, but also the worlds of business, law, design, education, social research, marketing and communications, and many more.

As part of our Psychology course, you will explore the theories and practices of psychology, learning about the methods used in psychological research, including techniques such as observation, case studies, psychometric tests, surveys and experiments. You will learn how this understanding influences the world at large.

This course will enable you to progress to a wide range of Higher Education options, including degrees in Applied Psychology and will introduce you to the possibility of people-centred careers such as counselling, therapy, behavioural studies and business management amongst many options.

What Makes This Course Special

- Introduction to Psychology
- Learn new theory, concepts and techniques
- Explore a range of career options
- Prepare for many Higher Education options
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Psychology
- Behavioural Studies
- Communications
- Conflict Resolution
- Personal Effectiveness
- Research and Study Skills
- Human Growth and Development
- Personal and Professional Development

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Counselling
- Psychology
- Community Organisation
- Mental Health
- Education
- Business management
- Marketing and communications

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in General Studies 5M3114

Costs

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Garda Vetting

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our students say...



My time at Carlow Institute has been nothing short of amazing. The staff here is not only exceptionally knowledgeable but also incredibly helpful and kind. The Psychology course and its well-structured modules have provided me with invaluable insights and knowledge that have helped me grow personally and academically. Through this course, I've gained an understanding of the human mind and behaviour, and it has inspired me to aim for the next level in my academic journey which is to go for the third level education next year.

Juliana

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Social Studies

Annette Dempsey



our students say...



I applied for the Applied Social Studies course at Carlow Institute after deciding to pursue a career in Social Care.

Completing this course was a great experience. The material covered was both interesting and relevant and the classes were very enjoyable. The teachers were all really encouraging and supportive and the facilities were also excellent.

I am now continuing my studies at Carlow College. I really feel that my time at Carlow Institute helped prepare me for College by providing me with a strong foundation in the knowledge and skills required to continue this course of study at a higher level.

Miriam

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

This course is a foundation for anyone planning a career in the social care field. It can be your stepping-stone to a wide range of Higher Education pathways and career options.

You'll be introduced to the academic foundation and practical experience necessary of the social sciences. Through the study of relevant subjects, you can develop an awareness and understanding of a variety of contemporary social issues, equality, diversity and social values.

This course can be your career foundation in social services work, or maybe the beginning of a Higher Education study pathway that could lead you to senior-level professional roles.

What Makes This Course Special

- In-depth study of the social sciences
- Foundation to many careers
- Highly experienced social studies team
- Study visits to work contexts
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Social Studies
- Psychology
- Equality & Disability
- Intercultural Studies
- Young People & Society
- Understanding Community Development
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Advocacy Services
- Advisory Services
- Charities
- Community Work
- Counselling
- Education Services
- Health Support Services
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Therapist
- Voluntary Work
- Youth Services

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Applied Social Studies 5M2181

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Special Needs Assistant

Siobhan O'Connell

Special Needs Assistant is a purposely designed course to prepare you for work as a Special Needs Assistant (SNA) in a variety of educational contexts and community care settings.

Our course explores a wide range of knowledge and practical skills attributes that support a productive career. You will be able to prepare for a career as a Special Needs Assistant in primary and secondary school classrooms or special schools, supporting children with everyday practical tasks.

This course can provide you with access directly to employment, and it also serves as a platform for further study in applied social studies, social care and early childhood care and education.

What Makes This Course Special

- Professional training qualification
- High-level practical skills training
- Detailed underpinning knowledge
- Expert teaching team
- Includes essential additional qualification
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Care Provision & Practice
- Equality & Disability
- Human Growth & Development
- Intellectual Disability Studies
- Safety & Health at Work
- Special Needs Assisting
- Work Experience
- Communications

Progression

Special Needs Assistant (SNA/Personal Assistant) in:

- Primary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Special Schools
- Other educational contexts
- Home and Residential Care Settings

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Care 5M2786

Patient Lifting / Manual Handling

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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When the place I worked for 19 years closed, I enrolled at Carlow Institute for a new direction. I was nervous going back to education after 20 years. The course gave me skills and knowledge to work as an SNA, and confidence in so many areas. I made friends and received amazing support from the teachers. I achieved more than I could have imagined and now work as an SNA. I feel like I have the best job in the world. Studying at Carlow Institute is the best decision I have ever made - it changed my life!

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Teaching & Education Pre-University

Jonathan O'Brien



our
students
say...

"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!"

Balerao

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

If you are a post-leaving cert student or a mature student interested in exploring teaching, (Primary, Post-Primary, or teaching in Further Education), as a career, then this course is for you. The course offers a diverse range of modules to enhance your understanding of the Irish Education system. It also focuses on building the key skills: communication, critical reflection, and research skills necessary for educational settings. There is also the option to take Leaving Certificate Irish at a Higher Level. This course also provides a wide range of subjects and provides a broad foundation in education studies which will really help prepare you for further study. You'll find many options for progression, and many potential career pathways.

What Makes This Course Special

- Explore teaching as a career
- Work Experience
- Many progression options
- Experienced & talented staff
- Exciting links and visits

Course Content

- Communications
- Concepts in Education and Training
- Interpersonal and Group Behaviour
- Work Experience
- Research and Study Skills
- Approaches to Early Childhood Education
- Psychology
- Children with Additional Needs
- Leaving Certificate Higher Level Irish (Optional)

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- **SETU Waterford**
Arts SE200
- **Carlow College**
PC410 Arts and Humanities & PC411 English & History (Minimum H2.2 Honours bachelor's degree is required to be eligible to progress to a PME Primary Degree)
- **Dublin City University DC009**
BA (Joint Honours) Humanities with Irish (subject choice does not have to be Irish but will obviously help with entry to PME) and one other subject and then complete PME - Professional Master of Education: Primary Teaching
- **Marino Institute of Education**
CM020: B.Sc Early Childhood Education followed by PME - Professional Master of Education (Primary)
CM010: B.Sc Education Studies followed by PME - Professional Master of Education (Primary)
- **Maynooth University**
MH101 Arts followed by PME - Professional Master of Education (Primary)
MH801 Early Childhood Teaching and Learning followed by PME - Professional Master of Education (Primary)

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Education & Training (QQI Level 5 - 5M3635) with optional Honours in LC Irish

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Youth Leadership

Annette Dempsey

Unlock your leadership potential with our Youth Leadership programme. This programme is your gateway to developing essential youth work leadership skills, fostering self-confidence and enabling you to make progress to careers that can have a real, positive impact in your community.

Designed for aspiring Youth Leaders this programme offers hands-on training, expert guidance, and opportunities to apply your knowledge in real world situations. Dive into modules like Communications, Teamwork, Project Management, Leadership and Community Development.

Whether you dream of leading a nonprofit, advocating for change or simply want to be a more effective leader, this Youth Leadership award equips you with the tools and recognition you need to make the difference.

What Makes This Course Special

- In-depth study of Youth work
- Foundation to many careers
- Highly experienced youth work team
- Study visits to work contexts
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Understanding Youthwork
- Young People and Society
- Working with Young People
- Communications
- Social Studies
- Care Provision and Practice
- Community Development Practice
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Youth Services
- Advisory Services
- Charities
- Community Work
- Counselling
- Education Services
- Health Support Services
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Therapist
- Voluntary Work

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements ([see page 16](#))

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Youth Work 5M4732

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. ([see page 9](#)).

Garda Vetting

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Youth leadership involves 'delivery on a wide range of services, supports and programmes through integrated programmes, including mental health supports, drug and alcohol supports, LGBTI+ youth work, club development, employability programmes, counselling services, rural outreach and fun, safe spaces for young people.

Youth Work Ireland



I'd
like
to be...

Ambulance technician

Adult care worker

Army / defence

Care assistant Midwife

Fire fighter

Garda / Policing Nursing

Occupational therapist Psychologist

Rescue services Special needs assistant

Sports therapist

Social worker

We have listened to our students, artists and employers to design our Creative Arts facilities. You will find an environment where your ideas can flourish and you can develop your skills. We are building on rich foundations to create workshops for Visual Art (printmaking, 3D, photography, fashion manufacture and digital specialisms), for Music Technology and Music Performance, for Film and TV production, for Performing Arts (acting, dance, and musical theatre) and for Production Arts (stage, film and event management).

Affiliations

VISUAL

Choreographer
Journalist

Event manager

Composer

Editor

Creative Arts

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Animator

Architect

Web designer

Conductor

Effects Artist

Singer

Sculptor

Sound engineer

Marketing

Photographer

Interior designer

Fine Artists

Film & TV director

Arranger

Curator

Fashion

Advanced Music Performance

Karen O'Neill

Advanced Music Performance is a progressive course for performing musicians, building on the skills and knowledge previously achieved at Level 5. We focus on the development of high-level performance technique and support you to engage with the fast-paced music industry and its wide variety of career opportunities for skilled creatives. In addition to solo and group performance development, you will build on your skills and knowledge in many related areas including song writing, sound engineering, event management, promotion and music management.

Your teaching team includes skilled practical musicians who will work with you to prepare you for a successful career in the music industry. As a performance-based course, your assessment projects will include live music performances and gigs, songwriting and studio recording. We will also help you to prepare for auditions for access to Higher Education progression opportunities.

What Makes This Course Special

- Experienced musicians on our staff
- Live gigs and performance projects
- State-of-the-art facilities and equipment, including music practice suites and recording studio
- The opportunity to write and record original songs
- Excellent progression routes
- Collaboration with our partners VISUAL Carlow
- Detailed technical knowledge

Course Content

- Music Performance
- Music Theory & Practice
- Studio & Location Sound Production
- Event Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Personal & Professional Development

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Audition preparation for non-CAO Music Schools and Conservatoires
- DK860 BA (Hons) in Music
- DK865 BA (Hons) in Audio and Music Production
- MT931 - MT935 BA in Popular Music
- TU961 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Commercial Modern Music
- SE206 BA (Hons) in Music
- Performer
- Songwriter
- Event Manager
- Arts Administrator
- Music Manager
- Producer
- Sound Engineer
- Promoter
- Music Theory Studies

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Music or equivalent.
Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 6 Music Performance 6M20602

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

Music is part of our national identity, our psyche, and our way of life. Beyond its important social and reputational contribution, however, music is a vital economic driver – both directly and indirectly.

Music contributes more than €700 million to the Irish economy each year and supports more than 13,130 jobs"

Eleanor McEvoy,
Chairperson, IMRO

Advanced Performing Arts & Theatre Studies

Anna Galligan



Our Advanced Performing Arts and Theatre Studies programme is designed for students who want to work in the professional world of Theatre and Performing Arts. You will have the opportunity to develop advanced level technical skills in Acting, Dance and Voice, as well as focused preparation for auditions both for access to Higher Education courses, and for performance roles and casting. This advanced course includes in-depth study of creative performance development processes including improvisation, characterisation and devised and scripted work.

Our expert teaching team, themselves professional practitioners, will guide your work, and support you to develop your own individual skills, talents and areas of expertise. Your learning and assessment will be grounded in real professional practice, and you and your course group will form a theatre performance company, producing a programme of public performances throughout the course.

What Makes This Course Special

- Performance Based programme
- Audition preparation
- Purpose built Performing Arts Studio
- Expert teaching team
- Partnership with professional theatre venue
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Engaging with Drama
- Creating Drama
- Leadership
- Work Experience
- Theatre Studies
- Characterisation
- Improvisation
- Contemporary Dance
- Musical Theatre Performance Skills

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Audition preparation for non-CAO Theatre Schools and Conservatoires
- AU823 – Performing Arts (Acting) Level 7
- AU931 – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Performing Arts
- MT938 – BA in Musical Theatre
- MT939 – Theatre and Drama Studies – Level
- DN530 – Music, Film & Drama – Level 8
- DN520 – BA Arts Degree (with Drama Studies) – Level 8
- CK112 – Theatre and Performative Practices – Level 8
- TR025 – Drama and Theatre Studies – Level 8
- TR635 – Music/Drama Studies – Level 8
- TU962 – Drama (Performance – audition) – Level 8

Entry Requirements

A minimum of one-year previous training in performance is required, and a **QQI Level 5** Award or equivalent

Certification

QQI Level 6 in Certificate in Drama 6M3566

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Art & Mixed Media – Portfolio Preparation

Nuala Dalzell

If you aspire to a career as an artist, our course will support you to produce an exciting, competitive and creative art portfolio to help you progress to Art college. Our students have a great track record for progressing to Higher Education and Universities.

You will explore core practical skills including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media which are essential skills to prepare you for art colleges. You will use your creative thinking, ideas, style and visual communication throughout the creation of your portfolio.

Our practical projects and exhibitions include opportunities to work with professional artists, and to experience the professional world of the artist.

What Makes This Course Special

- Build your art portfolio
- Talented artists on our staff
- Explore a wide-range of Art media
- Projects with professionals and VISUAL Carlow
- Digital arts suites with Apple Macs
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Collage Techniques
- Combined Materials
- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Artist
- Art & Design Teaching
- Fashion & Textiles
- Fine Art
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Art 5M1985

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Additional Costs

Students on this programme will need to have the following equipment of their own:

Portfolio, Sketchbook and materials pack – average costs €120

Full details of what is required are available at interview and induction

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...



I enrolled in the Art and Mixed Media course to build a unique portfolio, explore new art disciplines, and broaden my artistic knowledge. The staff and tutors were friendly, approachable, and helpful throughout the course. The institute offered excellent facilities, including a two-storey library with computers for assignments. Despite the workload, I found the course manageable and enjoyable, gaining new skills, techniques, and perspectives. My portfolio helped me secure admission to NCAD, Dublin, where I am currently pursuing a BA in Fine Art and Education.

Jessica

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Creative Video & Audio

Brian Flannagan



Our Creative Video & Audio course will provide you with highly specialised skills aimed at media makers having an interest in either setting up their own audiovisual practice, gaining employment, or accessing further education. This course integrates video, sound and music technologies in a structured environment.

The course will equip students with practical skills in the creative design, production and editing of media along with legal and business skills. Students will have a comprehensive portfolio of course work on completion.

What Makes This Course Special

- Develop a range of learning styles, strengths and needs
- Digital arts suites with Adobe Premiere Pro® on Apple Macs
- Build your creative portfolio
- Professional spaces including our recording studio and performance studio
- Substantial responsibility and autonomy for self-directed learning
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Sound Engineering and Music Technology
- Multimedia Sound
- Film and Television Camera and Lighting
- Communications
- Editing Practice and Techniques
- Media Ethics and Legal Framework
- Media Industry Awareness
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Advertising
- Crew
- Director
- Producer
- Film Making and Production
- Journalism and Radio
- Print Media
- Production Assistant (TV)
- Television
- Television Research

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Award or equivalent

Certification

QQI Level 6 Media Production (6M5130)

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

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Film Making & Directing

Brian Flanagan

Our Film Making & Directing course is an exciting introduction to the production world of the Film & TV industry. A hands-on practical course, you will learn about many aspects of this industry, through practical projects that involve film production, shooting and editing film, scriptwriting, sound production, lighting and project management.

We work with our partners at VISUAL Carlow to engage you with professionals working in the industry, and to help you prepare work for public viewing. You will be able to build a portfolio of your own work to help support applications for further study and your career. This course can help you progress on to a wide range of Higher Education study options, with a strong knowledge and skills base that will set you up for success.

What Makes This Course Special

- Work with our talented staff
- Digital arts suites with Adobe Premiere Pro® on Apple Macs
- Build your creative portfolio
- Professional spaces including our recording studio and performance studio
- Collaboration with professionals and VISUAL Carlow
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Cinematography Camera Operations
- Film Production
- Media Analysis
- Script writing
- Sound Engineering & Production
- TV & Film Editing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Advertising
- Crew
- Director
- Producer
- Film Making & Production
- Journalism & Radio
- Print Media
- Production Assistant (TV)
- Television
- Television Research

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Film and TV Production 5M18518

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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our
students
say...

I started my media career in Carlow Institute studying Media Production and Photography. Since then I now work in TV3.

I have continued my studies and recently finished a Masters Degree in Radio and TV Production in IADT, and I am now working on postgraduate course with a view to becoming a teacher.

Studying Media Production and Photography in Carlow Institute was the best decision I ever made.

Dave

Film Post-Production & Visual Effects

Keith Shirley



our students say...



Not ready for college, I took a year to explore my interests. Opted for Film Editing and Special Effects at Carlow Institute, where the outstanding teaching by passionate experts fueled my growth. Inspired to excel, the course facilitated my maturity. Now pursuing New Product Design and Innovation at SETU Carlow, I appreciate the valuable stepping stone Carlow Institute provided, equipping me with skills and confidence for further education.

Andrew

Welcome to “Film Post-Production & Visual Effects” – a comprehensive course that delves into the world of multimedia creation and storytelling. This immersive journey covers video editing, visual effects, sound engineering, and design, all in one course. You’ll explore a wide variety of aspects that bring media projects to life, from their inception to the final polished product.

In an era where visual and auditory content reigns supreme, the skills covered in this course are essential for your future career. You will delve deep into video editing using industry-standard software such as Adobe Premiere Pro, discover the magic of visual effects with Adobe After Effects, and refine your sound engineering expertise. You’ll unlock your creative potential with design skills utilising tools like Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign. A close integration of subjects will mean you are building towards a portfolio of work from day one.

Whether you’ve a beginner or have some experience - this course equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the dynamic field of media post-production. Join us and your like-minded classmates, and let your imagination take centre stage as you refine your abilities to craft compelling, engaging, and visually captivating media content.

What Makes This Course Special

- Professional Level Digital Arts Suites with high powered computers
- A state of the art music studio
- The chance to share your work and interests with a group of people that share those interests
- Creative real-world projects that you can use in your portfolio
- Coverage of a wide range of content so your progression options are not restricted

Course Content

- TV & Film Editing
- Visual Effects for Film & TV
- Sound Engineering
- Digital Editing
- Media Analysis
- Design Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Video Editor
- Motion Graphics Designer
- Sound Designer/Engineer
- Graphic Designer
- Multimedia Producer
- Content Creator
- Social Media Influencer
- Film and Television Post-Production Specialist
- Advertising Creative
- Media Analyst
- Freelancer/Entrepreneur
- Games Designer

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Media Production 5M18518

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Fine Art

Nuala Dalzell

If you aspire to a career as an artist, our course will support you to produce an exciting, competitive and creative art portfolio and help you explore your creative and artistic skills. It will allow you to gain knowledge of all aspects of fine art.

You will explore core practical skills including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media which are essential skills to prepare you for art colleges. You will use your creative thinking, ideas, style and visual communication throughout the creation of your portfolio.

Our practical projects and exhibitions include opportunities to work with professional artists, and to experience the professional world of the artist.

What Makes This Course Special

- Build your art portfolio
- Talented artists on our staff
- Explore a wide-range of Art media
- Projects with professionals & VISUAL Carlow
- Digital arts suites with Apple Macs
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Collage Techniques
- Combined Materials
- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Artist
- Art & Design Teaching
- Fashion & Textiles
- Fine Art
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Art 5M1985

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



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Graphic Design – Portfolio Preparation

Susan Murphy



our students say...



I completed Level 5 Certificate in Graphic Design with Distinctions at Carlow Institute. Enjoyed designing collateral and exploring various mediums, expanding skillsets from traditional to digital composition. Currently studying Healthcare with a focus on Art Therapy. Recently revealed a four-month project for the Carlow Institute campus, showcasing my signature style inspired by Francis Bacon and Pablo Picasso. Excited to continue expressing creativity through painting and design.

Remy

Graphic Design is the art of explaining and communicating through visual image. We see the work of Graphic Designers in countless ways, including the products we buy, the images we see and the way we interact with objects and printed material. Graphic Designers use their talents to influence how the world sees and engages with such concepts, through developing imaginative visual imagery into working design solutions, applicable to real-world contexts.

You will explore the Graphic Designer's role in the context of branding, marketing, advertising and communication and develop practical skills in visual language, drawing, mixed media, illustration, design and image making. Using our professional standard iMac suite, you will create projects to develop your skills within logo design, concept development, image creation, photography, product placement and much more. You will build on these practical creative skills and generate and evolve ideas to finished projects. In addition, you will produce a portfolio of work for progression to Higher Education and your future career, becoming proficient in the Adobe suite of software (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and more), building on these skills for real live projects and your art portfolio.

What Makes This Course Special

- Build your art portfolio
- Talented artists on our staff
- Projects with professionals & VISUAL Carlow
- Professional art studios to develop your work
- Digital arts suites with Apple Macs using Adobe suite of software
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Graphic Design Skills
- Desktop Publishing
- Design Skills
- Digital Photography
- Combined Materials
- Drawing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Graphic Designer
- Freelance Designer
- Illustrator
- Typography
- Exhibition & Event Display
- Editorial Design Creative
- Technical & Illustration
- Visual Merchandiser
- Web Designer

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Graphic Design 5M1995

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

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Illustration, Design & Drawing – Portfolio

Susan Murphy

Illustration, Design and Drawing is the art of explaining and communicating through visual image. The foundations of illustration, drawing, printing, composition, narrative and sequence are studied through intensive research and development strategies. You will use a wide range of techniques and practices, through an exploration of image-based visual language to tell stories.

Using our professional standard iMac suite, you will create projects to develop your skills in illustration, drawing, image creation, photography, and much more. You will build on these practical creative skills and generate and evolve ideas to finished illustrative products. In addition, you will produce a portfolio of work for progression to Higher Education and your future career, becoming proficient in the Adobe suite of software (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and more), building on these skills for real live projects and your art portfolio.

What Makes This Course Special

- Build your art portfolio
- Talented artists on our staff
- Projects with professionals & VISUAL Carlow
- Professional art studios to develop your work
- Digital arts suites with Apple Macs using Adobe suite of software
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Graphic Design Skills
- Desktop Publishing
- Design Skills
- Digital Photography
- Combined Materials
- Drawing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Graphic Designer
- Freelance Designer
- Illustrator
- Typography
- Exhibition & Event Display
- Editorial Design Creative
- Technical & Illustration
- Visual Merchandiser
- Web Designer

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to bring a selection of recent artwork to interview. Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Graphic Design 5M1995

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



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Music Performance

Karen O'Neill



our students say...



During my time in the Music Performance course, I was able to expand my horizons both musically and academically as well as being able to drive myself to become a better musician and performer. The teachers were brilliant and very helpful in all my modules. I am currently in my 4th year at BIMM Institute Dublin, an achievement I would not have accomplished had it not been for the time spent at Carlow Institute.

Liam

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

Our very practical Music Performance course will support your ambitions for a career as a performer, composer, producer, manager, teacher or technician. You will be supported to develop performance skills through specialist lessons for instrumental and ensemble performance in a range of different styles. The course will develop your theoretical understanding of music styles, composition and a detailed understanding of the music industry and music management.

As a practical course, assessment is through a range of live music performance projects, including live performance gigs at professional venues. We also have excellent progression links to music studies at Higher Education.

What Makes This Course Special

- Talented musicians on our staff
- Live gigs and performance projects
- Professional facilities, including music practice suites and recording studio
- Excellent progression routes
- Collaboration with our partners VISUAL Carlow

Course Content

- Music Performance
- Music Industry Studies
- Music Theory & Practice
- Vocal Performance
- Sound Engineering & Production
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Musician
- Composer
- Performer
- Arts Administration
- Music Management
- Music Theory Studies
- Promoter
- Producer
- Sound Engineer

Entry Requirements

Applicants should be able to demonstrate practical music skills, with a good level of competency in their chosen instrument/voice. Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Music 5M2011

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



Music Technology

Paul Hickey

If you want a Music Industry career in Production, Live Sound, Studio Engineering and Events, then our Music Technology course is the place to start.

You will develop music production skills in studio recording, mixing and post-production editing in our professional facilities. This is matched with specialist lessons in music sequencing, sound synthesis and music technology to help you explore your creative musical potential.

Practical projects will also enable you to learn about the world of live sound, events management and the music industry.

This course features a high level of training in a wide range of industry standard music production software including Logic Pro® and Pro Tools®

What Makes This Course Special

- Talented musicians on our staff
- Outstanding facilities and equipment
- Professional recording studio with Pro Tools®
- Industry standard Apple Macs Suites
- Build your demo portfolio
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Sound Engineering & Production
- Multimedia Audio Production
- Musicianship
- Music Technology
- Music Industry Studies
- Radio & Podcast Production
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Composer
- Live Sound Engineer
- DJ
- Music Producer
- Studio Engineer
- Studio Manager
- Sound Engineer
- Post-Production Engineer
- TV & Film Sound Technician
- Venue Sound Technician
- Broadcast Engineering

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sound Production 5M2149

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

“If you have any aspirations to forge a career in the modern music industry this is the course for you which has expert lecturers to guide you through a broad syllabus. Each module within the course allows you to learn new skills imperative to your future career, enhance your ability to work within a team and show your individuality within every assignment. The course also maintains a very “hands on” approach, allowing you to participate in live events and operate/learn multiple types of studio/live sound equipment.

Niall

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Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.



Performing Arts & Drama Studies

Anna Galligan



our students say...



My time in the Performing Arts course taught me so much, not only about theatre, music, and dance, but that confidence is what makes you shine on and off the stage. Even if performing isn't your goal, this course will give you that extra boost to pursue whatever it may be! The lecturers are exceptionally helpful, and I found the classmate experience to be just as encouraging. The studio facilities are amazing on campus. Overall, I will forever be grateful for my time there, learning lessons that will stand by me always.

Katelyn

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

If you aspire to a career in acting, dance or musical theatre, this practical course will help you realise your talent and ambitions. We will help you develop a real technical and artistic grounding through expert practical tuition, and live performance projects.

You will develop skills in acting, dance, voice, and musical theatre and have opportunities to perform in a professional setting. The course explores the Performing Arts industry and career preparation, and the study of the world of Theatre.

You will prepare for auditions for progression and will be supported to develop your confidence and understanding of your skills and strengths.

What Makes This Course Special

- Practical skills training in Performing Arts
- Performance projects
- Outstanding facilities, including performance studio
- Collaboration with our partners VISUAL Carlow
- Support for audition preparation

Course Content

- Acting Skills and Techniques
- Dance (Contemporary/Jazz)
- Singing and Voice
- Performance Craft
- Theatre Studies
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Actor (Stage, TV, film)
- Dancer
- Musical Theatre Performer
- Director
- Writer
- Producer
- Teacher
- Community Arts Practice
- Youth Drama and Theatre

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Theatre Performance 5M5163

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Additional Costs

Students on this programme will need to have the following equipment of their own:

Students will require rehearsal clothing - Average cost €30
Full details of what is required are available at interview and induction.

Garda Vetting

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I'd
like
to be...



Actor

Composer

Choreographer

Curator

Film & TV director

Fashion Designer

Interior designer

Inventor

Journalist

Musician

Product Designer

Photographer

Sculptor

Sound engineer

Web designer



Our Business and Hospitality faculty offers many courses to prepare you for direct entry to employment, and lead to industry recognised qualifications. Our business courses provide detailed experience of the world of enterprise, legal studies, marketing and business. Using our realistic learning environments, our hospitality courses provide outstanding skills training in a wide range of professional contexts.

Affiliations



Chef
Book-ke
Administration
Accountan

Business & Hospitality

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| NEW Executive PA & Office Administrator L5 | 98 |
| Financial Services & Business L5 | 99 |
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| Hotel Operations with Event Management L5 | 101 |
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| Legal Studies L5 | 103 |
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Travel Adv
Tour Gu
Solicitor
Payroll
Heritage guide
Nutritionist
Restauranteur
Hotel manager
Travel consu
Receptionist
Lawyer
Events manager
Food Scientist
Legal Secretary
Cabin crew

Accounting & Finance

Ellen Byrne

Our Accounting & Finance course is a perfect stepping-stone for anyone seeking a career as an accountant or in the wider world of finance. You will learn a wider range of practical skills including a real grounding in accounting techniques and practice. This is underpinned by subjects such as Business Administration, Spreadsheets and other very practical subjects relating to financial services.

You will find that this course will enable you to progress directly to work, or open the possibility of many Higher Education courses. You can also progress to apprenticeships such as the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship.

What Makes This Course Special

- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Apply theory and knowledge in a range of career fields
- Highly experienced business and accounting team
- Opportunities for business links and visits
- Excellent progression routes, including our own Level 6
- Learn practical work ready skills

Course Content

- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Financial Services
- Business Administration
- Word Processing
- Bookkeeping Manual & Computerised
- Spreadsheets
- Customer Services
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Accounting
- Banking & Finance
- Clerical Work
- Legal Clerical
- Office Administration
- Public Service

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Administration 5M2468

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



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Business with Digital Marketing

Miriam Monahan



our
students
say...



I studied Digital Marketing at Carlow Institute, I decided to do this course because I wanted to explore my options within Business and Marketing. I loved the “hands-on” experience of being The Project Leader and running a real digital marketing campaign for a client. Carlow Institute have given me the chance to start my own business and put me on the right path towards my future career”

Laura

Our Business with Digital Marketing programme sets you up for a career in the world of online business. You will learn about marketing, online retail and sales, and explore the use of digital and social media tools for positive business communications. Modern businesses need talented developers to help them manage their social media presence, and this programme will support you to progress to a wide range of exciting future career options. You will also have options for progression to Higher Education courses and to Level 6 Supervisory Management at Carlow Institute.

Whether it is designing a new business and retail website, managing content for social media, or creating an advert or campaign, our Business with Digital Marketing programme will prepare you with the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in this field. You will develop a broad range of practical web and social media technology skills and a detailed understanding of digital marketing, and business.

What Makes This Course Special

- Get ‘hands-on’ experience
- Learn with expert staff
- Excellent progression routes to Higher Education
- Explore the power of social media and digital marketing
- Practical projects, problem solving and solutions with real businesses
- Visits and trips

Course Content

- Digital Marketing 5N1364
- eBusiness Studies 5N1369
- Marketing Practice 5N1400
- Desktop Publishing 5N0785
- Customer Service 5N0972
- Business Administration 5N1610
- Spreadsheet Methods 5N1977
- Work Experience 5N1356

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Business Digital Presence
- Digital Marketing
- eBusiness
- eCommerce
- Online Sales
- Social Media Manager
- Social Media Marketing
- Website Development
- Step-up to a wide range of Higher Education courses

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies 5M2102

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

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Computer Programming & Coding

Mary Collins

This Level 5 Computer Programming & Coding course provides students with an excellent grounding in computer programming. You will develop practical skills and qualifications which will enable you to apply directly to third level through the CAO and it provides an entry point into a career in the technology sector. This course meets the demand for the increased use of technology in almost every industry. This has resulted in a high demand for IT specialists.

Our staff has extensive industry experience which will ensure that you are industry ready with the opportunity to acquire essential skills to gain employment in the thriving IT sector.

What Makes This Course Special

- Step-up to HE
- Learn with expert staff
- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Apply ICT theory to practical tasks
- Lead your own practical projects in problem solving and solutions
- Direct to work options

Course Content

- Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- Software Architecture
- Maths for Information Technology
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mobile Technologies
- Programming and Design Principles
- Web Authoring

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Network installation
- Computer maintenance
- IT Technician
- TU716 L7 Networking Technologies
- TU713 L7 Computer Engineering
- TU655 L6 Networking Technologies (learn & work)
- Cybercrime & IT Security
- Computer - Applications or Programming
- Software Development
- WD151 Software Systems Development
- Computer Forensics and Security

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Software Development 5M0529

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



Steve Jobs once said,
"Everybody in this country
should learn how to program
a computer... because it
teaches you how to think."

Computer Science Pre-University

Mary Collins



our
students
say...



When I attended the Pre-University Computer Science course, I found myself immersed in a professional environment in which I learned a great deal of both practical skills and theoretical concepts. I learned skills that stood to me when I went on to university. I can thoroughly recommend this course to anyone interested in the field.

Emin

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If you are looking for a comprehensive grounding in computing, then this is the course for you. Pre-University Computer Science will help you towards a career in technical support, networking, cyber security, computer maintenance, sales and/or marketing and customer support. Further, this course is an excellent choice for progression to higher education - Level 7/8 qualifications in Computer Science and related spheres.

Through a combination of practical and theoretical learning, you will gain experience of computer maintenance, hardware, software, and network management as well as programming systems and ICT security. This course encourages you to develop transferrable skills which can be employed across a wide discipline of areas. Skills such as problem-solving, communication and team working underpin this course.

What Makes This Course Special

- Step-up to HE
- Learn with expert staff
- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Apply ICT theory to practical tasks
- Lead your own practical projects in problem solving and solutions
- Direct to work options

Course Content

- Computer Systems Hardware
- ICT Security Policy & Management
- Maths for IT
- Networking Essentials
- Operating Systems
- Programming & Design Principles
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Technical Support- possibly remove

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- IT Technical Support
- Network Support
- Computer Manufacturing
- End User Support
- Cyber Security
- Financial Institutions
- Computer Sales & Marketing
- Call Centres
- Business

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Computer Systems and Networks 5M0536

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

Computer Support Technician

Mary Collins

This course is designed to provide the learner with the skills and understanding of the fundamentals of computer systems, hardware and software maintenance, networking, virtualisation and programming. There are considerable employment opportunities in the ICT areas. Graduates who are successful on the course will be well prepared to work in technical support and in troubleshooting a range of hardware issues and problems.

Through a combination of practical and theoretical learning, you will gain experience of computer maintenance, hardware and software system management, and network management. You will learn about programming systems and ICT security. This course encourages you to develop problem solving, communications and team working skills, and opens career pathways in a wide range of ICT and network management industries.

What Makes This Course Special

- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Learn with expert staff
- Apply ICT theory to practical tasks
- Lead your own practical projects in problem solving and solutions
- Visits and trips
- Lots of step-up to HE or direct to work options

Course Content

- Computer Systems Hardware
- Networking Essentials
- Operating Systems
- Mathematics for IT
- Programme & Design
- ICT Support Policy & Management
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Technical Support - CompTIA A+ credential

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Network installation
- Computer maintenance
- IT Technician
 - TU716 L7 Networking Technologies - TU Dublin City Campus
 - TU713 L7 Computer Engineering - TU Blanchardstown
 - TU655 L6 Networking Technologies (learn & work) - TU Blanchardstown.
 - Cybercrime & IT Security
 - Computer - Applications or Programming
 - Software Development
 - WD151 Software Systems Development
 - Computer Forensics and Security

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Computer Systems and Networks

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

I have had an interest in Computer Systems for as long as I can remember but until now did not have a clear direction in which to pursue a career in IT. I am an early school leaver and like many I thought I missed my chance at participating in a third level degree course. I couldn't have been more wrong as the teachers here have helped me gain the confidence I needed. I am furthering my education in SETU.

Shane

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Customer Service Administrator

Miriam Monahan



our students say...



I studied customer service at Carlow Institute with the goal of growing my skills and confidence with working in administration. This course helped me to learn more about the practical side of customer service such as Microsoft Office and the work experience helped me gain valuable experience. Since finishing the course, I've begun working as a civil servant with the Department of Justice and got a student of the year award from Carlow Institute, it was absolutely worth it"

Lee

The role of Customer Service Administrator is to assist the effective liaison, support and assistance between the customer service department and the business, maintaining mechanisms for ensuring customer satisfaction. This course will give you the skills to ensure that the customer relationships function of the business is supported.

You will gain valuable skills in receiving, assessing, analysing, resolving, and documenting customers' queries, and building relationships with clients.

As a Customer Service Administrator, you will provide general administrative support and be an integral part of the team, assist with filing, data entry, typing and assisting in the management of communications and paperwork, managing diaries, assisting with travel arrangements/organisation, looking after visitors, and assisting with general reception and telephone duties.

What Makes This Course Special

- Excellent progression routes to Higher Education
- Progress to extensive employment opportunities
- Highly experienced team of teachers
- Real practical administration and customer service skills for the business world
- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge

Course Content

- Customer Service 5N0972
- Reception and Frontline Office Skills 5N1407
- Work Experience 5N1356
- Business Administration 5N1610
- Spreadsheets 5N1977
- Word Processing 5N1358
- Information and Administration 5N1389
- Text Production 5N1422

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Step-up to a wide range of Higher Education courses
- Customer Service Advisor
- Office Administrator
- Sales Representative
- Retail Administrator
- Receptionist
- Service Desk Administrator

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Office Administration: 5M1997

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

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Executive PA (Personal Assistant) & Office Administrator

Miriam Monahan

Do you need the skills to be efficient, as the point of contact between the manager and internal/external clients? The Executive PA screens calls, organises workflows, directs phone calls and distributes correspondence effectively. Gain the ability and confidence to multi-task, and handle requests and queries in an appropriate and professional manner. Learn vital business skills in managing diaries, scheduling meetings, appointments, and document production.

Learn key practical skills to manage travel arrangements, order supplies, producing accurate Human Resources reports, presentations, briefs, and devise and maintain an effective office filing system.

What Makes This Course Special

- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Learn with expert staff
- Excellent progression routes to Higher Education
- Gain real skills in practical projects, problem solving and solutions
- Visits and trips
- Step-up to a wide range of Higher Education courses

Course Content

- Word Processing 5N1358
- Information and Administration 5N1389
- Text Production 5N1422
- Customer Service 5N0972
- Work Experience 5N1356
- Business Administration 5N1610
- Spreadsheets 5N1977
- Human Resources 5N3586

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Step-up to a wide range of Higher Education courses
- Office Human Resources Administrator
- Executive Personal Assistant
- Customer Servicer/Sales Representative
- Frontline Office Receptionist
- Service Desk Administrator

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Office Administration: 5M1997

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...



After a 5-year work period, I returned to education and earned a Level 5 Certificate in Customer Service and Office Administration. Feeling the need for change, I found the perfect fit in this course, combining my aptitude for computing and customer interaction. The engaging modules, supported by excellent teachers, provided practical skills and relevant information applicable to the workplace. I highly recommend this course for those interested in professional development. Remember, your opportunities are limitless – seize them!

Brandon

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Financial Services & Business

Ellen Byrne



There are many dynamic roles in the world of Finance and Business and this course will provide you with a stepping-stone to a wide range of exciting career options.

You will discover how the Financial Industry works, and how risk is managed, as well as a detailed insight into the Business industry. You will apply your knowledge through practical tasks in business administration, learning skills that are directly relevant to the industry.

You will find that this course will enable you to progress directly to work or open the possibility of many Higher Education courses and apprenticeships such as the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship.

What Makes This Course Special

- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Apply theory and knowledge in a range of career fields
- Highly experienced business and finance team
- Opportunities for business links and visits
- Excellent progression routes
- Learn practical work ready skills

Course Content

- Financial Services
- Business Administration
- Accounting Manual & Computerised
- Spreadsheets
- Communications
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Taxation/Information and Administration

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Finance and Banking
- Accounting
- Clerical Work
- Legal Clerical
- Office Administration
- Public Service

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Administration 5M2468

Costs

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Garda Vetting

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Games & Apps Development

Seamus Kelly

If you are interested in exciting careers in the world of gaming or the app design industry, then this is the course for you!

The course covers the practical software development, programming and design that underpins the development of computer games and apps, and how the industry works. The course includes developing apps on mobile and other devices. You will participate in both theoretical and practical teaching sessions to develop your skills and understanding.

You will prepare a portfolio of work that will support your career ambitions, and your progression to Higher Education study in this field, or to careers in the world of Games design.

What Makes This Course Special

- 'Hands-on' software development experience
- Learn with expert staff
- Apply ICT theory to practical tasks
- Build your own portfolio of work
- Visits and trips
- Step-up to HE direct from this course

Course Content

- Games Analysis Design
- Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- Maths for IT
- Software Architecture
- Web Authoring
- Communications
- Programming & Design Principles
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Apps Developer
- Games Programmer
- Games Designer
- IT Technician
- IT Sales & Service
- Software Developer
- Software Expert
- Website Developer

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Software Development 5M0529

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

I studied Games and Apps development at Carlow Institute, and it was very interesting to see how a lot of the software we use is developed and how it is made. Since completing, I've progress to study Creative Computing at Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire. The course at Carlow Institute allowed me to be able to manage and quickly adapt to the modules and projects I am currently doing in Dún Laoghaire.

Kenneth

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Hotel Operations with Event Management

Ciara Geoghegan



our students say...

I enrolled in the Hotel Operations with Event Management course driven by my passion for public interaction. The programme, chosen after consulting with the college counsellor, offers valuable hands-on experience in the hospitality industry through work placements. It significantly improved my customer service skills and boosted my confidence. The supportive staff at Carlow Institute played a crucial role in helping me achieve my goals. I'm now fulfilling my passion as a hotel receptionist.

Mikaela

If you aspire to a career in the Hotel and Hospitality sector, this programme will provide you with a fantastic introduction to the wide range of careers on offer. You will learn practical skills such as food preparation, accommodation techniques and hospitality, and a range of business skills to support your career ambitions. You can progress to careers in many hospitality contexts, including hotels, resorts, restaurants, events venues, cruise-liners and destination venues.

Hotel Operations with Event Management is a PLC Work-Based programme, and part of your study will include work placements with our Hotel and Hospitality partners, where you will work with experienced colleagues, and learn practical skills in the business context. This programme leads to a qualification that will be your passport to exciting careers in the world of hospitality operations and management, including options to travel and to progress to Higher Education Management at Carlow Institute.

What Makes This Course Special

- PLC Work-based – learn skills on placement
- Develop practical hospitality skills
- Learn underpinning theory to support your career
- Fast-growing sector
- Wider-ranging professional career options, including travel
- Step-up to a wide range of Higher-Education courses

Course Content

- Accommodation Techniques
- Customer Service
- Food Preparation
- Restaurant Hospitality
- Reception and Frontline Office Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Hotels
- Holiday Resorts
- Restaurants
- Pubs and licensed restaurants
- Catering management
- Food and drink concessions
- Accommodation venues
- Heritage and destination venues

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Hospitality Operations 5M2083

Costs

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Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

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Law & Criminology

David Morey

This programme will introduce you to a wide range of careers in the legal and criminal justice system in Ireland, providing you with a foundation to progress onto many options. You will study the causes of crime, the different types of crime and the legal and criminal justice system in Ireland. You will also learn about criminal motivation, the underlying causes of crime, and means of justice and rehabilitation.

You can progress to a range of careers from this course, both in the state and private sector. Your options are many, and include progression to legal careers, an Garda Síochána, Prison Service, Parole and Rehabilitation services, the Security Industry and Surveillance. In addition, this course will provide you with a wide range of transferable skills that will support many other careers paths.

What Makes This Course Special

- In-depth study of law and criminology
- Foundation to many careers
- Highly experienced legal team
- Study visits to work contexts
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Criminology
- Criminal Law
- Conflict Resolution
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Business Law
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Garda Síochána,
- Prison Service
- Parole Service
- Corporate Law
- Solicitor
- Legal Professional

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Legal Studies 5M3789

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Legal Studies

David Morey



our students say...



My motivation for enrolling on the Legal Studies course was to gain knowledge about the principles of law. Also, I had heard positive reviews about Carlow Institute. I always had an interest in law from TV programmes, but this course has opened my eyes to the massive impact that law has on society. I've had fantastic experiences with the staff and the course content such as Family Law and Criminal Law is incredibly interesting. The teachers are helpful and friendly, they put me at ease straight away! I hope to progress to study law on a Level 8 degree course at third level.

Jessica

Course is subject to minimum enrolment. The programme content shown is indicative and is subject to change according to Awarding Body requirements as well as enrolment and resources.

This course is ideal if you wish to pursue a career in the legal profession. You will gain detailed insight into the Irish Legal System and the role of law within today's society.

You will learn about court processes, the legal profession, legislation, law reform and the European Union. The course also couples this study with practical administration skills to give you a great foundation for future careers. You learn about the rights and responsibilities that affect our everyday lives and you will develop skills which will prepare you for studying at Higher Education and for your chosen career.

What Makes This Course Special

- Learn practical skills and apply knowledge
- Apply theory and knowledge in a range of career fields
- Highly experienced teaching team
- Opportunities for professional links and court visits
- Excellent progression routes, including Round-Zero CAO links

Course Content

- Legal Practice & Procedures
- Criminal Law
- Business Law
- Family Law
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Safety & Health at Work
- Work Experience

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Legal Services
- Legal Secretary
- Law Practice Assistant
- Business Administration
- Corporate Law
- Solicitor
- Legal Professional

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Legal Studies 5M3789

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17

Marketing & Human Resources

Miriam Monahan

Need to gain key administration skills? Gain confidence to enable you to be efficient and run the operation of a busy office, deal with suppliers, employees, and customers. Assist HR personnel during the recruitment and hiring process, i.e., draft job specification, job advertisements, screenings CVs, scheduling and coordinating interviews. Gain valuable skill in marketing a business, to manage day-to-day administration requirements of the marketing office including generation of reports in excel, file management, creating presentations and dealing effectively with customers.

On completion of the course students will have greatly enhanced their potential to succeed in getting a range of jobs, marketing for a business, PR, general office/human resources, duties. Students who successfully complete this course can progress to degree courses in a range of Irish Higher Education Institutes.

What Makes This Course Special

- Get 'hands-on' experience
- Learn with expert staff
- Learn with practical skills for the world of work
- Practical projects, problem solving and solutions with real business
- Visits and trips
- Step-up to a wide range of Higher Education courses

Course Content

- Marketing Practice 5N1400
- Business Administration Skills 5N1610
- Customer Service 5N0972
- Work Experience 5N1356
- Word Processing 5N1358
- Spreadsheets 5N1977
- Employment Law 5N3785
- Human Resources 5N3586

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Marketing for a Business
- General Office
- Human Resource
- Progression Routes for Business Management Courses

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies 5M2102

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

See notes on page 17



our
students
say...

I took the Business with Digital Marketing course during the period of 2023-2024. Despite having previous experience in this field, the course was very beneficial for me. Firstly, we analyzed real businesses/cases on the course and worked on developing our practical skills. Secondly, the work experience was a real eye-opener for me, as we had the opportunity to work with a real business in Ireland, which helped me better understand the market here and apply the theory we studied in practice. The course provided an excellent start in a new country for me, and I plan to work here next year and further deepen my knowledge gained in college.

Kateryna

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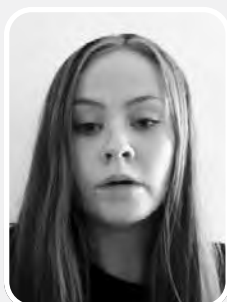
PATHWAY TO
APPRENTICESHIPSSTEP-UP TO
HIGHER
EDUCATIONCAREER
READY

Professional Cookery & Chef Training

Dympna Moynihan



our
students
say...



This is a very detailed course, it includes food preparation, cooking, serving, plating and a lot of food tasting.....The Kitchen facility is immaculate and it gives each student their own professional section to work at.....Work experience was one of the best aspects of this course and I would recommend it to anyone who is passionate about a career in the food and professional cookery industry.

Tilly

Are you passionate about food and the culinary arts? If you are looking for a career in the food industry, then our Professional Cookery & Chef Training programme will provide all the right ingredients.

Up your skills, knowledge and confidence in culinary techniques, food preparation, tasting, plating and student self evaluation, with practical classes in our well equipped training kitchen.

The course also explores restaurant table service, food science, International Cuisines, pastry, baking and desserts nutrition and essential food-safety, with Haccp and Manual Handling been additional certificates available.

You will build a portfolio of experience and skills that will be enhanced through work placement in professional food service environments. This programme is an ideal foundation for a wide-range of career in the food and hospitality industries, with options to progress direct to employment, and also to further study.

What Makes This Course Special

- High-level practical skills training
- Learn in our professional training kitchen
- Work practice built-in
- Expert teaching team
- Excellent progression routes

Course Content

- Culinary Techniques
- Food Science & Technology
- International Cuisines
- Meal Service
- Pastry, Baking and Desserts
- Personal Effectiveness
- Menu Planning & Applied Nutrition
- Work Practice
- Word Processing

Progression

Progress to further study and careers including:

- Chef
- Food Marketing
- Food Scientist
- Food Service
- Food Stylist
- Food Production
- Food Writer
- Nutritionist
- Restaurant Manager

Entry Requirements

Standard entry requirements (see page 16)

Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Professional Cookery 5M2088

Costs

All course fees, from registration to exams and awarding body fees as well as course materials and equipment are covered. (see page 9).

Garda Vetting

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Level

PLSS Code:
415744

Bachelor of Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services

Ciara Geoghegan

A new route to a third-level degree at Carlow Institute

Complete the first year of a three-year degree at Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training, followed by two years at and South East Technological University (SETU) Waterford Campus.

This programme will give you the opportunity to access a third-level degree without any requirement for a CAO application.

Students will be registered with SETU from Year 1 and will have access to the full range of services available to all SETU students.

Eligibility

Those wishing to apply to the programme should meet the following minimum entry criteria:

- Leaving Certificate; 5 subjects: O6/H7; English or Irish: O6/H7; Mathematics O6/H7, or
- Level 5 major award or equivalent.
- If you are aged 23 or over and do not meet the minimum entry requirement, your application will be assessed based on merit. We will take into account your life experience, work or community experience.

If your first language is not English, B2 standard is required (or equivalent) on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in writing, reading, listening and speaking. Evidence of achievement of this standard is necessary for entry to the programme.

| Year | Location | Embedded Award |
|--------|------------------|--|
| Year 1 | Carlow Institute | Certificate in Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services |
| Year 2 | SETU (Waterford) | Higher Certificate in Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services |
| Year 3 | SETU (Waterford) | Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Services (NFQ Level 7) |

| Year | Semester 1 Subjects | Semester 2 Subjects |
|-----------|--|---|
| Year 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication for Tourism and Hospitality • Introduction to Marketing • Introduction to Tourism and Hospitality Operations • Restaurant Service • The Tourism System • Introduction to Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation Supervision • Beverage and Wine Studies • Front Office Fundamentals • Information & Communication Technology for Culinary, Hospitality & Tourism • Marketing Mix for Tourism and Hospitality • Tourism Studies |
| Years 2&3 | On completion of Year 1, you will complete Year 2 & 3 in SETU Waterford to achieve the Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Services | |

FEES There are no registration fees for the first year of the programme, which will be delivered in Carlow Institute. Students may be eligible to apply to SUSI for a grant to cover fees for Years 2 and 3.



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