

Entry Requirements for Full-Time Vocational (VTOS) and Part-Time Skills to Compete Courses:

All applicants must be 21 or over and in receipt of, or a dependent of, a Social Protection payment for at least 6 months before starting the course. Participation in a CE or FAS scheme counts in the calculation of six months if you are in receipt of a relevant Social Protection payment immediately before starting the course. All applicants who present for courses will be given individual guidance by qualified tutors who are in a position to make recommendations as to what courses may suit their learning needs.

VTOS courses are full-time. Skills to Compete courses are part-time.

Skills to Compete is an initiative to support those who have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and wish to re-enter the workforce.

Disclaimer:

Courses will form subject to funding and numbers enrolled. Some courses may involve remote teaching next academic year depending on COVID-19 and instruction from the HSE. The college reserves the right to cancel a course or limit the number of places on a course at any stage in the year.

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Tour Guiding

QQI Award (Level 6 - 6S20232) Special Purpose Award in National Tour Guiding



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits. The purpose of this course is to provide learners with the relevant skills, knowledge and competencies to work effectively as a tourist guide.

COURSE CONTENT

Irish Tour Guiding, Irish Culture and National Heritage, National Tour Management, Digital Marketing, Marketing, Occupational First Aid.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualification is required for this course along with good communication, interpersonal skills and good, basic IT skills. Applicants must be eager to learn and have an outgoing and welcoming personality.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will qualify you to register with Fáilte Ireland as a Tour Guide working for either a Tour Guide Company or on a freelance basis.

HOW TO APPLY

Craft

QQI Award (Level 5 – 5M1981, Level 6 – 6M4029)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits. This is a one-year course. The purpose of the course is to provide the learner with knowledge, skills and confidence to explore a range of different crafts with an emphasis on Further Education.

COURSE CONTENT

Ceramics, Jewellery, Printmaking, Drawing, Design Skills, Communications, Work Experience.

Workshops will be an important element of this course and will be facilitated by experts from various Craft Industries. Learners will enjoy regular trips to Art Galleries and Art Fairs.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5. QQI Level 6.

DURATION

Two years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to progress onto Further Education.

HOW TO APPLY

Entrepreneurship in Creative Industries



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits. This is a one year full-time course.

The purpose of the course is to provide the learner with knowledge, skills and confidence to create a small business in the Creative Industries. Students from various Art and Design backgrounds will work together in a shared office with facilities available to them to perfect their skills/products while being supported by mentors. The course will be delivered through a combination of lectures, mentoring, work placement and studio work.

COURSE CONTENT

Entrepreneurship, eBusiness Studies, Project Management, Work Practice.

Workshops are an important element of this course. They will be facilitated by experts from the Craft Industry. Learners will enjoy trips to Art Galleries, Artists/Craft Studios and Craft Industries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful students will have the opportunity to progress onto Further Education or create their own business in the Creative Industries.

HOW TO APPLY

Community Development

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M4468, Level 6 - 6M3674)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This is a full-time two year course which is designed to provide learners with a broad understanding of Community Development. Learners will acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies required for working with people in an educational environment.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Social Studies, Human Growth and Development, Care Provision and Practice, Team Working, Combined Material, Word Processing, Communications, Work Placement.

Year 2

Group Work Theory and Practice, Conflict Management, Community Development Theory, Community Development Practice, Personal and Professional Development, Team Leadership, Community Organisation Management, Social Analysis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

General Learning

QQI Award (Level 4 - 4M2010)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits. This is a full-time one year course.

General Learning offers a chance to enhance your knowledge and skills in a broad range of subjects in a friendly and supportive environment. This course is a stepping-stone to Further Education which can promote self-confidence and improve employment prospects.

COURSE CONTENT

Mathematics, Communications, IT Skills, Personal Effectiveness, Work Experience, Intercultural Studies, Human Biology, Drawing/Painting, Word Processing, Historical Studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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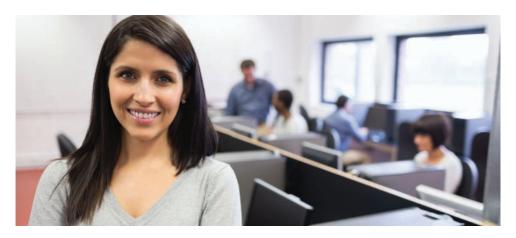
PROGRESSION

Students who successfully complete the programme with be in a good position to progress onto Further Education. Many of our students have obtained places on Level 5 courses in the following areas: Computers, Healthcare, Childcare, Craft, Community Development, Science, Media Production.

HOW TO APPLY

IT Technician

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M2067)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

IT Technician is a full-time course which runs for a duration of one year. Learners will gain a solid understanding of Information Technology and Computer Networking as they complete a full award at QQI Level 5. This is a modern dynamic course that offers students the opportunity to acquire the essential skills needed to gain employment in the thriving IT sector or progress to Further Education.

COURSE CONTENT

Networking Essentials, Database Methods, Information and Communication Systems, Spreadsheet Methods.

the Internet, Web Authoring, Programming and Design Principles, Communications, Work Experience.

DURATION

One Year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Computer Networking, IT Support, Computer Maintenance or opportunities to gain advanced entry to Further and Higher Education courses.

HOW TO APPLY

Physiotherapy Assistant (Health Service Skills)

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M3782)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course aims to provide the learner with the necessary skills required to progress to potential employment as a Physiotherapy Assistant or a Health Care Assistant. The course covers Physiotherapy Assistant Theory, Physiotherapy Assistant Practice and Massage as well as the Healthcare modules to equip the learner with the skills and knowledge required to care for clients as required by the Health Service Executive (HSE) to gain employment in the Healthcare sector.

COURSE CONTENT

Care Support, Infection Prevention and Control, Sport Anatomy and Physiology, Work Experience, Communications or Customer Service, Physiotherapy Assistance Practice, Physiotherapy Assistance Therapy, Care Skills, Body Massage and Figure Analysis.

Training in Occupational First Aid and Patient Handling will be an important element of this course. Students must undertake 120 hours of work placement to complete the course and must secure this placement themselves in a Healthcare setting.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover. All potential candidates must be interviewed.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES/PROGRESSION

On completion of this award, students can progress to potential employment as a Physiotherapy Assistant in a Physiotherapy Department or as a Health Care Assistant in the Healthcare Industry.

HOW TO APPLY

Horticulture

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M2586)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This is a one year course designed to incorporate both the theoretical and practical aspect of Horticulture. The course explores production and Amenity Horticulture and includes elements of design and commercial awareness.

COURSE CONTENT

Plant Science, Soil Science, Fruit and Vegetable Production, Plant Propagation, Communications and Work Practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5.

PROGRESSION

Successful students may progress to Institutes of Technology. There will also be opportunities to pursue a small business venture providing produce to farmers markets and small retailers.

HOW TO APPLY

Early Childhood Care and Education

QQI Award (Level 6 - 6M2007)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course aims to provide knowledge, training, up-skilling and confidence to learners, enabling them to take up meaningful work in the area of Childcare.

COURSE CONTENT

Childhood Social Legal and Health Studies, Child Development, Early Childhood Curriculum, Work Experience, Communications, Early Childhood Literacy and Numeracy, Special Needs Assisting, Supervision in Early Childhood Care.

Workshops will be an important element of this course. They will be facilitated by experts from the Childcare Industry.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 6.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, students will have a qualification necessary for employment as Pre-School Leader and Room Leader roles in Early Childhood Settings. Graduates from this course may gain entry to Degree Programmes in a number of Institutes of Technology with related courses through the Higher Education Links Scheme.

HOW TO APPLY

Photography

QQI Award (Level 6 - 6M3732)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course gives students the opportunity to acquire the principles, techniques and creative skills needed for a career in the Photography Industry. The course interweaves acquiring digital and traditional skills for photography along with real world practical projects.

COURSE CONTENT

Studio Photography, Portraiture, Documentary Practice, Digital Photography, Digital Imaging, Arts Event Management, History of Photography, the Art of Colour Photography and Professional Development.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Award Level 6.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are career opportunities in a variety of areas including Newspapers/Magazines, Advertising, Websites, Corporate Publications, Weddings, Family Occasions, Events etc.

PROGRESSION TO DEGREE LEVEL

QQI Level 6 Photography provides an ideal platform for graduates to apply for advanced entry to the degree programmes in Photography in TU Dublin, IADT Dun Laoghaire or Griffith College (subject to portfolio submission).

HOW TO APPLY

Hairdressing Pre-Apprenticeship

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M3351)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to fulltime education while retaining their benefits.

This course comes at a very exciting time in Hairdressing with the new National Hairdressing Apprenticeship now a reality. The aim of the course is to prepare students for an opportunity as an apprentice in the Hairdressing Industry. Students will be given practical training and confidence in many disciplines, e.g. blow drying, colour application, basic cutting, setting, etc. which they will be required to combine with practical experience of salon work placement to help them secure an Apprenticeship. Emphasis is placed on all key areas of Hairdressing that will enhance students' techniques, creative and interpersonal skills. All practical training takes place in our fully equipped modern Hair Salon.

COURSE CONTENT

Hairdressing Theory and Practice, Hairdressing Science, Creative Styling, Customer Service, Work Experience, Health and Safety, Retail selling.

CERTIFICATION AND DURATION

QQI Level 5 - one year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover. Leaving Certificate (including LCA) and interview. Mature students are welcome to apply. NHA level 4 major award.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Hairdressing Apprenticeship.

PROGRESSION

Placement as a First Year Apprentice in a Hairdressing Salon. Opportunity to progress to employment and a National Hairdressing Apprenticeship Certificate in Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education.

HOW TO APPLY

Pre-Primary School Teaching

QQI Award: Education and Training (Level 5 – 5M3635) with Honours Irish



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

Students on this course will take Leaving Certificate Irish at Higher Level and follow a QQI Level 5 Education and Training Award 5M3635. Learners are also enabled to improve their communication, critical reflection and interpersonal skills, all of which are central to working in an educational setting.

Students will engage in work experience as Classroom Assistants.

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.

Students will also have the opportunity to complete Leaving Certificate Higher Level Irish.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Primary School teaching, Special Needs Assistant (SNA). A career as an SNA involves working with children and young adults with General Learning Difficulties (GLD) and Specific Learning Difficulties (SPLD) in Mainstream Education at Primary and Post Primary, Special Schools, Day Care Centres and Clinics or as Personal Assistants.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CERTIFICATION

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HOW TO APPLY

Interior Design – 3D Design

BTEC Higher National Diploma



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to fulltime education while retaining their benefits. This programme is tailored to meet the industry's needs. We introduce students to the world of design including Commercial and Domestic Interior Design, Furniture, Lighting, Set Design and Exhibition Design. Students gain valuable experience working on live projects, competitions and industry workshops.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Technical Drawing skills, Interior design, 2D and 3D CAD/ Sketch Up, Presentation skills, Professional Practice, Drawing and Design Skills, Surfaces and Materials Design, Contextual Studies in Design.

Year 2

Advanced Interior Design, Live and Collaborate Projects, Professional Studies, 3D Modelling, Technical Drawing and Detailing, Advanced Portfolio Presentation Skills.

CERTIFICATION

BTEC Higher National Diploma.

DURATION

Two years (with an option for advanced entry to BA Hons Degree courses).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Interior Design and Architectural Practices, Display and Merchandising, Interior Retail Management, Interior Retail Buying, Product Design, Furniture Design, Retail and Exhibition Design, Set Design and Design for Leisure, Health and Education Industries.

HOW TO APPLY

Creative Writing for Digital Media

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M5048)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course is designed for anyone with an interest in Creative Writing and Storytelling. Students will explore various aspects of writing and will be facilitated in developing both written and digital content for online platforms.

COURSE CONTENT

Media Analysis, Creative Writing, Writing Skills for Journalism, Script Writing, Communications, Work Practice, Image Processing, the Internet.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Graduates can progress to Higher National Diploma in Creative Media Production (Journalism or Film discipline) followed by a Top-up BA (Hons) in Film Production or Broadcast Journalism accredited by University of Wolverhampton and delivered in Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education.

HOW TO APPLY

Fashion Design

QQI Level 5 (5M3865), Higher National Diploma



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course prepares the student for the vibrant, creative and challenging world of fashion. The course promotes awareness of current industry trends, along with an understanding of the importance of good presentation skills.

COURSE CONTENT

Garment Construction, Pattern Drafting, Design Skills, Fashion Illustration, Colour Forecasting, Trend Forecasting, Buying and Merchandising, Fashion in a Historical and Contemporary Context, Fashion Styling, Photoshoot Direction, Fashion Design, Drawing and Work Experience.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Fashion Design, Image Consultancy, Fashion Illustration, Millinery, Design Management, Fashion Styling, Retail, Merchandising, Buying, Trend Forecasting and Costume Design for Film, Theatre and Television.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5, Higher National Diploma.

DURATION

Three years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Students can progress from this course into third level colleges in Ireland, the UK and abroad including: NCAD, TU Dublin (Visual Merchandising), Institute of Art Design and Technology Dun Laoghaire (Costume Design), Limerick Institute of Further Education, The National Tailoring Academy at Louis Copeland, Griffith College Dublin, The University of Ulster (BA Hons Textile Art, Design and Fashion).

HOW TO APPLY

Nutrition and Lifestyle Coaching

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Sport and Exercise (Exercise, Health and Lifestyle)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course is designed to provide the learner with the necessary skills to work as an independent Nutrition and Lifestyle coach. It is designed for those wishing to coach individuals and groups towards long term diet and lifestyle changes for improved health and wellbeing. The course will combine scientific theory based learning along with its practical application.

COURSE CONTENT

Nutrition, Psychology, Professional Skills, Physical Activity, Lifestyle and Health, Lifestyle Coaching, Health Education in Action, Anatomy and Physiology for Health and III Health.

CERTIFICATION

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Sport and Exercise (Exercise, Health and Lifestyle).

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of this course, students can commence a career as a Nutrition and Lifestyle Coach. The HNC can be combined with further study to attain a Higher National Diploma.

HOW TO APPLY

Occupational Therapy Assistant

QQI Award in Health Service Skills (Level 5 – 5M3782)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course aims to equip the learner with the necessary skills required to progress on to potential employment as an Occupational Therapy Assistant or as a Health Care Assistant. An Occupational Therapy Assistant provides assistance to those who, as a result of a disability, illness or injury, require support in performing meaningful occupations or activities of daily living.

COURSE CONTENT

Anatomy and Physiology, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practice, Occupational Therapy Assistant Theory, Care Support, Communications, Infection Prevention and Control, Intellectual Disability Studies, Rehabilitation Support, Understanding Mental Health, Work Experience.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Successful graduates may gain employment as an Occupational Therapy Assistant in the HSE or with private health service providers.

HOW TO APPLY

Neurodiversity Access to IT

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M0529)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to fulltime education while retaining their benefits.

This course is designed for students who are Neuro-diverse and need additional supports in accessing work placements. It is designed so that students can engage with employment and/or apprenticeship opportunities on completion. Emphasis is placed on skills needed in the workplace. The work placement part of this course will help students apply and develop these skills. This will be combined with study and research skills to enable independent learning. This award can be used instead of the minimum Leaving Certificate requirements for third level college entry.

COURSE CONTENT

Work Placement preparation – Interview Skills, Communication, and Presentation Skills as well as technical skills – Java Programming, Database Methods, Maths for IT, Web Design, Software Architecture.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES / COLLEGE LINKS

The course is designed to help students prepare for the workplace in a Software Development role. The complete Level 5 award can also be used for entry into Computer Science courses in Technical University of Dublin (TUD) and National College of Ireland (NCI).

HOW TO APPLY

Health and Safety

QQI Award Community Health Services (Level 5 - 5M4468)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits. This course will offer students a comprehensive understanding of the concepts of Health and Safety and how to promote safe working practices with good knowledge of the Health, Safety and Welfare at Work legislation.

COURSE CONTENT

Health and Safety at Work, Exercise and Fitness, Teamwork/Customer Service, Work Experience, Spreadsheet Methods, Equality and Disability, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), Safety Management (QQI Level 6) and Health and Wellbeing (QQI Level 4).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

First Aid Response (FAR), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), Fire Safety, Safe Pass, Manual Handling etc.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 in Occupational Health and Safety (Community Health Services 5M4468)

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will serve as an excellent foundation for students who wish to pursue a career or further study in the Health and Safety sector. Successful learners may progress to degree level in TU Dublin, UCD, NUIM, and Sligo.

HOW TO APPLY

Speech and Language Therapy Assistant

QQI Award in Health Service Skills Level 5 (5M3782)



VTOS gives unemployed adults age 21 or over the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course is designed to provide learners who are considering a career as a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant with a solid foundation of knowledge of their chosen field. Learners will develop an awareness of how to assist a Speech and Language Therapist in their work of helping clients manage challenges in relation to speech, language, voice and feeding difficulties. Work Experience and assessment are undertaken under the supervision of a qualified Speech and Language Therapist.

COURSE CONTENT

Speech and Language Therapy Theory, Speech and Language Therapy Practice, Care Support, Child Health and Well Being, Child Development, Anatomy and Physiology, Infection Prevention and Control, Communications, Work Experience. The course will also include workshops focusing on important elements of the course such as Lámh Signs and The Hanen Program.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 in Health Service Skills

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

Floristry



VTOS gives unemployed adults over 21 the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

This course is also available to those who are not VTOS eligible. A course charge will apply to those who are not VTOS eligible.

The course will provide learners with the skills needed to create and arrange floral displays for many occasions including birthdays, Christenings, anniversaries, weddings and other special occasions.

COURSE CONTENT

Floriculture, Retail Display, Retail Floristry, Work Experience, Communications, Start Your Own Business, Retail Selling, Design Skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Successful students can expect to work in florists or garden centres designing flower and plant displays or start their own floristry business

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 in Floristry.

DURATION

One year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

Social Media Influencer

QQI Award in Multimedia Production (Level 5 5M5048)



VTOS gives unemployed adults over 21 the opportunity of returning to full-time education while retaining their benefits.

A Social Media Influencer is a user of social media who has established credibility in a specific industry. They have access to a large audience and can persuade others by virtue of their authenticity.

On this course you will learn the fundamentals of influencer marketing through Instagram and Youtube platforms. The course will focus on content creation, attracting followers, building a base, sponsorship, creating short videos and developing a Youtube channel. On completion of this course a student can progress to Journalism HND, Visual Communications HND, Marketing or develop an online Influencer/Youtube profile.

COURSE CONTENT

Multimedia Authoring, Multimedia Project Development, Marketing Practice, Media Analysis, Design Skills, Communications, Work Experience, Web Authoring.

CERTIFICATION

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PROGRESSION

On completion of this course a student can progress to Journalism HND, Visual Communications HND, Marketing or develop an online Influencer/Youtube profile.

DURATION

One year.

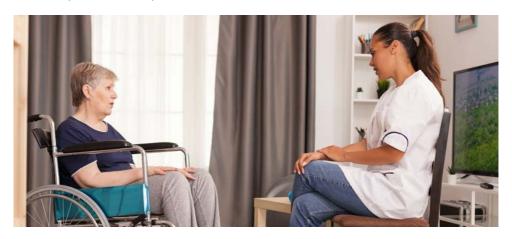
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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HOW TO APPLY

Social Care

QQI Award (Level 6 - 6M2218)



VTOS gives unemployed adults over 21 the opportunity of returning to full time education while retaining their benefits.

This course examines the theory and practice of Social Studies and Social Care. The wide range of modules offered enables students to gain a critical awareness of the way in which society works and provides the opportunity to investigate contemporary social issues and problems. Modules encompass a mix of Psychology, Sociology and practice-based subjects.

Learners are also enabled to improve their communication skills, self-awareness, critical reflection and interpersonal skills, all of which are central to working in Social Care. Students will engage in supervised work experience over the two years which provides practical knowledge, skills and competence for the field of Social Care.

COURSE CONTENT:

Rehabilitation Practice, Disability Awareness, Person-Centered-Planning, Work Experience, Personal and Professional Development, Mental Health Awareness, Communications, Boundary Management.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Social Care involves working with marginalised or disadvantaged people in a caring, compassionate way. There are a wide range of career options in Social Care including:

Youth and community work, working with young offenders, the probation service, working with disadvantaged children, working with the physically or intellectually disabled, the homeless, the elderly, people with drug/alcohol dependency, asylum seekers/refugees etc.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This is an advanced course open to students who hold a QQI Level 5 Award in Applied Social Studies or its equivalent with a merit profile (5 merits). Applicants must have 2 written references.

COLLEGE LINKS/PROGRESSION:

Graduates from this course may gain entry to Degree Programmes in a number of Institutes of Technology with related courses through the Higher Education Links Scheme.



Pottery for Beginners

QQI (Level 4 Part Award)



Part-time Skills to Compete courses offer unemployed adults the opportunity of returning to part-time education, while retaining their benefits. They are an initiative offering support to those who have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and who wish to re-enter the workforce.

Pottery for Beginners is a 2 to 3 day per week course. The main focus is on how to throw pottery on a wheel. The course aims to provide training, up-skilling and confidence to learners, enabling them to establish the various skills required to create a three-dimensional piece-slab building, coiling, press moulding, etc. and to develop skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. All materials are provided.

COURSE CONTENT

QQI Level 4 Part Award.

Ceramics (Level 5), Information Technology Skills (Level 4), Workplace Safety (Level 4).

CERTIFICATION

QQLL evel 4 Part Award.

DURATION

One year part-time course (September – May)*. 2 to 3 days in fully equipped studio.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress on to Craft Production Level 5 or Further Education.

CAREER OPPORTUNTIES

This is an area of study that offers excellent career opportunities in cottage industry, tourism, retail, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

QQI Award (Level 4 - 4M2010)



Skills to Compete courses offer unemployed adults the opportunity of returning to part-time education, while retaining their benefits. They are an initiative offering support to those who have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and who wish to re-enter the workforce.

This course has been designed to suit the needs of those wishing to improve their English language skills in order to gain employment or progress into Further Education and third level here in Ireland. It allows and encourages students to become independent users of the language.

By the end of this course students will have reached an Intermediate level and will be able to express themselves on a range of topics, both verbally and in writing.

COURSE CONTENT

English as a Second Language (ESOL), Communications, Career Planning, Information Technology, Personal Effectiveness.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 4 Award. Plus optional entry to Cambridge Suite of ESOL examinations.

DURATION

One year part-time course (September to May).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress into Further Education and third level here in Ireland.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This area of study will enhance a student's career opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY

Café and Deli Service Skills

QQI Award (Level 4 - 4M2805)



Skills to Compete courses offer unemployed adults the opportunity of returning to part-time education, while retaining their benefits. They are an initiative offering support to those who have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and who wish to re-enter the workforce.

Café and Deli Service Skills is a 3 day a week part-time course. The main focus is on Short Order Cooking and Kitchen Skills. The course aims to provide training, upskilling and confidence to learners, enabling them to establish the various skills that will allow them to take up meaningful work in restaurants, hotels and the catering industry.

COURSE CONTENT

QQI Level 4 Part Award.

Short Order Cooking, Kitchen Skills, HACCP, Work Experience, Barista Training, Customer Service*

(*Subject to change depending on funding.)

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 4 Part Award.

DURATION

One-year part time course (September – May). 3 days per week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress on to Level 5 or Further Education. Another option available is to pursue further studies in the Catering or Tourism area.

CAREER OPPORTUNTIES

This is an area of study that offers excellent career opportunities in the catering sector, coffee shops, deli, hospitals, schools, hotels and restaurant.

HOW TO APPLY

Barbering

QQI Award (Level 4 - 4M0857)



Skills to Compete courses offer unemployed adults the opportunity of returning to part-time education while retaining their benefits. They are an initiative offering support to those who have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 and who wish to re-enter the workforce.

Barbering is a part-time one year course. The course aims to prepare students for employment in the Barbering Industry. Students will be given training and confidence to secure an Apprenticeship in a Barber's Salon. Emphasis is put on all key areas of Barbering which will enhance students' techniques, creative and inter-personal skills. All practical training takes place in our fully equipped Hair Salon.

COURSE CONTENT

Barbering Techniques (QQI Level 5), Workplace Safety, Information Technology, Work Experience, Customer Service*

(*Subject to change depending on funding.)

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 4 and 5 Part Award.

DURATION

One-year part-time course (September – May). 2 days per week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress on to Hairdressing QQI Level 5 or Further Education.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This is an area of study that offers excellent career opportunities in the Barbering Industry - Junior Barber, Theatrical and/or Film, Hairdressing work, Hairdressing Retail outlets.

HOW TO APPLY

Health Service Skills

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M3782)



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This is a first year of a two-year part-time BTEI course. The course aims to provide training, up-skilling and confidence to learners, enabling them to take up meaningful work in the area of Health Care. Another option available is to pursue further studies in the Health Care area.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1*

Care Skills, Care of the Older Person, Safety and Health at Work, Customer Service

Year 2*

Care Support, Children with Additional Needs, Work Experience, Infection Prevention and Control.

(*Subject to change depending on funding.)

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 Major Award.

DURATION

Two-year part-time programme.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress on to Level 6 or Further Education.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This is an area of study that offers excellent career opportunities in Health Service Sector.

HOW TO APPLY

Early Childhood Care and Education

QQI Award (Level 5 - 5M2009)



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This is the first year of a two-year part-time course. The course aims to provide training, up-skilling and confidence to learners enabling them to take up meaningful work in the area of Childcare.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Early Care and Education Practice, Early Childhood Education and Play, Safety and Health at Work, Special Needs Assisting.

Year 2

Child Development, Child Health and Well Being, Work Experience, Customer Service.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 Major Award.

DURATION

Two years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Successful learners may progress on to Level 6 or Further Education.

CAREER OPPORTUNTIES

This is an area of study that offers excellent career opportunities in Childcare sector.

HOW TO APPLY

Barista Skills

QQI Part Award and City and Guilds Part Award



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This course will provide the learners with specialist skills and knowledge in one of the major growth areas of the hospitality industry – the beverage sector. The course is aimed at all first line operatives where coffee is served – this includes coffee bars, coffee houses, cafes, hotels and restaurants.

Learners will be introduced to the full range of products used in making beverages. They will learn where the products come from and some of the processes they go through, from growing to the final drink. They will also learn the importance of taking care of the products in order to provide an excellent final result.

The course will provide the learners with the ability to understand the importance of good food hygiene and recognise the various different types of health issues that poor food hygiene may cause.

COURSE CONTENT

Food Safety and HACCP, Manual Handling, Barista Skills.

DURATION

This course will run for 6 - 8 weeks.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

Mural Urban Art

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This one year course is designed to target people interested in Art and returning to education while building on their individual transversal skills and personal effectiveness and wellbeing through the practical medium of Art.

The course will also offer individuals an opportunity to achieve a certified accreditation for future educational and community employment prospects. All the modules covered on the proposed course include transferable skills and will support learners in adapting to the future working environments they will find themselves in.

COURSE CONTENT

Drawing, Painting, Team Building, Personal Effectiveness, Work Practice.

DURATION

One year part-time course, 2-3 days per week in fully equipped studios.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 4 Part Award.

PROGRESSION

Community Development QQI Level 5, Craft Production QQI Level 5, Art and Design Portfolio Preparation QQI Level 5, and other QQI Level 5 courses.

HOW TO APPLY

Tour Guiding

QQI Level 6 Special Purpose Award (6S20232)



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The Skills to Compete National Tour Guide QQI Level 6 Special Purpose course gives individuals access to Further Education and training delivered by Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education (CDCFE).

The National Tour Guide 12-week course at CDCFE is tailored to provide you with the skills, knowledge and competencies to deliver and manage a comprehensive tour management and guiding service for tourists visiting and travelling in Ireland.

COURSE CONTENT

Irish Tour Guiding, Irish Natural Heritage and Culture, National Tour Management, IT Skills Support.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 6 Special Purpose award in National Tour Guiding (6S20232) and will automatically qualify for the Fáilte Ireland National Tour Guide Badge.

DURATION

12 week course, Monday and Friday.*

*subject to change and adequate numbers enrolled.

COURSE CHARGES

Tour Guide Skills to compete Course Level 6 – Free for applicants eligible for Skills to Compete, fees will apply otherwise.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

General Learning

QQI Award (Level 4 - 4M2010)



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General Learning offers a chance to enhance your knowledge and skills in a broad range of subjects in a friendly and supportive environment. Candidates who haven't completed Leaving Certificate take up this course to complete their schooling, to try new subjects at an accessible level, as a stepping-stone to further education, to improve employment prospects and to gain confidence.

COURSE CONTENT

Mathematics, Communications, IT Skills, Personal Effectiveness, Work Experience, Human Biology, Drawing/Painting, Word Processing.

(*Subject to change)

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 4.

DURATION

One year.

COURSE CHARGES

Tour Guide Skills to compete Course Level 6 – Free for applicants eligible for Skills to Compete, fees will apply otherwise.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

PROGRESSION

Students who successfully complete the programme will be in a good position to progress onto further education. Many of our students have obtained places on Level 5 courses in the following areas: Computers, Healthcare, Childcare, Art and Design, Community Development, Science, Media and Communications.

HOW TO APPLY

Health and Wellbeing Programme

QQI Award (Level 5 part award)



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There is ample evidence that many people who have become newly unemployed or stuck indoors on a continuous basis due to the Covid 19 restrictions would welcome the opportunity to engage with a programme which focusses on their own health and wellbeing. The central specific purpose award which is at the centre of this programme is about changing attitudes to looking after and engaging with the personal health of the participants. Modules such as Safety and Health in the Workplace and Infection Prevention and Control at Level 5 are very much sought after in the workplace particularly as Health and Safety officers and Covid Compliance officers.

COURSE CONTENT

Health and Wellbeing, Safety and Health in the Workplace, Infection Prevention and Control, Personal Effectiveness.

(*Subject to change)

CERTIFICATION

QQLL evel 5 Part Award.

DURATION

12 weeks.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

Podcast

QQI Award (Level 5 part award)



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This 12 week part-time course will equip learners with the skills needed to create and produce top quality audio and video content. Learners will also learn how to deliver this content to their intended audience through social media targeting.

It is aimed at individuals who wish to build technical confidence and develop their transversal skills. Learners will gain the skillset to pursue a positive professional awareness on many media platforms for either themselves or a company.

Near FM will be the Media Training HQ along with the studio and classroom facilities in CDCFE where learners can link up in each studio for production, voice training and mock remote interview sessions. Whatever your area of business, there is an online space for you and your team!

COURSE CONTENT

- Computer Illustration Graphics 5N1929
- Radio Programme Production 5N1379
- Personal Effectiveness -5N1390

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 Part Award.

DURATION

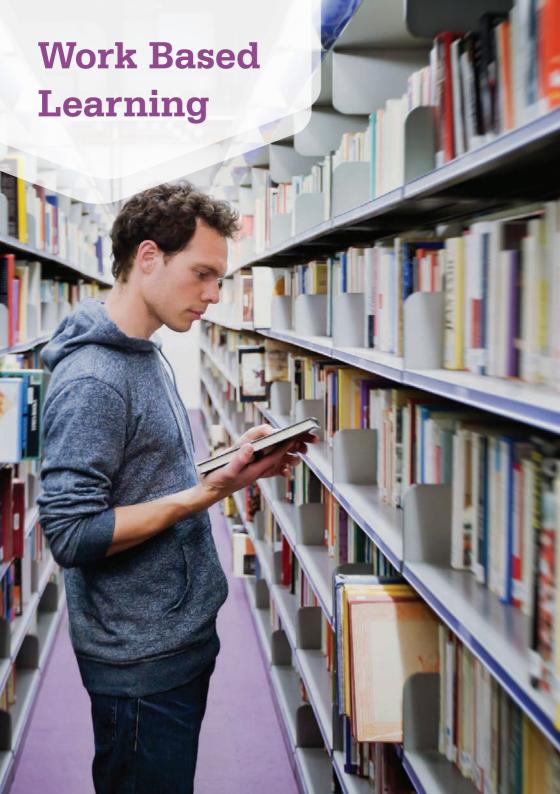
This is a 12 week part-time course run over 3 days per week. It features 17 hours blended learning (online/onsite) and studio access.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See inside cover.

HOW TO APPLY

^{*} Subject to change



Traineeship in Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Customer Service Logistics – Work Based Learning



This traineeship is 30 weeks duration and offers real commercial work placement with leading local industries. The course offers a QQI Level 4/5 part award and provides training in Forklift Truck licence, Manual Handling, Lean Manufacturing and First Aid Responder training. The main feature of the programme is a 12-week work placement with our Host Industry partners where the students gain valuable insight to a specific industry and relevant practical experience.

COURSE STRUCTURE

16 weeks college based learning.12 weeks industry placement.2 weeks external training.

COURSE CONTENT

Warehousing, Customer Service, Safety and Health in the Workplace, Personal Effectiveness, Work Practice, Functional Maths, IT Skills.

Training Certifications in Pallet, Reach and Counterbalance Forklift Truck licence, Manual Handling, Lean Manufacturing, and First Aid Responder.

ALLOWANCE

10 euro per day to cover travel expenses while on work placement.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at www.cdcfe.ie
For more information contact 01 848 1400
or email traineeship@cdcfe.com

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National Hairdressing Apprenticeship (NHA) – Work Based Learning



Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education is a collaborating provider that delivers the new National Hairdressing Apprenticeship (NHA). All Hairdressing Apprentices must be employed full-time by a range of hairdressing salons which are approved by a Senior Training Advisor / SOLAS Authorised Officer. This NHA is a blend of on-the-job learning that will take place within the salon and off-the-job education and training on a day release in Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education.

CERTIFICATION

Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Hairdressing awarded by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full-time employment with a salon registered under the National Hairdressing Apprenticeship scheme.

QQI Level 4 major award or equivalent or two years full-time experience in a hairdressing salon.

Where English is not your first language a B2 Oxford level of English is required.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you will be able to work as a qualified hairdresser with a nationally and internationally recognised qualification. Fully qualified hairdressers will be able to demonstrate an extensive range of skills and services from styling, colouring and cutting hair to performing scalp treatments and will have nationally and internationally recognised qualifications.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants Contact

info@hairdressingapprenticeship.ie

Employers Contact Suzanne Kiely National Hairdressing Apprenticeship Programme Co-ordinator info@hairdressingapprenticeship.ie 061 487940

Skills to Advance Training programmes – Work based Learning



Coláiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education is delivering highly subsidised upskilling and reskilling opportunities for employees and/or Employers through the Government funded Skills to Advance initiative. The training aims to support enterprises to invest in and develop their workforce to adapt to changes in technology, markets, and work practices.

WHY SKILLS TO ADVANCE?

For Employers:

- Accessible training opportunities which fit in around your business and work schedules.
- Training relevant to your business needs.
- Courses that respond to the changing nature of jobs and skills.
- Supports business growth.
- Develops your work force.
- ► Helps retain and recruit employees.
- Increases productivity and competitiveness.

Who is Skills to Advance suitable for?

For Employees:

- In lower skilled jobs.
- Who are 50 years of age and over.
- In an industry at risk of displacement or with emerging opportunities.

COURSES AVAILABLE

- Bespoke courses designed for the needs of SMEs
- Health Care Skills
- Health and Safety at Work
- Digital Skills
- Supervisory Management

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 or QQI Level 6

DURATION

Courses can range from 4 weeks, 6 weeks to 12 weeks in duration.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Skills to Advance applicants must be in employment in order to avail of the training. Potential participants receiving the PUP payment are also eligible.

Notes









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