

LIBERTIES COLLEGE

50 years at the heart of learning

**THE
PATHWAY
TO YOUR
FUTURE
CAREER**





WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE IN THE CITY

Welcome to Liberties College

We look forward to welcoming you to **Liberties College** – the College in the City.

Our goal is to provide an environment that creates a positive learning culture. We aim to foster your learning by providing supports, challenges and standards of excellence to allow you to determine your own education and career goals. The staff here are friendly, supportive and encouraging and work hard to help students develop personally, do well academically and develop skills to meet the challenges in the workplace or higher education.

We also encourage students to enjoy college life and get involved in the Sports and Cultural Council's activities throughout the year. Please read our past student testimonials to get a flavour of the student experience here, and thank you for choosing Liberties College.

Statia Somers
Principal

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PROGRESS

To help our students understand the employment and further education opportunities available to them, our prospectus is structured around progression paths in each area.



We offer practical courses that help our students maximize their potential. Most of our courses have work experience programmes that are relevant and provide structured experience that prospective employers look for. This is backed up by recognised industry qualifications and certified skills such as manual handling and first aid.

For advanced and specialist courses we are developing new links between college life and the world of work. We strive to offer courses that are practical and relevant to your future.



THIRD LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Almost 20% of all applicants to higher education through the Central Applications Office (CAO) have a level 5 or 6 QQI award. Both the range of opportunities for learners and the numbers applying to high education programmes grow each year.

QQI Levels Explained

Liberties College provides QQI Major Awards at Level 5 and Level 6. Level 5 Awards are the equivalent of the Leaving Certificate. They enable students to gain vocationally specific skills necessary for employment and meet the minimum entry requirements for Third Level Education Programmes. Level 6 Awards are Advanced Certificates where students gain a comprehensive range of skills with more theoretical understanding. Level 6 students may progress to supervisory positions, self employment and may gain advanced entry to some Third Level Courses.

QQI Major awards reflect a significant volume of learning, leading to the 120 credits necessary for entry into Third Level Education. They are comprised of minor awards or modules, each of which usually amounts to 15 credits. These modules are listed on the course description pages in this prospectus. A major award may be achieved over more than one year. However, some institutions require that the 120 credits used for scoring must be achieved in a 'single sitting', over one certification year, i.e. between 1 August and 31 July. Applicants should refer to the individual institutions requirements in this regard.

Third Level Requirements

The Higher Education Links Scheme provides systematic progression opportunities through the CAO for applicants holding specific awards at level 5 and 6 to the first year of higher education programmes. Application is through the CAO system using a scoring system (described below). The scoring system is consistently applied.

Universities, Institutes of Technology, Technical Universities and some independent Higher Education Institutions offer places through the Higher Education Links Scheme, but in slightly different ways. Universities only offer places from a reserved quota for QQI award holders. Many Institutes of Technology and Technical Universities accept applications based on any CAS (Common Awards System) or legacy NFQ level 5 and 6 awards, in open competition with Leaving Certificate candidates.

However they may also offer places through reserve quotas for QQI applicants only. In addition, individual programmes within higher education institutions may have specific entry requirements that help assure successful participation on entry. For this reason, in all instances, applicants should check the specific requirements of the programme of interest on the websites of the higher education institutions and the CAO, and should confirm that the programme they are following will enable them achieve the necessary requirements. Liberties College guidance counsellors also provide this advice to our students.

Mature Students

Some Third Level courses have specific allocations for mature students. These Third Level courses are highlighted in the progression information on the relevant course descriptions in this prospectus.

QQI Points Calculation for CAO Applications

Candidates are eligible to apply for this progression route only on the basis of achieving a linked major award, which typically requires 120 credits. Scoring is on the basis of credits. Component awards or achievement of less than 120 credits do not provide eligibility.

Once eligibility is established through achievement of the major award in the required timeframe (single sitting or otherwise), results are then scored on the basis of the best achievement in component awards to a credit value of 120.

Each Level 5 and Level 6 component is scored:

- 3.25 for a Distinction
- 2.16 for a Merit
- 1.08 for a Pass

This number is then multiplied by the individual component credit value to a maximum of 120 credits (a total of 390 points). Note, only scores from the best 8 modules in the major award can be used to calculate the score.

There is a free points calculator available at www.careersportal.ie/qqi/

APPLYING TO LIBERTIES COLLEGE

Interviews

It is the policy of Liberties College to interview all applicants who meet the basic entry requirements for a course, subject to a sufficient number of places being available on a selected course.

The interview provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to a specialist area and your capacity for self-motivated and independent study. It offers you an opportunity to express your interest and enthusiasm and to address questions to course tutors.

Many courses ask applicants to complete a short written Interview Preparation Test before attending an interview. The main advantage of this is to help candidates to think about the course before coming into the interview, but as it is a written exercise it also allows applicants to give an example of written work, which can be helpful.

Where there is a vacancy on a course, a place will be offered to an applicant who satisfies the entry requirements of the course. Liberties College is committed to the fair and equal treatment of all applications. Interviews take place in March, April, May and September each year.

All admissions are subject to the general rules and regulations of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board and Liberties College. These are available from the College on request.



Deferred Entry

An applicant who receives an offer of a course place may seek to defer entry to the next academic year. There is a maximum flexibility policy in relation to these requests and generally all requests are granted subject to the programme being available in the next academic year.

Mature Applicants

We welcome applications from mature candidates (i.e. over 21 years) who may not have completed a Leaving Certificate. You should apply in the normal manner. If you are receiving Social Welfare Benefit, it is probable that you can return to full-time education as a VTOS or Back to Education Allowance BEA student without loss of income.

International Applicants

We welcome applications from suitably qualified international candidates and we value the cultural diversity and richness this brings to the life of the college. All courses are conducted through English and candidates should demonstrate at interview that their English is good enough to enable them to participate in the course and work in the vocational area. Some courses involve terminology that requires a higher proficiency in English. Non-EU nationals are charged a tuition fee which must be paid in addition to standard course charges. This fee is determined by the Department of Education and Skills. In recent years the tuition fee was €3,654, but you should check with Liberties College for the current tuition fee. Note, some categories of non-EU citizens, resident in Ireland are exempt from tuition fees.

Helping You Decide

Why not come along to our Open Day to meet us and look around our facilities? Our course tutors and directors will be there to discuss possible career paths and answer your questions. The Liberties College Open Day is held in January each year. Please check our website www.libertiescollege.ie for details.

Liberties College Entry Requirements

- ☑ You should be at least 17 years of age.
- ☑ Leaving Certificate standard is required; or Pass Level (120 credits) in the Leaving Certificate Applied. Individual courses may have specific additional requirements. These will be outlined in the course descriptions for each course.
- ☑ Two references must be presented at interview or included with your application.
- ☑ Relevant work experience or training will be considered.

BALANCING ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE



At Liberties College, we provide courses that make a real difference – building confidence and skills that will lay the foundation for a successful career. We provide links between college life and the world of work.

Personal growth is at the heart of vocational preparation. Our aim is to get to know each student and help develop their strengths in a dynamic social environment, so that every student can reach their full potential.

STUDENTS FEES & GRANTS INFORMATION

What about Fees?

There are no tuition fees for students who are citizens of Ireland or another European Union State. For all students there is a moderate course charge to cover expenses such as examination fees and specialist materials supplied directly to students.

A Government levy of €200 (in addition to the course charge) is payable by all Post Leaving Cert (PLC) students. There will be some exemptions and reliefs (see below for details). Contact the admissions office for an up-to-date listing of course charges. Candidates who are non-EU citizens should contact Liberties College for details of entry conditions.

Student Grants

Students may be eligible for a means tested maintenance grant under the Maintenance Grants Scheme for students attending Post Leaving Certificate courses. General information and application details may be obtained on www.susi.ie.

You can submit your application for a maintenance grant once you have secured a college place. Candidates are advised to apply for a grant as soon as they have secured a college place in order to have time to submit all documents required.

Exemptions from Government Charge

As required by government legislation, a registration charge of €200 (in addition to the course charge) will be payable by all PLC Students. The following categories may be exempted from paying this charge:

- Full medical card holders
- Applicants who are over 21 years of age and who are in receipt of a Back to Education Allowance (BEA) or Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) allowance
- Candidates who are eligible under the Student Grant Scheme
- Dependent children of medical card holders.

In order to avail of a possible €200 refund, students must provide evidence of exemption prior to or at registration.



Back to Education

Back to Education Allowance: (BEA)

In **Liberties College** around 30% of our students are eligible for the Back to Education Allowance. These students can attend any of our courses. If you have been unemployed or are receiving payments through the Department of Social Protection and have made a decision to return to full-time education, the BEA will allow you to continue to receive your benefits and allowances.

You can apply to most courses as a BEA Student if you are 21 years or older and – in receipt of Job-Seekers Payment or Credits for at least 3 months before commencement date of the course OR are in receipt of One Parent Family Allowance OR are in receipt of Disability Allowance OR are in

receipt of Disability Benefit, Invalidity Payment or the Widow's/ Widower's Payment or Dependent Claimant.

Vocational Opportunities

We have a small number of **Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)** places. Applicants for the places available must be in receipt of one of the qualifying payments for at least 6 months before commencement date of course. VTOS participants may be eligible for meal and travel allowances and some course expenses (incl. books and materials expenses) are covered by VTOS funding.

Note: VTOS participants are not eligible to apply for a student maintenance grant through SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland).

How to Apply: Complete the standard college application form available from the Admissions Office. If you receive a course place offer you will meet with the Liberties College BEA/VTOS coordinator who will guide you through all the additional procedures.

CDETBA Adult Education & Literacy Service

Do you need to improve your reading, writing, spelling or maths? Maybe you left school before your Leaving Certificate and you are interested in returning to education? If so, we can help.

We can offer One to One tuition where you can improve your reading and writing with your own tutor or small group tuition where you can improve your skills in a supportive setting.

- Courses available up to QQI Level 4 and Junior Certificate Level.
- Meet other people with similar goals.
- All classes are free

If you are interested, please contact:

Maria Riordan
CDETBA Adult Education Service
Tel: (01) 454 0759

The CDETBA Adult Education Service offers a variety of courses to adult students from QQI Levels 1-4. The classes are part time and there are day and evening options to choose from:

- **QQI Levels 1 and 2** focus on improving reading, writing, spelling and maths. Students work towards a QQI full award in Level 1 or 2 General Learning.
- **QQI Level 3** includes developing communication skills and computer skills

as part of a full QQI award in Level 3 Employability Skills.

- **QQI Level 4** is preparation for further studies, where students have the option of a part time 6 month course that includes presentation skills, how to write assignments and report writing. There is also a short intensive course available for students who have secured a place in college and wish to work on their public speaking, referencing and study skills as well as their organisation skills and time management.

English Language Options

The Adult Education Service offers intensive programmes in English language at beginner, elementary and pre-intermediate levels and offers certification in QQI Level 3 and Level 4 ESOL. Specific preparation for college courses is also available to English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for students focusing on academic writing and grammar.

All classes are free. All students are interviewed and assessed and are placed on a course most appropriate to their needs. For further information please contact:

Maria Riordan
CDETBA Adult Education Service
Tel: (01) 454 0759.

Garda Vetting for Work Experience

Garda Vetting is required for all Work Experience placements in the Health Sector and in Youth Work, Childcare, Social Care and similar areas.

Please Note:

- Vetting is a procedure through which police authorities are asked, with a person's permission, to state whether or not that person has been convicted of a crime.
- Employers in care and education are required to use the vetting procedure to ensure that persons convicted of Child Abuse or other relevant crimes are not employed in the sector.
- Many employers require students seeking Work Experience to be vetted before placement.
- International Vetting: Students who have lived abroad may be asked to apply for vetting from police authorities in countries in which they have resided. There is no general procedure for this. The College can provide a letter of explanation to accompany a request for vetting in another jurisdiction.

- In Ireland vetting must be requested by either an employer or a College and is carried out centrally by the Garda Vetting Unit. An individual may not apply personally to be vetted. Vetting does not involve local Gardaí or a local Garda Station.
- Vetting is a child protection measure. All previous convictions are reported to employers by the Garda Vetting Unit, but following a risk assessment only a small number are considered to pose a risk to children or vulnerable adults.

The College cannot arrange or facilitate work experience in a care setting for a person who is unable to take up employment in the sector. Because work experience is mandatory for all QQI Awards, learners who are not placed for work experience are unable to achieve an Award.

Applicants to care courses who could be precluded, following Garda vetting, from gaining work experience in the care sector are strongly advised to discuss this with the College before proceeding with an application. CDETBA and the College accept no liability for loss arising from the disclosure of information through a police vetting procedure.

STUDENT WELFARE AND SERVICES

Liberties College offers a range of support services to help students enjoy college life and successfully complete their course of study.

Career Guidance

Career and Educational Guidance is available to all students on both individual and group basis. Career talks are organised throughout the year. Where possible, arrangements are made for students to attend Open Days in Third Level colleges. Guidance is provided for application through the CAO, UCAS and through the Higher Education Links Scheme.

Reasonable Accommodation

The Learning Support team helps students achieve their potential. Students with specific learning difficulties may be entitled to additional supports and services to successfully complete their programme of choice.

Certain services around Reasonable Accommodation may be funded by Solas, but Liberties College provides its own Study Support Service for everyone who needs it.

For details please telephone the Admissions Office **(01) 454 0044** or email **info@liberties.cdetb.ie**

Student Council

Each class group elects a representative to the Student Council. The members of the Student Council select a representative to the College Board of Management. The Student Council is a recognised body and highlights issues of concern that students may have. The Student Council is also involved in the social life of the college, organising and developing social activities and promoting participation in events organised by the CDET B Sports and Cultural Council.

Student Identity Card

As a full-time student you will be issued with a student identity card, with your photograph, identifying you as a student of Liberties College.

Counselling

Students experiencing personal difficulties can avail of confidential counselling through the Counselling Service.



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CHILDCARE STUDIES

There is significant demand for qualified childcare practitioners. Whether you work as a **special needs assistant** or **early childcare specialist**, there are opportunities in pre-schools, hospital creches and playgroups.

Our graduates can access a range of early childhood education and social care courses in third level colleges, including a BSc in Education Studies with DCU (Marino Institute of Education) and Montessori training (St. Nicholas College).

Specialist courses in montessori and forest school education open doors to careers as **montessori teachers** and **early years team leaders** in pre-schools, nurseries and creches.



*My Level 6 award allowed me advanced entry to year two of an honours degree in Early Childhood Education & Care through IT Carlow, which I completed in 2015. I am currently doing a Post Graduate Higher Diploma in Teaching & Learning for Further Education at National College of Ireland and I hope to have a career teaching within the further education sector. **Anna***

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

This one-year full-time course prepares students to work with young children. It is ideal for both school-leavers and experienced mature persons seeking a formal qualification. Successful students have excellent employment opportunities.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Early Childhood Care and Education 5M2009
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Early Care and Education Practice
- Child Development
- Child Health and Wellbeing
- Early Childhood Education & Play
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Infant and Toddler Years
- Creative Arts for Early Childhood
- Word Processing

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work Experience in Childcare Crèche
- Students acquire a good knowledge of normal development and the needs of young children
- Workshops in Child Protection, Highscope, Stretch and Grow, Drama
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements (see page 6)

Note: Applied Leaving Certificate Candidates should have achieved at least a Merit Grade.

I learned so much about children that I never knew before. I had a lot of support from my friends and teachers who were a great help to me. I would highly recommend this course to people who like working with children and want to learn more about working in the childcare sector.

Rebecca

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M2007 QQI Level 6 Early Childhood Care & Education

TU793 L7 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Blanchardstown

TU794 L7 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Tallaght

TU995 L8 Early Childhood Education - TU City Campus

DC001 L8 Early Childhood Education - Dublin City University

EMPLOYMENT

Childcare Crèches

Nurseries

Playgroups

Play Assistants in Hospitals

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR AND FOREST SCHOOL EDUCATION

This is an advanced course suited to participants who would like to work in the early years sector and who have an interest in outdoor and forest school education. This course gives students confidence and skills to take children outdoors to experience the benefits of nature-based play and it will also help the participants gain a greater understanding of forest schools.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- **QQI Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education 6M2007**
- Liberties College certificate of Attendance for Forest School Training
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Child Development
- Early Years Curriculum, to include: Froebel, Montessori Steiner and Forest School philosophy
- Childhood Social and Legal Studies
- Work Experience
- Personal & Professional Development
- Supervision in Early Childhood Care
- Special Needs Assisting
- Early Childhood Arts and Culture

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Intensive college programme three days a week
- One day work experience in an Early Years environment
- Workshops in Forest School Activities on location in a forest/woodland setting over the college year.
- The philosophy of Forest School Education will be explored.
- Team building exercises
- LÁMH training
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- This course is open to students who have achieved an overall merit profile in QQI 5 Award in Early Childhood Care & Education or the equivalent.

Note: This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the college for mature students with prior experience or academic ability. Candidates should have achieved at least a *Merit Grade* in the *Applied Leaving Cert*.

Research has shown that Forest School has many benefits including: building a positive relationship with the outdoors, health and fitness, play-time away from technology, improved language and communication, fine and gross motor skills development, improved self-esteem and teamwork, improved attitude towards learning and concentration and is linked to the national school / pre-school curriculum.

Aistear and Síolta

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU993 L8 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Blanchardstown

TU994 L8 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Tallaght

DC001 L8 Early Childhood Education - Dublin City University

CM010 BSc in Education Studies Marino Institute of Education (TCD)

EMPLOYMENT

Childcare Crèches

Nurseries

Playgroups

Special Needs Assistants in Schools



SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students specialise in the care of the child or adult with a mental or physical disability. This is a joint training programme offered by the Central Remedial Clinic Clontarf and Liberties College.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Community Care 5M2786
- LÁMH Module 1 Certificate
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)
- Manual Handling Certificate

Principal Areas of Study

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

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Students are prepared to become active members of professional

multidisciplinary teams sharing responsibility for the day-to-day care of people with a disability

- Two Days per week practical training in the Central Remedial Clinic Clontarf or Scoil Mochua
- Lectures/Classes three days per week in Liberties College
- LÁMH Module – Students are trained in the use of LÁMH, a manual sign system used by children with intellectual disability & communication needs
- Manual Handling
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- As per DES conditions for the employment of SNA's, students must have achieved three grade D's in the Junior Certificate or an equivalent Award
- Some experience in the care of a person with a disability is desirable.

I've always loved working with children but wanted to specialise in working with children with Special Needs. The course at Liberties College was fantastic and the work experience at the CRC gives you hands-on practical experience that you can't find anywhere else.

Adina

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M2218 Level 6 Social & Vocational Integration
Liberties College

TU791 L7 Applied Social Studies in Social Care - TU Blanchardstown

AL765 L7 Applied Social Studies in Social Care - Athlone IT

MH107 L8 Social Science
Maynooth University

TU794 L7 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Blanchardstown

EMPLOYMENT

Special Needs Assistant
in mainstream pre-schools,
primary & secondary schools

Special Schools

Day Care Centres & Clinics

Workshop & Residential Care

Personal Assistants

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT

MAINSTREAM EDUCATION

This is a one year specialist course training students to work as Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) in Primary and Secondary School Classrooms. Liberties College has offered courses in the training of SNAs since 1991.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Community Care 5M2786
- LÁMH Module 1 Certificate
- Manual Handling Certificate
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

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

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Lectures/Classes three days per week in Liberties College.

- Two-day placement each week in classrooms in Mainstream education or Special Schools.
- Training in typical SNA duties:
 - Assisting children with everyday practical tasks e.g. clothing, feeding, toileting and hygiene
 - Educational assistance e.g. helping the child with writing or typing
- LÁMH Module – Students are trained in the use of LÁMH, a manual sign system used by children with intellectual disability & communication needs.
- Manual Handling.
- Garda vetting for work experience.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: As per DES conditions for the employment of SNAs, students must have achieved three grade D's in the Junior Certificate or an equivalent Award.

This course has helped me decide what career path I want to take. I have learned a lot from children with disabilities and gained a lot of experience in my workplace. I will share my knowledge and experience when I go back to my own country, Mauritius.

Nathalie

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M2218 Level 6 Social & Vocational Integration
Liberties College

TU791 L7 Applied Social Studies in Social Care - TU Blanchardstown

PC404 L7 Applied Social Studies
Professional Social Care
St. Patricks College, Carlow

TU794 L7 Early Childhood Care & Education - TU Blanchardstown

MH107 L8 Social Science
Maynooth University

EMPLOYMENT

Special needs assistant in mainstream pre-schools, primary & secondary schools

Special Schools

Day Care Centres & Clinics

Personal Assistants

MONTESSORI – 2 YEAR COURSE

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

This full-time two-year course enables students with an interest in training as a Montessori Teacher to combine the Montessori Approach to Teaching (2½ - 6 Years) and the study of Early Childhood Care and Education. The course is ideally suited to school leavers or anyone new to the area of early childhood care and education.

Duration

Two years full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Early Childhood Care and Education 5M2009
- QQI Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education 6M2007
- Liberties College Certificate in Montessori Education (2½ - 6 Years)
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

Year 1

- Child Development
- Early Care and Education Practice
- Early Childhood Education and Play
- Child Health and Well-Being
- Approaches to Early Childhood Education
- Early Learning Environment
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Creative Arts for Early Childhood

Year 2

- Child Development
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- Childhood Social, Legal & Health Studies
- Work Experience
- Early Childhood Literacy &

Numeracy

- Early Childhood Arts and Culture
- Personal and Professional Development

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work experience in Montessori Schools and Early Years Settings throughout the two years
- Students acquire a good understanding of the Educational Method and Philosophy of Dr. Montessori and become competent in the use of this method with children in the 2½ - 6 age range.
- Workshops in Child Protection, Drama, Stretch & Grow and more.
- Garda vetting for work experience.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have received or expect to achieve five passes in the Leaving Certificate at Ordinary level, one of which should be English.
- Applied Leaving Certificate candidates should have achieved a Distinction.
- Mature applicants with suitable life experience will be considered.

My time at Liberties College was a great experience. The tutors within the college really facilitated my growth over the two years of the Early Childhood Care and Education/ Montessori Teaching course. It helped me gain the confidence I needed to go forward and take the next step in my journey – The degree in ECCE in IT Carlow.

Gemma

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

NM701 L7 Montessori Education
St. Nicholas Montessori College

TU794 L7 Early Childhood Care & Education – TU Tallaght

CM020 Early Childhood Education
Marino Institute of Education

TU993 L8 Early Childhood Care & Education – TU Blanchardstown

TU995 L8 Early Childhood Education - TU Dublin

EMPLOYMENT

Montessori & Primary Schools

Nurseries, Crèche

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Liberties College graduates provide social care in a wide variety of community settings, including important roles as community care workers, support workers and volunteers. These lead to rewarding careers in social services, social care and addiction services.

Social Studies courses focus on practical skills and the foundations for progress to degree courses at University. There are a wide range of further education opportunities including:

- Social Care
- Social Science
- Applied Social Studies
- Drug & Addiction Counselling



**Liberties College
Youth Studies**

**STAND WITH
NURSES
& MIDWIVES**

*After completing my QQI Level 5 in Youth Work, I looked at a different field of study. Currently I am doing a QQI Level 6 course in Social Care in Liberties College, which although challenging is very rewarding. I hope to work in the Youth Work/ Social Care field and I feel having qualifications in both these fields is a strong basis for progression. **David***

SOCIAL CARE

This one year Level 5 course is an excellent preparatory course for those wishing to pursue a career in applied social care. Students who successfully complete the course may progress to employment, or further studies on the Level 6 Social Care or higher education courses.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- **QQI Level 5 Community Care 5M2786**
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)
- Manual Handling Certificate

Principal Areas of Study

- Human Growth and Development
- Community Addiction Studies
- Care Skills
- Care of the Older Person
- Care Provision and Practice
- Work Experience
- Care Support
- Communications
- Safety and Health at Work
- Word Processing.

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work Placements (October – April) this usually constitutes a placement in one of three distinct settings – residential care, community care and day care. It may include working with:
 - People with addictions
 - People with a learning or physical disability
 - People who are homeless
 - Family support
 - Older people
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.

I loved this course. The teachers were amazing, really kind and helpful. The range of workshops, and classes provided throughout the year really helped to broaden my understanding of Social Care. I knew in my mind that this was the right course and career choice for me. I had a great experience at Liberties, where the teachers were focused on giving us the best experience possible.

Anne

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M2218 QQI Level 6
Social and Vocational Integration

TU791 L7 Applied Social Studies in
Social Care – TU Blanchardstown

TU997 L8 Applied Social Care
TU Tallaght

TU996 Level 8 Social Care
TU Dublin – City Campus

EMPLOYMENT

Social Care work in
a variety of settings

SOCIAL CARE LEVEL 6

This one-year advanced qualification has been developed for people who wish to pursue a career in the caring services. This is achieved through a comprehensive programme of tuition and work-based education. The work placement must be completed in an appropriate social care setting. Upon completion students seek direct employment as social care workers or progress to higher education.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- **QQI Level 6 Social and Vocational Integration 6M2218**
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)
- Manual Handling
- MAPA® Foundation Certificate – (Managing the Risk of Aggressive and Challenging Behaviour in the Workplace) - Accredited by CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute/UK)

Principal Areas of Study

- Rehabilitation Practice
- Disability Awareness
- Person Centred Planning
- Work Experience
- Mental Health Awareness
- Health Promotion
- Personal & Professional Development
- Leadership Skills
- Care Skills (optional)

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Weekly work placement 120 hours in total.
- Work Placements in centres that work with:
 - Adults and children with physical and / or intellectual disabilities
 - Older people
 - People who are homeless
 - People with addictions
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- QQI Level 5 Award (or equivalent) in a related area e.g.:
 - Health Care Support 5M4339
 - Community Care 5M2786
 - Youth Work 5M4732
 - Applied Social Studies 5M2181
 - Early Childhood Care & Education 5M2009

I received huge amounts of support & encouragement from all the tutors at Liberties College. I currently work as a programme facilitator in a day service for adults with Disabilities whilst completing my Degree in Social Care at night.

Mairead

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU996 L8 Social Care
TU Dublin – City Campus

TU791 L7 Applied Social Studies in
Social Care - TU Blanchardstown

TU997 L8 Applied Social Care
TU Tallaght

TR084 L8 Social Studies (Social
Work) - Trinity College Dublin
Mature Students only

EMPLOYMENT

Social Care work in
a variety of settings

APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

YOUNG ADULTS / MATURE / VTOS

This is a broad academic introduction to social studies and social care. As an access programme this course caters particularly to those who wish to progress to Higher Education or further professional training. The course has two streams (young adults and mature students) to optimise the course focus for students. This course is suitable for VTOS eligible students.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Applied Social Studies 5M2181
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Psychology
- Social Studies
- Intercultural Studies
- Human Growth and Development
- Equality & Disability Studies
- Communications / Study Skills
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Elective subjects - choice of
- Working with groups or
- Personal Effectiveness or
- English Literature

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work placement in a variety of social care settings
- Develop social studies research skills through structured assignments
- A theoretical approach to social studies complemented by practical experience
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age for the Young Adult Stream.
- Students must be at least 23 years of age for the Mature Student Stream.
- Applicants who are eligible for VTOS should contact the Liberties College VTOS coordinator to discuss the options available (see page 8 for more details).

The tutor and teachers alike were very encouraging and highly supportive throughout the College year and worked with us to achieve our potential. I would strongly recommend this course to anyone who is interested in this area of study.

Amanda

PROGRESSION ROUTE

TU996 L8 Social Care
TU Dublin - City Campus

TU791 L7 Applied Social Studies in
Social Care - TU Blanchardstown

TU997 L8 Applied Social Care
TU Tallaght

TU991 L8 Applied Social Studies /
Social Care - TU Blanchardstown

MH107 L8 Social Science
NUI Maynooth

DN700 L8 Social Science
University College Dublin

MH101 L8 Arts
NUI Maynooth



YOUTH STUDIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A course suitable for people seeking initial training in Youth and Community Work and those with some experience who wish to undertake structured training to develop and consolidate their skills. This programme is supported by City of Dublin Youth Services Board and The National Youth Council of Ireland.



This course gave me the tools and the confidence to progress to Maynooth University and complete my BA Honours Degree in Community and Youth Work. As a Youth Justice worker now, I still refer back to my learning and experience gained while studying in Liberties College.

David



Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Youth Work 5M4732
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Communications
- Young People in Society
- Working with Young People
- Community Development Practice
- Understanding Youth Work
- Work Experience
- Substance Use Issues in Youth Work
- Social Justice Principles
- Personal Effectiveness
- Word Processing

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Students address, both theoretically and practically, the personal and social issues that impact on young people and their communities e.g. drug abuse, social exclusion, poverty and unemployment.
- Specialist workshops – Child Protection Training in conjunction with the City of Dublin Youth Service Board
- Garda vetting for work experience

Entry Requirements

- It is a mandatory requirement of this programme that applicants have voluntary experience in youth work and a supporting reference in youth or community work.

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M2218 QQI Level 6 Social Care
Liberties College

CW717 L7 Professional Social
Care Practice - Carlow IT

TU792 L7 Community & Youth
Development - TU Blanchardstown

MH116 L8 Community &
Youth Work - NUI Maynooth

DK767 L7 Community &
Youth Work - Dundalk IT

EMPLOYMENT

Employment in a variety of local authority, charity & voluntary settings. Youth & community roles can include family support, building youth life skills, event planning, group liaison (e.g. with performing arts), social justice advocacy and education.

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HEALTHCARE STUDIES

There are many opportunities for **healthcare assistant** roles in hospitals and community settings. These include careers in **retail pharmacies**, **health stores**, **beauty outlets** and as **technical sales** representatives.

There are opportunities to progress to degree courses in **Nursing**, **Midwifery** & **Mental Health**. Our **Pharmacy Retail Assistant** students can progress to Level 6 technician courses in various IT's.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Students taking up work experience placements in healthcare facilities must provide evidence of vaccination against or immunity to specified conditions.

Students will be required to satisfy this requirement prior to placement.

(Further information is available from the College Office)

Without having to commit to a four year college programme, this course gave me the opportunity to get a good insight into the role of a Healthcare Assistant and Midwifery, which is the career I hope to pursue. The modules are very relevant to the weekly work experience and I would have no hesitation in recommending this course to anyone interested in the area of Healthcare. Louise



HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT

OPTIONS: MATERNITY, PAEDIATRIC AND OLDER PERSON CARE

This general Health Care Assistant (HCA) course prepares students to work as a member of the care team, assisting nurses in a wide variety of roles. This programme provides the HCA with the effective skills and knowledge to contribute to this important role in our health services.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- **QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support 5M4339.**
- Manual Handling Certificate
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Human Growth and Development
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Care Support
- Care Skills
- Safety and Health at Work
- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Options: One or more of these will be offered:
 1. Maternity Care Support
 2. Caring for Children in Hospital
 3. Care of the Older Person
 4. Recovery in Mental Health

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- This course meets an increasing need for trained support staff across the growing health service sector.
- Structured work experience in hospitals and healthcare facilities two days per week (November to May) and in block placement.
- Course work is active and experiential, including manual handling, first aid and the practical competencies of a Healthcare Assistant in the different areas covered.
- Garda vetting for work experience.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- See immunisation requirement note on the section introduction.
- You should be at least 17 years of age.

Having Liberties HCA students do their work placement with us in Our Lady's Children's Hospital is brilliant. With the hospital been so busy, the help and work each of them do is very much appreciated. The support they give to our staff and patients and the fact they work full days is a great benefit to the hospital and to me as the Team Leader.

Ger – HCA Team Leader Crumlin Children's Hospital

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

DC215 L8 General Nursing
Dublin City University

DN450 L8 General Nursing
University College Dublin

DC209 L8 Health and Society
Dublin City University

EMPLOYMENT

Healthcare Assistant in General
Hospitals and Nursing Homes

Healthcare Assistant in
community based care settings

Family and Community Services

Every effort will be made to offer applicants their first choice, but due to limited availability of specific work placements, second or third choices may be offered.

PHARMACY RETAIL ASSISTANT

This course equips the student with the skills, knowledge and competencies to work as an effective member of a pharmaceutical retail team. It meets the need for trained Pharmacy Retail Assistants across the sector through active and relevant coursework.



When I started in Liberties College as a mature student, it was 31 years since I had been in education. I was nervous and it was a new experience for me. The course I applied for was the one year course in Pharmacy Retail Assistant. It was great and challenged me. The tutors were encouraging and made me at ease. I would highly recommend this course and College. This course helped me to achieve my goals. I am now working in a pharmacy and will be doing further education with the Irish Pharmacy Union, training as a pharmacy technician.

Audrey

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Community Health Services 5M4468
- Medicines Counter Assistant Course certified by the Irish Pharmacy Union
- Manual Handling Certificate
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Pharmacy Studies Theory & Practice
- Medicines Counter Assistant Training – IPU
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Child Health and Wellbeing
- Nutrition
- Customer Service
- Communications

- Work Experience
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Retail Selling

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Structured work experience in the pharmaceutical retail sector
- Industry Specialist Speakers
- Attendance at Health Seminars
- Workshops in Beauty Products, and Skincare.
- Teamworking

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- Mature Students Entry
- Fluent English is required to work in a Pharmacy

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU654 Level 6 Pharmacy Technician
TU Dublin (City Campus)

CW116 Level 6 Pharmacy Technician
Carlow Institute of Technology

AL630 Level 6 Pharmacy Technician
Athlone Institute of Technology

TU876 L8 Pharmaceutical Science
TU Tallaght

TR072 L8 Pharmacy
(Mature students only)
Trinity College Dublin

EMPLOYMENT

Pharmacies

Health Stores

Healthcare sales representatives

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TOURISM & TECHNOLOGY

If you are a high flyer, you may want to be part of an **airline cabin crew** or **airport ground staff**. There are attractive roles as **holiday representatives**, **travel agents** and **hospitality staff** in hotels and tourism businesses in Ireland and abroad. Our Tour Guiding course opens doors for a wide range of opportunities. Tourism students can progress to courses in tourism management, hospitality, and event management in several Third Level IT's and Technical Universities.

The Retail Business course leads to jobs in retail display, merchandising, customer service and inventory management, with retail marketing course options in TU Dublin.

Our network technician and computer systems courses provide the skills for in demand jobs in data centres and business network maintenance. You can progress to degree courses in Computer Science or Network Technologies at TU Dublin and UCD.

The FIT Pre Tech Apprenticeship option is an exciting new way to build a career in the ICT industry while “earning as you learn.”



*While doing my Travel and Tourism course I learned so much about myself and what I wanted to achieve after my course finished. The most important thing in any school and college is to have teachers who understand you and the Liberties College excelled in that. My teachers were so helpful and patient and explained everything very well. They are the ones that made coming in every day to college exciting. **Shanaaz***



TOURISM AND TRAVEL

AIRLINE & TRAVEL AGENCY STUDIES

This one-year course offers a broad introduction to tourism studies and will equip students with the skills needed to achieve employment in the travel and tourism sector. Students acquire a detailed understanding of tourism in the national and international tourist industry. The course focuses on developing customer service skills, giving students a competitive edge when seeking employment.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI L5 Tourism & Business 5M5011
- IAOT Diploma in International Travel Studies
- IAOT Diploma in Amadeus CRS (computerised reservation system)
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Tourism Principles and Practice
- Tourism Information & Administration
- Customer Service
- Amadeus Computerised Reservations
- Irish Culture & Heritage Resources
- Customer Service
- Cabin Crew Operations
- Word Processing
- IAOT Module (Ready for Take off)
- Travel Agency Service Skills

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work Experience in tourism related businesses
- Skills Training in areas such as: Cabin crew duties & responsibilities, Check-in & boarding procedures, and Food Hygiene
- IAOT Ready for Takeoff training in Waterford Airport
- Professional workshops focused on the Hospitality Industry with professional CV and interview techniques
- Guided tours of hotels & heritage sites
- Customer care and quality service – what it is and how it is delivered

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.

Note: Airlines have requirements for cabin crew. These include reach tests, ability to swim etc.

Completing my course at Liberties College and achieving my QQI Level 5 Award has opened up a world of opportunities for me. I have since graduated as an official Cabin Crew member with Emirates and have been travelling all over the world.

Shannon

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M5012 Level 6 Tourism with Business - Liberties College

TU747 L7 Tourism Management
TU Dublin (City Campus)

TU745 L7 Hospitality Management
TU Dublin (City Campus)

TU746 L7 International Hospitality & Tourism Management – TU Tallaght

TU953 L8 Tourism Marketing
TU Dublin (City Campus)

EMPLOYMENT

Airline Cabin Crew & Ground Crew

Travel Agents / Consultants

Employment in hotels & hospitality, ferry, rail and travel companies and tourism businesses



TOURISM WITH BUSINESS

This Level 6 advanced course provides certification and further training for both mature learners with industry experience and recent graduates of QQI Level 5 courses in tourism, business or related areas. It is ideal for those interested in working in the wholesale or retail tourism, travel, leisure or hospitality industries. The course will facilitate students to seek employment at a supervisory level in a range of tourism related areas or to progress to higher education and training.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 6 Tourism with Business 6M5012
- Academy of Aviation (AOA)
- ICSE – Hotel Reception and Front Office Training
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)

Principal Areas of Study

- Tourism Policy & Practice
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Reception & Frontline Office Skills
- Event Management
- Business Management
- Word Processing
- Personal & Professional Development

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Airport Passenger Services & Cabin Crew Training with AOA
- Opera PHS System Training for Hotel Reception
- Industry based Work Experience
- Heritage and Cultural visits
- Career Guidance and Mentoring
- Workshops presented by Industry Specialists

Entry Requirements

- This course is open to students who have achieved at least two Distinctions & four Merits in a QQI Level 5 Award.

Note: This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the College for mature students with prior experience and/or academic suitability.

Having graduated from Liberties College Tourism in 2015, I got a Cabin Crew job with Norwegian Airlines and was promoted to a Senior Crew Position. I now work for Aer Lingus.

Gemma



PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU951 L8 International Hospitality & Tourism Management
ITT - TU Tallaght

TU954 L8 Event Management
TU Dublin (City Campus)

EMPLOYMENT

Entry to supervisory and management roles in a wide range of tourism businesses

Front Office Management

Event Management

Culture & Heritage Tourism

NATIONAL TOUR GUIDING AWARD WITH BUSINESS OPTION

Tourism is a fast growing industry in Ireland. With increasing numbers of overseas visitors to our shores, the demand for qualified tour guides has never been higher. This course is for people who have a genuine interest in their locality, and are enthusiastic about sharing Ireland's history, culture, tradition and folklore with others. The Tourism business option provides a background for running your own business. Successful candidates receive the National Tour Guiding (white) Badge and may be included in Fáilte Ireland's approved Tour Guide Directory.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Special Purpose Award in National Tour Guiding 6S20232
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)
- National Tour Guide Badge Option to complete
- QQI Level 6 Tourism with Business 6M5012

Principal Areas of Study

- Irish National Heritage & Culture
- Tour Guiding
- Tour Planning
- National Tour Management
- Safety & Health at Work
- Digital Marketing
- Group management techniques
- Voice Training

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- This course combines lectures with on the job work experience and role playing. Participants will learn about the business of tour guiding as well as gaining hands on experience.
- Tuition provided by experienced Tour Guides/ Historians with guest speakers from regulatory bodies, tour operators & industry experts.
- Practical on the job training including field trips.
- Garda vetting for work experience.

Entry Requirements

- QQI level 5 or appropriate experience
- Candidates will be selected by interview (see note below).
- You should be at least 21 years of age.
- This course is suitable for mature students.

Candidates should demonstrate excellent communication skills, good leadership skills and confidence in dealing with large groups of people. They should be passionate about their city and its surroundings.

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

CICH Level 8 Certificate in Irish Cultural Heritage - NUI Maynooth

TU747 L7 Tourism Management
TU Dublin (City Campus)
Mature students only

GA272 L7 Heritage Studies
GMIT Galway Mayo IT
Mature students only

EMPLOYMENT

Self employment in Tour Guiding businesses

Employment as guides in museums, tour companies, heritage sites.

NEW
COURSE



RETAIL BUSINESS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The retail sector is a dynamic, fast changing business area with many exciting work opportunities in Ireland and abroad. This course provides a structured introduction to the opportunities in the sector while improving student skills in retail and customer service. Students can build careers in direct retail sales, inventory control, retail display, merchandising and customer service.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Retail Practice 5M2105
- First Aid Responder (PHECC)
- Manual Handling Certificate

Principal Areas of Study

- Customer Service
- Safety and Health at Work
- Personal Effectiveness
- Team Working
- Retail Display
- Work Experience
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Retail Selling
- Entrepreneurial Skills

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Work Placements in relevant retail or customer service settings.
- Learning 'People Values' from employers with an emphasis on self - development in the customer service and retail sector.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.

RETAIL IRELAND Level 6 Apprenticeship in Retail Supervision

An exciting initiative in retail at the moment is the two-year apprenticeship with Retail Ireland. This creates opportunities to advance your career to supervisory retail positions while earning and learning as you go. Our Level 5 Retail Business qualification provides a useful stepping stone to these opportunities.



PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU676 L6 Retail Management and Marketing - TU Dublin (City Campus)

TU795 L7 Visual Merchandising
TU Dublin (City Campus)

WD184 L7 Retail Management
Waterford IT

TU771 L7 Business
TU Blanchardstown

EMPLOYMENT

Self employment in retail businesses

Retail sales outlets

Merchandising and display

Customer service

Retail inventory planning

Online retail services



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORKING TECHNICIAN

The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the skills and understanding to install, configure and maintain computer systems, network and cloud systems leading to employment in a range of sectors. Students can progress to the QQI Level 6 IT systems course and to degrees in Computer Science & Network Engineering.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Computer Systems and Networks 5M0536

Principal Areas of Study

- Computer Systems Hardware
- Networking Essentials
- Operating Systems
- Maths for IT
- Virtualisation Support
- Programming & Design Principles
- Communications
- Work Studies

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Students complete a three week block of work experience in IT related businesses.
- Networking for home and small business

- Practical experience in computer and network maintenance
- Access to industry standard software and networking hardware in a dedicated computer lab.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.
- This course is suitable for mature students

Liberties College do a wonderful job at providing a course with a great environment to learn. The instructor engaged with the class in a practical manner. Material provided was clear and to the point and the hands-on practice labs make this an excellent course.

Anthony



PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M0695 Level 6 Computer Systems and Networks – Liberties College

TU716 L7 Networking Technologies
TU Dublin (City Campus)

TU713 L7 Computer Engineering
TU Blanchardstown

TU655 L6 Networking
Technologies(Learn & work)
TU Blanchardstown

EMPLOYMENT

Network installation and maintenance in home computer usage and in small business networks.

IT Technician roles in large IT and services companies



PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN ICT NETWORKING

The ICT Associate Apprenticeship is the new National Apprenticeship Programme for all tech enthusiasts wishing to pursue a career in Ireland's buoyant IT sector. FIT is the national coordinator for Level 6 Tech Apprenticeships. The programme enables participants to "earn while they learn" in leading tech companies. To avail of this opportunity, students opt for the Level 5 Pre Tech apprenticeship course in Liberties College. Upon completion, they are eligible to apply for a 2 year apprenticeship with a tech company.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Computer Systems and Networks 5M0536

Principal Areas of Study

- Computer Systems Hardware
- Networking Essentials
- Operating Systems
- Maths for IT
- Virtualisation Support
- Programming & Design Principles
- Personal & Professional Development
- Communications
- Work Studies

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Focused employability workshops with an expert from FIT.
- Work in a dedicated Network Lab.
- Skilled tutors with industry experience.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.
- This course is suitable for mature students.
- An interview will be required for all candidates. The programme seeks motivated tech enthusiasts with an aptitude and positive attitude to work in the ICT sector.
- Some candidates may qualify for grants such as BTEI, VTOS or SUSI.

Apprentices will play a critical part in providing access to a new talent pool of people with the right skills and know-how that are growing in demand in Industry.

Liam Ryan
Managing Director
SAP Ireland

PROGRESSION ROUTE

Under the scheme, a number of approved tech companies recruit apprentices on a 2 year training programme. Candidates can expect to earn a wage starting at €250 per week during their training.



MONTHS
1-6

Apprentices attend full-time off-the-job training and development

MONTHS
7-18

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development
3 days work / 2 days off-the-job training and development

MONTHS
19-24

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development
4 days work / 1 day off-the-job training and development



PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

The pre-apprenticeship in software development program will equip students with a grounding in software development and the associated technologies, as well as the necessary skills and learning to progress onto the FIT apprentice in Software Development. The ICT Associate Apprenticeship is the new National Apprenticeship programme for all tech enthusiasts wishing to pursue a career in Ireland's buoyant IT sector. FIT is the national coordinator for Level 6 Tech Apprenticeships.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Software Development 5M0529

Principal Areas of Study

- Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- Maths for information Technology
- Work Experience
- Web Authoring
- Software Architecture
- Operating Systems
- Personal and Professional Development
- Computer Systems Hardware
- Communications

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Focused employability workshops with an expert from FIT.
- Work in a dedicated Software Development lab.
- Skilled tutors with ongoing industry experience.

Entry Requirements

- General College Entry Requirements: (see page 6)
- You should be at least 17 years of age.
- This course is suitable for mature students.
- An interview will be required for all candidates. The programme seeks motivated tech enthusiasts with an aptitude and positive attitude to work in the ICT sector.
- Some candidates may qualify for grants such as BTEI, VTOS or SUSI.

**NEW
COURSE**

This is an occupation in high demand, with strong employment growth, a high volume of vacancies and evidence that employers are having difficulties filling vacancies.

SOLAS

PROGRESSION ROUTE

Under the scheme, a number of approved tech companies recruit apprentices on a 2 year training programme. Candidates can expect to earn a wage starting at €250 per week during their training.

MONTHS

1-6

Apprentices attend full-time off-the-job training and development

MONTHS

7-18

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development
3 days work / 2 days off-the-job training and development

MONTHS

19-24

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development
4 days work / 1 day off-the-job training and development



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER SYSTEMS & NETWORKS

This course provides advanced training on computer systems and networking technology. Students with suitable qualifications can apply for this Level 6 award or progress from the Networking Technician Level 5 course.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 6 Computer Systems and Networks 6M0695

Principal Areas of Study

- Physical and Logical Networking
- Systems Software
- Information Technology Administration
- Network Infrastructure
- Virtualisation Support
- Network Security
- Customer Service
- Work Experience

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Students complete a three week block of work experience in IT related businesses.
- Networking for home and small business
- Practical experience in computer and network maintenance
- Access to industry standard software and networking hardware in a dedicated computer lab.

Entry Requirements

- Successful completion of QQI Level 5 Computer Systems and Networks 5M0536
- Mature students with suitable experience and aptitude to work in the IT sector will be considered for this course.
- Some candidates may qualify for grants such as BTEI, VTOS or SUSI.

I attended Liberties College for two years, gaining a Level 5 QQI Award in year 1 and a full level 6 Award in year 2 in Computer Systems and Networks. What made the college special for me was definitely the people. I am very grateful for having been given the opportunity to study in Liberties College and feel lucky to have met such talented teachers who encouraged me all the way and shared their knowledge with me. It is a great place for anyone who is hungry to learn and the homely atmosphere in the college was very important to me.

Tatjana

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

DN201 L8 Computer Science
University College Dublin

TU716 L7 Networking Technologies
TU Dublin (City Campus)

TU860 L8 Computing
TU Blanchardstown

TU859 L8 Computing
TU Tallaght

TU856 L8 Computer Science
TU Dublin (City Campus)

EMPLOYMENT

Network installation and maintenance
in home computer usage and in
Small business networks.

IT Technician roles in large IT
and services companies

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CREATIVE ARTS ART, MEDIA & PERFORMANCE

Liberties College has a well established creative department. Our performance school graduates secure roles as actors in theatre, film and television. You can develop your craft with Level 6 & 7 courses in Sligo IT, NUI Galway, Lir Academy and Trinity College London.

Our media courses open the door to careers as camera and sound specialists, researchers, video editors, producers, directors and production managers in TV and radio. You can access a range of third level media courses in Ireland and the UK.

Our Art courses will develop your creative skills, building specialist techniques that lead to jobs in animation, illustration, design, digital film, fashion and promotion. You can progress to further study in NCAD, TU Dublin, IADT and other well recognised art media and design colleges.



*I completed a Level 6 Art Craft and Design Professional Practice course in Liberties College. I learned so much over the course of the year and really enjoyed the classes. I found the tutors very informative, always friendly and willing to help me with any concerns I encountered. I'm delighted with my result. I now have the points to progress to third-level education and more experience to help gain better employment. A local café in my area has my drawing work on display. **Theresa***

Editing Techniques for Horror movies

How you use these techniques depends on the type of horror movie you're editing:

Slasher/Gorefest (e.g. 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre') OR Unsettling Ghost story (e.g. 'The Others')

1) Jump Scares

2) Use of the CU (CU)

3) The Dark Voyeur POV

4) Using Negative Space

Playing with time and/or space – disjointed storytelling



CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

This Level 5 award is a foundation level course for those interested in exploring TV, film, video and radio production and learning about the cultural contexts in which media products are created and distributed. This course provides a one year introduction to practical media production. Students produce a body of television and radio work, and gain the practical skills that open the way to further development and education, or to explore opportunities to work in media related environments.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Creative Media Production 5M5048

Principal Areas of Study

- Media Analysis
- Script Writing
- Communication
- Work Experience
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Digital Editing
- Practical audio production skills
- Interview and Presentation Skills for Radio
- Research Techniques for Media Production
- Radio Programme Production

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- This is an innovative course that offers an excellent practical introduction to working in the media.
- Students generate a range of their own programme content in TV, Film, Video and radio.
- Applicants are encouraged to view the media department video on www.liberties.com.
- Applicants are also encouraged to drop in for a tour and a chat with staff by contacting us at info@liberties.cdetb.ie.

Entry Requirements

- General College Requirements
- Equivalent Award: Details of equivalence must be submitted at application
- Mature student applicants will be assessed on prior experience & learning.

Graduating from the Media Production course at Liberties College with the hands on skills needed and the insight into what it takes to be successful in my chosen career path was invaluable. The support and encouragement I received from my tutors was second to none.

Crista, a graduate from 2014 is now working as a production coordinator for RTÉ & the independent media sector.

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU796 L7 Creative Digital Media
TU Blanchardstown

GC466 L7 Film & TV Production
Griffith College Dublin

TU983 L8 Film & Broadcasting
TU Dublin (City Campus)

EMPLOYMENT

Production / Research Assistant

Technical Operations
in Media Outlets

Self Employment
in Media Production



PORTFOLIO PREPARATION IN ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

This is a one-year foundation course in art and design. There is a strong emphasis on art practice and portfolio preparation. Students work in a range of media focusing on the completion of work to the standard required for entry to art and design courses in third-level colleges in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the U.K.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Art, Craft & Design 5M1984

Principal Areas of Study

- Portfolio Preparation
- Drawing
- Design Skills
- Painting
- Combined Materials (mixed materials -glass, plastic, metal etc.)
- Communications
- Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design
- Work Experience
- Ceramics
- Sculpture

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Focus on developing a balanced portfolio of work. Students are guided through production content & layout of a portfolio for art college.
- Tuition in the development of skills in painting, drawing, crafts, cultural studies, ceramics; sculpture; combined materials; batik; mixed media.
- Specialist workshop areas for ceramics, felt, sculpture/mixed materials.
- Workshop experiences in Batik, Felt and Photography.

Entry Requirements

- General College Requirements.
- Students are requested to bring specific samples of their art to the interview (see below).

Art sample requirements at Interview:

Two drawings of Natural Objects (drawn from real objects not photographs)
Two drawings of Man-made Objects (drawn from real objects not photographs)
One Figurative Drawing from life (self portrait, hands, feet, etc.).

Liberties College assisted me in my application to NCAD which was brilliant for me and I was also accepted into IADT which would not have been possible without the help and support I received on the Portfolio Course in Liberties. I felt at all times part of the Liberties College team and loved everything about my experience there.

Suki

Scan to see some of the Art Depts work or go to our website, click [Day Courses > Artwork](#)



PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M4029 Level 6 Professional Arts Practice – Liberties College

AD101 L8 Art & Design
National College of Art & Design

AD204 L8 Fine Art
National College of Art & Design

DL832 L8 Animation
IADT

DL827 L8 Art
IADT

AL861 L8 Animation & Illustration
Athlone IT

LY447 L7 Fashion with Promotion
Letterkenny IT

EMPLOYMENT

Trainee positions in Art, Craft & Design related areas

TEXTILES

HERITAGE, CRAFT, REVIVAL & RENEWAL

This innovative course fosters and develops artistic skills, techniques, and knowledge, based on the traditional crafts of weaving, embroidery, lace making and felting. Drawing on the rich textile heritage of the Liberties, students can rediscover and recover traditional practices. We place an emphasis on sustainability, working with natural fibres and merging heritage with newer models.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Design 5M2208

Principal Areas of Study

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Combined Materials
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Woven Textiles

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Applicants who have done short part-time or introductory craft courses are especially welcome.

- Students develop a practical working knowledge of Textiles and Craft skills as applied to traditional and contemporary heritage design and practice.
- The chance to develop their own ethical and sustainable craft work.
- Work placement experience which offers real opportunities to engage with professional Textile makers and entrepreneurs.
- A deeper understanding of the history and traditions of traditional crafts of weaving, embroidery, lace making and felting.
- Collaborative working methods.

Entry Requirements

- General College requirements.
- No Portfolio is required.

Liberties College can offer the perfect base knowledge for Pattern cutting, construction techniques and fabric experimentation in the form of woven and embroidery techniques.

Niall Tyrell
Haute Couture Designer

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

AD101 L8 Art & Design
National College of Art & Design

AD211 L8 Fashion Design
National College of Art & Design

TU719 L7 Design Technology & Innovation - TU Blanchardstown

EMPLOYMENT

A wide variety of opportunities including:

- Threader & Patrol Controller
- Weaving & Textiles production
- Loom / Embroidery Technician
- Heritage Centre Manager
- Textiles Buyer and marketer
- Clothing textile technologist

This course offers both a vocational pathway and progression to advanced studies. Students will develop textile crafts, based on ethical and sustainable principles and processes relevant to the 21st Century.



PERFORMANCE

Liberties College Performance Department, established twenty-four years ago, is a practical, disciplined and professional training for actors.

The curriculum is unique in Ireland in that it is based upon actual performance in a syllabus structure exploring eleven acting styles and historical periods. Each student participates in a minimum of three productions in each academic year (one per term). The final production each year is a full-scale Broadway musical. All performances are open to the public.

The Curriculum

The curriculum includes practical experience of theatre genres and a weekly training timetable which develops skills in movement / dance, text interpretation, acting / improvisation and voice / singing, with appropriate theoretical background. The emphasis is upon ensemble work and most work is dependent on team co-operation. Full attendance (100%) is expected. Training is available at two levels Foundation and Advanced.

Performance – Drama Foundation

Duration: 1 Year

Places Available: 50

Certification: Theatre Performance 5M5163

Students are guided through QQI Level 5 modules in Drama Foundation.

Advanced Actor Training

Progress to Advanced Actor Training is not automatic and is conditional on individual progress, effort in attaining QQI certification, assessment by an internal examiner and other criteria (including timekeeping, attendance, attitude, professionalism and participation in scheduled activities).

In Advanced Actor Training, students follow the curriculum for the new Level 6 Award. This award offers students opportunities to work in a range

of styles from Elizabethan theatre to the birth of the modern era. The focus of the course on live performance allows students to specialise in production skills. A full Level 5 and Level 6 programme offers students a unique training experience.

Entrance to the course is through application and audition/interview. The course commences in September of each year.

Trinity College London / Trinity Guildhall

During the programme students may prepare for the examinations of Trinity Guildhall London in Performance and Speech and Drama.

There is No Short-Cut to Becoming an Actor!

Consequently, there is no limit to the amount of time a student may spend in training. Mature students are particularly welcome here. Our courses have a high success rate. Evidence of this can be found in the employment record of graduates who are working in the theatre, television and film industries in Ireland and abroad. The artistic ethos of the performance school is manifest in the many Irish independent theatre companies initiated by graduates of the programme and among writers and directors who have established a significant presence in the National theatre.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS PERFORMANCE



The Liberties College Performance course is a practical theatre course. The craft of performance encompasses many components including movement and singing.

Please Note: Students do not have to be proficient in Movement and Singing to be accepted onto the course.

Entry to all Performance programmes in the college is by audition and interview. Candidates are invited to attend a four-part audition over one day.

Part 1: Monologues

Candidates should attend auditions with two monologues prepared and memorised. This prepared solo audition should be no longer than ten minutes in duration.

- Monologue 1: A Modern Piece
- Monologue 2: A Classical Piece

Each candidate will perform one piece only to a small audience of tutors from the course. Please use your own discretion in selecting your programme. Tutors from the course are

not available to discuss audition pieces prior to audition.

Part 2: Voice

Collectively, candidates attending for audition will learn a song from a popular musical. Candidates will be asked to perform the song in groups of three to a small audience of tutors from the course. Please note that candidates may be invited to sing a section as a soloist.

Part 3: Improvisation

Candidates will be asked to improvise on a given theme in groups of four to six. Improvisations normally last from two to five minutes. Improvisations will be observed by tutors from the course.

Part 4: Movement

Collectively, candidates attending for audition will learn a dance routine from a popular musical. Candidates will be invited to perform the routine in groups of three to a small audience of tutors from the course.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to wear a track-suit or loose comfortable clothing and may be asked to work barefoot for part of the audition.



PERFORMANCE

DRAMA FOUNDATION

A course in acting and musical theatre which emphasises the value of live performance in the development of an actor. Formal training to a high standard is provided alongside rehearsal and production schedules.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Theatre Performance 5M5163

Principal Areas of Study

- Acting Skills and Techniques
- Performance Craft
- Theatre Studies
- Singing
- Movement, Improvisation & Dance
- Text Analysis
- Theatre Studies
- Musical Theatre
- Dance Performance
- Technical Skills for Theatre
- Greek & Roman Theatre
- Audition Preparation

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- This course demands from the student a high level of commitment to personal and professional development and training.
- Students work in different styles – classical, modern & contemporary works, including musical theatre.
- This course enables students to gain experience through three full productions each year, two internal productions and one full scale musical theatre production in a professional theatre venue

Entry Requirements

- Entry to the course is by audition/workshop and interview. Previous training in performance is not required.
- Applications from mature students particularly welcome
- Acceptance on the course is subject to an audition. See Performance page for more details.

I feel the Performance course has really boosted my confidence as a performer. Every day I am constantly learning more and more regarding all aspects of performance and theatre.

Sarah

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

6M5128 Level 6 Classical Acting
Liberties College

DK771 L7 Musical Theatre
Dundalk IT

GY118 L8 Arts (Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies) NUI Galway

TR025 L8 Drama & Theatre Studies - Trinity College Dublin

56636 L8 Acting LIR
Trinity College

SG236 L7 Performing Arts
Sligo IT

EMPLOYMENT

Theatre, Film & Television Acting;
Entertainment Industry

ADVANCED ACTOR TRAINING

CLASSICAL ACTING

An advanced course in actor training and musical theatre, offering training to reach professional performing standards. This is an advanced course for applicants with relevant training. Participants work as a performing company and are in production throughout the period of training.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 6 Classical Acting 6M5128
- Trinity Guildhall London Performance Diploma

Principal Areas of Study

- Elizabethan & Restoration Theatre
- Characterisation
- Renaissance Audition
- Restoration Comedy
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Dance, Singing, Voice
- Work Experience
- Personal and Professional Development
- Wardrobe Management
- Audition Preparation

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Two dramatic productions and one full scale musical theatre

production in a professional theatre venue.

- Performance students studying at all levels in the college participate in the staged musical, as performers or technicians.
- This course is designed for committed students who wish to train and practice their craft in a fully professional environment
- The Diploma is an internationally recognized professional Performance award granted by Trinity College London. This award facilitates a progression to the Level 7 Licentiate Diploma in either/ both Performance and the Drama Teaching Diploma.

Entry Requirements

- Entry to the course is by audition, workshop and interview.
- A minimum of one year previous training in performance is required with experience and qualifications equivalent to the Performance – Drama Foundation Programme.

From day one the encouragement I received from all my Tutors was fantastic. I really enjoyed the variety of classes, the dramatic productions and especially the Musical. I learnt so much it really prepared me for the real world!

Joshua

PROGRESSION AND EMPLOYMENT ROUTE

PROGRESSION

TU962 L8 Drama Performance
TU Dublin (City Campus)

DN520 L8 B.A. with Drama
University College Dublin

56636 L8 Acting
LIR – Trinity College

EMPLOYMENT

Employment opportunities in theatre, film & television, acting, teaching drama, theatre-in-education, theatre directing and the general entertainment industry.

Our students progress to a number of Drama & Musical Theatre colleges in the U.K.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

These courses focus on progression to University degree courses. They help you access **Arts Degree courses** in numerous Universities; with opportunities to study **Psychology & Sociology** (Limerick), **Arts** (UCD), **Humanities** (UCD) with elective courses in **Politics, Culture studies, Anthropology, International Relations, Applied Psychology, Education and Religion**. The Trinity Access Program (TAP) provides entry to TCD **Arts and Social Science** degree courses.



*I was a student on the Liberal Arts Course, finishing in May 2016. I wanted to get a taste of different subjects and this course helped me make up my mind about what I wanted to study at third-level. The subjects are very interesting and the teachers are very helpful. I would recommend this course as a way to choose and test what you wish to do in future study. **Raz***

LIBERAL ARTS

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY

The Liberal Arts course is a one year course to prepare students who wish to progress to degree level courses in arts, humanities and social sciences. In particular, the course aims to equip students with the academic skills necessary to succeed in their first year at university. There are no socioeconomic entry criteria for this access course.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 General Studies Award 5M3114

Principal Areas of Study

- Research & Study Skills
- English Literature
- Social Studies
- Political Studies
- Psychology
- European Studies
- History
- Communication Skills
- Personal & Professional Development
- Word Processing

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- Students study eight modules and aim to achieve a minimum of five Distinctions and three Passes to compete for reserved course places in Higher Education.
- One-to-one career guidance and mentoring.

- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning within the managed environment of the programme.
- We offer an optional educational trip abroad each January
- Guest speakers and university shadowing days.

Entry Requirements

- Age: Candidates must be 17 years or older before course commencement. Mature students are particularly welcome.
- Academic: Minimum 5 passes in the Leaving Certificate (06s with at least one subject at H5). LCA with Distinction may qualify with appropriate references.
- Recognition of Prior Learning will be applied to mature students (those who are older than 23 years before course commencement) and those who have completed their post-primary education outside the Republic of Ireland.
- Candidates are required to submit a written Personal Statement (200-300 words) in which they discuss their reasons for applying for this programme, before interview.

The year that I spent in Liberties College studying was one which shaped my outlook on the values of education. The Liberal Arts course allowed me to become a decisive and critical thinker, giving me many opportunities to question and learn from the deeply invested and knowledgeable tutors. Aside from the academic work involved, the course allows students to develop on a personal level, with the staff of the college providing guidance, advice and support throughout.

Matt

PROGRESSION ROUTE

DN520 L8 Arts
UCD

MH101 L8 Arts
NUI Maynooth

DC009 Arts & Humanities
DCU

DC295 L8 Arts & Politics
DCU

DC292 L8 Arts & Law
DCU

DC011 L8 Post Primary Teaching
Religion & History - DCU

DL821 English, Media & Culture
Studies - IADT

ACCESS COURSE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION YOUNG ADULTS

Liberties College is one of three colleges of further education working in partnership with the Trinity College Dublin Access Programmes to provide access courses to Higher Education. On successful completion of this course students may apply directly for entry to degree courses in Trinity College Dublin in the faculties of arts and social sciences and to other universities through the CAO.

Duration

One year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 General Studies Award 5M3114
- Certificate of Attendance awarded by Trinity College Dublin

Principal Areas of Study

- English Literature
- Personal & Professional Development
- History
- Research
- Social Studies
- Political Studies
- Communications/Study Skills
- Statistics
- IT Skills
- Educational Guidance
- European Studies
- Psychology

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Features of the Course

- The course takes place in Liberties College and students participate in a range of 'taster' activities in Trinity College Dublin.

Entry Requirements

- Age: Students must be between 17 and 22 years old on entry
- Academic: Minimum 5 Ordinary grade 6s and at least one Higher grade 5 in the Leaving Certificate (you must pass English and Mathematics). LCA with Distinction may qualify with appropriate references.
- Two academic references
- Socioeconomic: This course is for students with the ability to succeed in higher education, who have experienced difficulties or come from backgrounds which do not have a tradition of going to university. Family occupation should be within an employment category which is under-represented in higher education. A family income assessment will form part of the application process.

Students who successfully complete the programme may apply for places in the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences in Trinity College Dublin through the Higher Education Direct Application Scheme. Further information available from TCD website at www.tcd.ie/TrinityAccess

PROGRESSION ROUTE

TAP progression is to Arts and Social Science courses in Trinity College through the facilitated entry link. Please see <https://www.tcd.ie/trinityaccess> for information. TAP students can also apply for courses in other higher education institutions through the Higher Education Links Scheme. Examples of these courses are provided below.



DN520 L8 Arts
University College Dublin

MH101 L8 Arts
NUI Maynooth University

DC295 L8 Arts & Politics
Dublin City University

DC010 L8 Post Primary Teaching
Religion & English - DCU

DC011 L8 Post Primary Teaching
Religion & History - DCU

DC292 L8 Arts & Law
Dublin City University

LIBERTIES COLLEGE AND THE TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMME (TAP)



The Access to Higher Education course offers an alternative route to University for students whose social, economic and educational experiences have so far prevented them from realising their full educational potential.

Developed in partnership with the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP), the course addresses the inequalities that influence who goes to college thus widening participation and access to third level.

The Access course in Liberties College parallels the TAP Foundation Course for Young Adults (18-22 years) in Trinity College and allows participants the same opportunities to apply directly for places in the University. A large proportion of TAP foundation students go on to study in the university and their success rate there is high.

The course is open to young people whose family income is within the range qualifying for a student grant, and who meet the socio-economic criteria for HEAR (Higher Education Access Route). A distinctive QQI Award in Liberal Arts has been created for Higher Education Access students preparing for entry to third level education. Specially developed modules train learners to research and write to university standards. The award values participation and rewards the exchange of ideas.

Students are registered and study in Liberties College but participate in a range of activities in Trinity College. These activities include:

- Library tours and workshops
- Guest lectures in specialist subjects
- Educational guidance and study skills workshops
- Attendance at TCD Broad Curriculum lectures
- Student shadowing day
- Family and parents' day

What are the entry requirements for the course?

To be eligible for the programme you must:

- Meet the same socio-economic criteria as set out for HEAR
- Achieve a minimum 5 Ordinary grade 6s and at least one Higher grade 5 in the Leaving Certificate (applicants must pass English and Mathematics. A pass means grade O6/H7 or above on ordinary or higher papers in the Leaving Certificate. A pass in foundation level Mathematics is acceptable for minimum entry requirements). We will also consider applications from applicants with a distinction in the Leaving Certificate Applied and applicants with a QQI-FET level 5 award
- Be under 22 years of age in the year of application
- Be eligible for the Government Free Fees Scheme or EU Fees.

Higher Education Progression Opportunities

Students who successfully complete the programme may apply for course places in Trinity College Dublin through the Higher Education Direct Application Scheme. Applications to Trinity College from the Liberties College Access Course are dealt with on the same basis as applications from the parallel Foundation Course for Young Adults run by the Trinity Access Programme (TAP) and based in the University.

Each department within the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences in Trinity College reserves places for students applying through the Direct Application Scheme. These places are not available to CAO applicants applying in the ordinary way. Students should note that there may be specific subject requirements for entry to certain courses. Please consult the Trinity College Prospectus for further details.



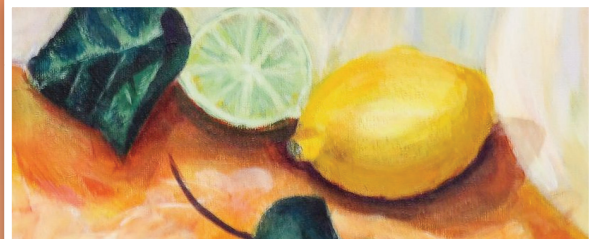
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PART-TIME & EVENING COURSES

Liberties College have a range of part-time and evening courses. Evening courses typically run on Wednesdays. The latest calendar of dates can be found on our website. Course offerings vary each term. The more regularly offered courses are listed below. For more information, email nightschool@libertiescollege.ie.

Arts & Craft

- Altering & upcycling your wardrobe
- Analogue photography techniques
- Glass slumping
- Painting for absolute beginners
- Painting for improvers
- Pottery for beginners / Improvers
- Pottery for advanced
- Textile Art course - beginners



Literature, Language & Culture

- Creative writing for absolute beginners
- Creative writing for beginners / improvers
- Genealogy
- Irish for parents and adults
- Mathematics for parents and adults



Other Courses

- National Tour Guiding (QQI special purpose award)
- Search Engine Optimisation for small business
- Maternity Care & Support
- Anatomy & Physiology (QQI L5 module)
- Digital Marketing (QQI L5 module)



QQI
LEVEL
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Liberties College has helped me find my confidence in education. The tutors helped me understand that education can be extremely interesting and fun. All the classes I had were about learning in a hands-on way, and the tutors have a really great way of making you feel safe to ask those questions you think are silly. We didn't just learn off information from a book, instead we brought the material to life by having discussions in the classroom or presenting topics to each other.

Aaron

APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI)

This is a part-time BTEI course run over two years for students wishing to obtain the Applied Social Studies Award. Students will be expected to attend college two days per week and find a work placement for a third day. Students study four modules each year.

Duration

Two year full-time

Certification

- QQI Level 5 Applied Social Studies 5M2181

Principal Areas of Study

Year 1:

- Young People & Society
- Psychology
- Intercultural Studies
- Work Experience

Year 2:

- Human Growth & Development
- Word Processing
- Social Studies
- Communication

(Modules offered may be subject to change).

Entry Requirements

- The Back To Education Initiative (BTEI) provides part-time further education courses mainly for people who have not completed the Leaving Certificate or an equivalent qualification.
- The BTEI gives individuals the opportunity to combine learning with family, work and other responsibilities.
- Anyone who has left full-time education can take part in a course, but priority will be given to students who have been educationally disadvantaged or who are at risk of long term unemployment.

Features of the Course

Students study four modules each year with two days of class each week. Our emphasis is on guided learning with supports to assist each student to get the most out of the learning experience. The social interaction between students working in groups is a key part of the BTEI experience.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

The BTEI programme is suitable for the long-term unemployed and those in older age groups who are at risk of unemployment. There is also a focus on disadvantaged men and women who have particular experience of barriers to participation in education. Lone parents and others with caring responsibilities that may prohibit their participation in full time courses may also find this option of interest.

If you are interested, you can complete the **online BTEI application form** or you can contact the administration office directly on **01-454 0044** and ask to speak with our BTEI course coordinator.

Liberties College

How to find us

Liberties College is the nearest PLC College to Dublin City Centre, close to major transport links and within walking distance of Grafton Street.



How to contact us

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CITY BUS SERVICES

13, 16, 16a, 19, 19a, 22, 25, 26, 40, 49, 50, 54a, 65, 65b, 66, 67, 68a, 77, 77a, 79, 83, 123, 150, 151, 155, 210.

DART SERVICES

Tara Street DART Station – 15 minutes walking distance

TRAIN SERVICES

Heuston Station – 25 minutes walking distance

Connolly Station – 20 minutes walking distance

COUNTRY BUS SERVICES

O'Connell Street – 15 minutes walking distance

LUAS SERVICES

Green Line: St Stephen's Green – 5 minutes

Red Line: Four Courts – 5 minutes

Please check with the relevant transport provider for up to date timetable information.