

BRAY INSTITUTE OF
FURTHER EDUCATION



2023-2024
PROSPECTUS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Bray Institute of Further Education congratulates you on returning to full-time education. If you are returning to education after a break or have just left school you are very welcome. Your education is central to our purpose. The dedicated staff of this Institute has years of experience in Further Education and they will assist you in achieving your potential.

We recognise that your decision to enrol with us is a considerable investment by you in your future. We hope that we can make that investment an enriching experience, which will stand you in good stead for many years to come. Ar aghaidh leis an obair.

Ray Tedders
Principal

Gabriel Allen
Deputy Principal

Louise Fortune
Deputy Principal

Ross Lee
Deputy Principal

Introduction

For the past thirty-nine years Bray Institute of Further Education has been a centre of excellence in the field of Further Education & Training. The Institute is a constituent Institute of Kildare and Wicklow ETB. At present the Institute has over one thousand full-time students studying at Degree, Diploma and Certificate level and up to a thousand learners on part-time courses.

The Institute has a national profile attracting learners from all over Ireland and abroad. It is located on Novara Avenue, on a six-acre site, only 150 metres from the town centre. The campus is also within walking distance of the Dart Station.

Consistently innovative and flexible in its approach, the Institute has maintained its leading role in Further Education & Training. BIFE has established links with Third Level Colleges in Ireland and abroad enabling our graduates to progress to higher education.

Entry Requirements

Applicants usually have completed and passed the Leaving Certificate (minimum of 5 O6/H7's or combination of O6/H7's) or its equivalent, Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) or its equivalent, a full QQI Level 4, unless otherwise stated. Extenuating circumstances may be considered. Learners without formal qualifications must be 18 years of age by the 31st December 2023 if they are to be considered for a place on a course. For mature applicants (over 21), experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.

Places on all courses are limited. Applicants will be interviewed in some cases. It may be necessary to bring a portfolio of work to the interview.

Student Responsibility

All students will be treated as adults. We do not contact parents, we deal with the learner directly. The learner is responsible for being in attendance and completing assignments by deadline dates.



2022 Graduating BIFE students

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Enrolment Procedure

Step 1:

Applicants must apply online at www.bife.ie.

Step 2:

In some cases, applicants may be invited to attend for interview at the Institute. Applicants will be selected on suitability and a first come/first served basis.

You should bring the following to the interview:

- A copy of Leaving Certificate results (if applicable)
- A brief Curriculum Vitae
- A Portfolio of Work (where necessary)
- References (where necessary)

Step 3:

Successful applicants will be offered a place by post, subject to them achieving the basic entry requirements laid out in the prospectus/website and must secure their place by paying an acceptance fee of €50. All fees must be paid by Thursday 31st August 2023. The €50 acceptance fee is non refundable. All other fees will be refunded if the applicant subsequently decides not to take their place before Friday 22nd September 2023. Failure to pay the relevant fees may result in a lapse of your offer. All candidates who accept an offer agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Institute.

Step 4:

All learners must register at the Institute by the designated registration date.

Fees

Courses at Bray Institute of Further Education are funded largely by the European Social Fund. Tuition costs are covered for Irish or EU citizens undertaking PLC courses. There is no application fee, however all learners are required to pay the following:

- **An Acceptance Fee of €50**, to be paid when offered a place on a course.
- **A Resource contribution fee of €365** for learner services*, paid annually.
- **A QQI Exam Fee of €60**. (All learners who hold a medical card, who are a dependent of a medical cardholder or in receipt of VTOS or BTEA are exempt from paying this charge). The remaining courses offered by the Institute are certified by other accrediting bodies namely: BTEC, ITEC, ATI and City & Guilds. Please contact the Institutes reception to find out the costs of these examination fees.

There is also a cost of registration with professional bodies for a small number of courses such as Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI).

**Resource fees are used as a general fund to provide learner resources for PLC courses including library services*

International Applicants

The Institute welcomes applications from International Learners. Non EA applicants (applicants outside the European Area, i.e. outside EU & Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) must comply with Irish immigration requirements. Such applicants will have to secure a visa from the Immigration Section of the Department of Justice.

As all courses are delivered in English, International students will be required to provide a certified qualification of proficiency in English where English is not the applicants first language.

Non-EU students will be required to pay the economic cost of the course as determined by the Department of Education.

International applicants should apply directly to the Institute office for further information.

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Students participating in BIFE's Clubs & Societies Day

Additional Needs/Learning Support

The Institute endeavours to ensure that appropriate facilities and services are available to allow full access and participation for all learners as far as is practical and having regard to the resources available to the Institute. Applicants with special requirements should notify the Institute on their application form and submit appropriate evidence of their needs at interview. This evidence is vital for the approval and provision of services or facilities. If any learner has different learning needs they should advise the course co-ordinator when applying and submit evidence as soon as possible. The guidelines for evidence and procedures are on the BIFE website under "About Us/College Services".

Garda Vetting

Garda vetting is mandatory for the majority of Health and Leisure programmes in the Social Studies & Chirdcare, Health and Sports Departments.

Maintenance Grant

Learners on full-time approved courses at the Institute are entitled to apply for Maintenance Grants from The Department of Education. The Grant is means tested. Learners should apply to SUSI, the online grant application system, through www.studentfinance.ie. Learners in receipt of the maintenance grant must pay all the usual costs of the course.

Back to Education Initiative & VTOS

The Department of Social Welfare and The Department of Education and Skills administer these two schemes. These schemes offer unemployed adults an opportunity to return to full-time education while retaining their full social welfare entitlements and in some cases to receive extra benefits. To check your eligibility log onto www.studentfinance.ie.

Library

The library is a quiet, comfortable, central and essential space for study and research. It is open from 9.00am – 6.00pm daily. Learners have access to a wide range of books, Journals, laptops, magazines, daily papers, etc. Resources include computers with internet access, printing, photocopying and excellent Wifi access. Staff will assist in finding and using the information they need for their studies.



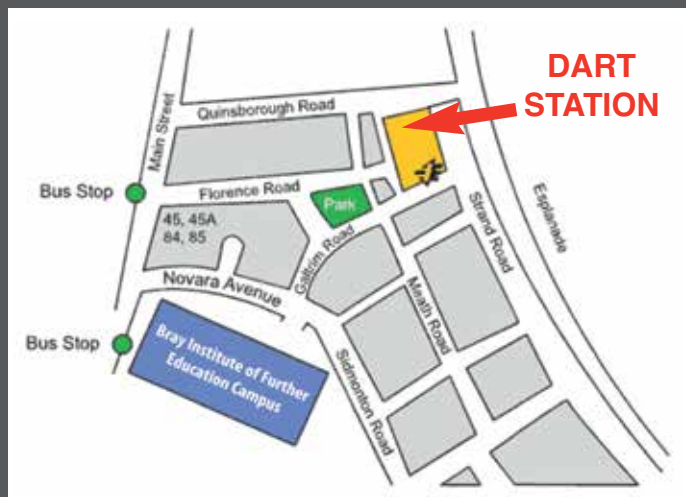
Minister of Further & Higher Education presents certificates at BIFE's Graduation Ceremony 2022.

Sarah King (Teacher), Ross Lee (Deputy Principal), Deirdre Keyes (CE KWETB), Simon Harris (Minister), Louise Fortune (Deputy Principal), Ray Tedders (Principal), Tracy O'Brien (BIFE BOM), Gabriel Allen (Deputy Principal).

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Location

Bray Institute of Further Education is a short walk from Bray DART Station and Bray Main Street. It is also serviced by the following buses: 45A, 84, 145 and 184.



Accommodation

The Institute will provide on request a list of accommodation offered locally to learners. The Institute does not endorse any such accommodation listed or check its suitability, but learners may find it useful. All arrangements are between the provider and the learner.

Jobs Placement Service

The Institute maintains a good relationship with many employers. Local and national employers (from time to time) inform us of job vacancies and these details are passed on to the Department Heads and are posted on the Careers Notice Board.

Work experience is a vital part of most courses in the Institute and learners are given advice on preparing for work experience. In addition learners will receive help in preparing a Curriculum Vitae and interview techniques.



Abi Maher promotes her Horror Movie Society during Freshers Week.

Erasmus Plus

Learners from Bray Institute of Further Education have the opportunity to spend three weeks or three months on a work placement abroad as part of the Erasmus+ programme. Work Experience is an integral part of most courses provided at BIFE. It enables those involved to develop skills in their vocational area and competencies through periods of work-based training.

Work experience placements abroad provide additional opportunities to enhance linguistic capabilities, key skills and cultural awareness. In an increasingly global market place, experience of working overseas can significantly enhance prospects of employment. Learners receive full Erasmus Plus Grant Funding for the work experience placement.

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BIFE Erasmus+ students heading to Malaga for their Work Placement

Progression

Bray Institute of Further Education has signed formal Memorandums of Understanding with many Institutes of Technology allowing BIFE learners to progress onto the second and third years of degree programmes in Ireland.

BIFE also has valuable links with a variety of UK Higher Education Institutes. Thames Valley University has strong links with our Social Studies & Childcare and Health Departments. The University of Wales, Swansea & Sunderland Universities also have strong links with our Film & Music Departments and the University of Sterling has a strong link with our Nursing department. Other UK Universities visit our Institute regularly to offer places to our graduates in a variety of Degrees and Diplomas.

Learner Clubs and Societies

Learners are encouraged to establish and join various clubs and societies. We see this as an important part of learning. Learners have full control over the running and management of the society or sport and are supported by BIFE with the resources that may be needed. Each year the societies or sports may change depending on students' interests. Last year the active clubs and societies were:

- Be Active
- Basketball
- DJ Society
- Film Club
- Football (indoor)
- Fitness Training and Circuit Class
- Photography
- High intensity Interval Training (HIIT)
- HITT Fit / Body Tone
- Horror Club
- LGBT+
- MMA Society
- Music Society
- Women's Boxercise
- Rock Climbing
- Theatre Society
- Rugby 7's
- Strength & Conditioning
- Fusal (Indoor Football)
- Gym

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Sumo Wrestling at BIFE during Freshers Week.

Bus Service from Gorey and Arklow

Learners may book a place on the BIFE bus which operates directly from Gorey, Arklow, Wicklow, Rathnew and the Beehive pub to BIFE daily during the academic year.



BIFE BUS collecting from Gorey, Arklow, Beehive, Rathnew and Wicklow Town.

Canteen

The canteen is open from 8:30am to 2:30pm daily except during vacation periods. It provides an extensive range of hot and cold meals and snacks throughout the day.

Students' Union

The Institute encourages learners to participate fully in the Students' Union. Learners from each course elect representatives to this Union. The Union meets regularly to discuss issues which are related to learners' needs. The Management Team regularly meets with the Union representatives and values its contribution to the Institute. Two members of the Union are nominated to serve on the Board of Management at BIFE.

Guidance Counselling Service

The Institute provides professional Adult Career Guidance and a confidential Counselling service to all learners. The Guidance Counsellors provides advice on career, progression and education options. The Guidance Counsellors are also available to provide counselling with other issues which arise all too often in the stressful world of today.

Website

Details concerning Bray Institute of Further Education can be found on our website www.bife.ie

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Minister Simon Harris Announces Major Developments at BIFE



Deirdre Keyes (CE KWETB), Pat Casey (Senator), Andrew Brownlee (CEO SOLAS), Stephen Matthews (TD), Simon Harris (Minister), Tom Fortune (Chair of BIFE BOM), Erica Doyle (Chair of BMD), David O Gorman (BIFE BOM), Ray Tedders (Principal), Ross Lee (Deputy Principal), Louise Fortune (Deputy Principal), Aoife Flynn Kennedy (Cllr.) Gabriel Allen (Deputy Principal) at the announcement of BIFE - FET College of the Future.

Minister for Further & Higher Education Simon Harris TD has announced that BIFE has been chosen as the location of the FET College of the Future for the South East region. It is one of 10 such colleges which will be developed nationally. This will mean that a state-of-the-art education and training campus, costing tens of millions of euros will be created, which will also deliver apprenticeship programmes and establish a proposed National Centre of Excellence in Film & TV. The college also envisages moving to a joint degree model which would enable students to move seamlessly between further and higher education.

Andrew Brownlee, CEO of SOLAS, said: "This announcement marks an important step forward for learners and communities in the Wicklow area, but also is an important milestone in the evolution of FET facilities and provision nationwide".

Chief Executive of Kildare and Wicklow ETB Dr Deirdre Keyes said: "This is an important day for the people of Wicklow and for the integration of our services onto one campus." Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE) has a long tradition of innovation and delivering for the people in the region. We look forward to the development of the new campus into Wicklow's College of the Future".

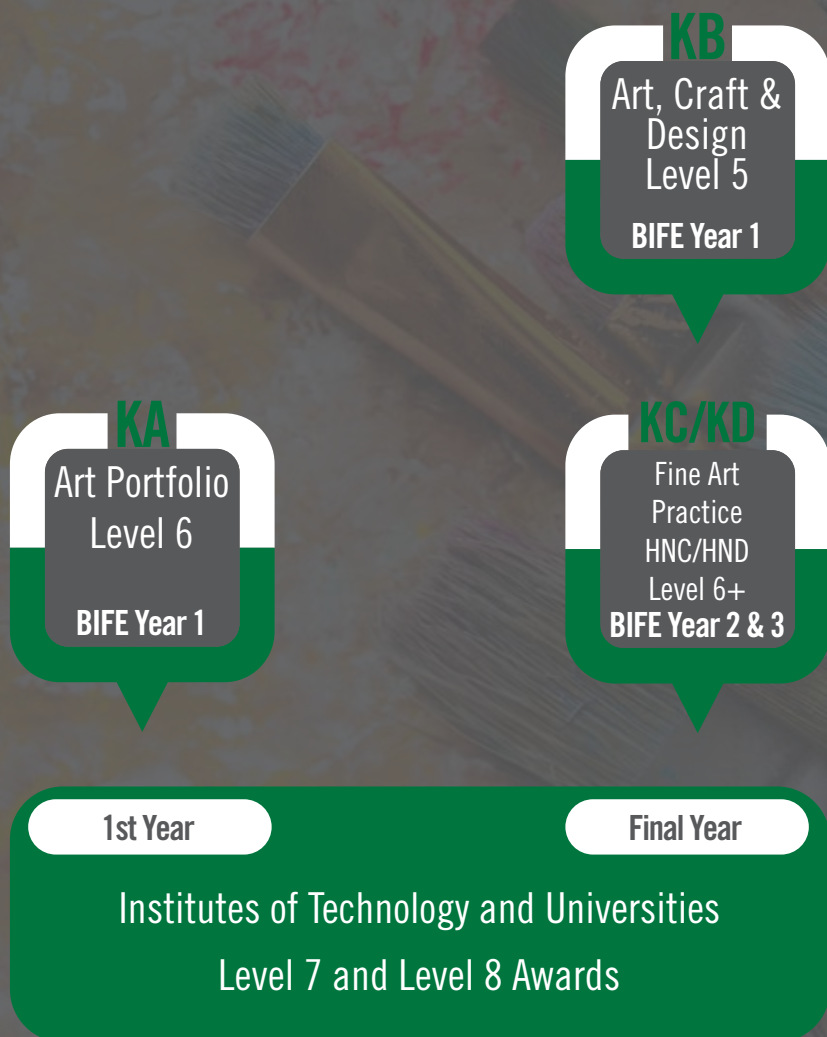
Ray Tedders, Principal of BIFE, thanked Minister Simon Harris, the Board of BIFE and the Staff who had all contributed to this historic day

It is hoped that building of the new FET College of the Future at BIFE should begin in 2024.

Every effort is made to ensure that all information in this prospectus is correct at the time of publication. The Institute does not accept liability for any errors in information published here relating to requirements of other organisations. It is the responsibility of Learners who seek to progress to other higher education courses to consult the individual colleges for definitive information on progression from Further Education.

ART

PROGRESSION ROUTE



ART PORTFOLIO PREPARATION (KA)

QQI Level 6 Award



This course caters to those applying to third level colleges in order to pursue a career in Art, Craft and Design. It is an intensive year suited to those who are prepared to commit to high work levels in and out of institute hours and short deadlines. The course reinforces an independent work ethic and encourages learners to take initiative. Through a range of problem solving tasks, practical and conceptual approaches to creativity are fostered. Self-motivation and personal commitment are essential. Due to the ambitious nature of the course, the work ethos and range of skills developed will greatly benefit learners in further third level study. The aim of the course is to prepare a portfolio of the highest standard suitable for both Ireland and abroad.

Programme of Study

- Drawing Skills
- Painting
- 3D Studies
- Combined Materials
- Design Skills
- Life Drawing
- Animation Skills

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate with a minimum of 2 H5's and 4 O6's including subjects required by third level bodies. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.

Places will be offered following successful interview. All applicants should bring a selection of their most recent, relevant work.

Career Opportunities

- Designer (Textile, Fashion, Viscom Designers)
- Fine Art (Painter, Sculptor, Printer)
- Animator
- Model Maker
- Art Director/Educator
- Multimedia
- Production Designer
- Product Designer
- Designer for Film & Theatre

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **IADT:**
 - Animation (DL832)
 - 3D Animation (DL920)
 - Visual Communications (DL826)
 - Design for Film (DL845)
 - Art (DL827)
 - **NCAD:**
 - First Year Art & Design (Common Entry) (AD101)
 - Graphic Design and Moving Image Design (AD103)
 - Textile and Surface Design (AD105)
 - Fine Art (AD204)
 - Fashion Design (AD211)
 - Illustration (AD217)
 - Education and Design/Fine Art (AD202)
 - Product Design (AD212)
 - **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
 - Visual Communication (DT545)
 - Fine Art (DT546)
 - **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Limerick Campus):**
 - Art & Design (Common Year) (LC110)
- Graduates may also transfer to leading third level Art & Design Institutes abroad such as Central St. Martins, Kingston, Goldsmiths and Chelsea Loughborough, The Hague, Gerrit Reitveld Academy, etc

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Component Award in Art (6M4029)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Annette Vella

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Fiona O'Neill

I wanted to study fashion design so I attended the portfolio course in BIFE. At the end of the course I received an offer from one of the best institutions for fashion design in London, Central St. Martins. Last year I graduated after my collection was selected for the BA Fashion Press show at CSM. I was awarded a L'Oreal Fashion prize at the show, which was announced and covered by Vogue and many other fashion publications. Since then I was invited to be part of an exhibition at Dutch Design Week and became a finalist in the H&M Design Awards. Undoubtedly, if I had not taken a place on this portfolio course and received Annette's excellent mentoring, I would not be where I am today!

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



ART, CRAFT & DESIGN (KB)

QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Art, Craft & Design (5M1984)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Karen Ryan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Eabha Cleary

I found this course having looked for a way to progress not having completed my Leaving Cert. It was the best decision I could have made, I learned so much from this course and had great experiences that really built my skills and helped my confidence as a person and an artist.

This course was great for me as I got the chance to try out art practices that I never had before such as print, ceramics and painting. Painting and print are my favourite things to do now, so I am thankful I got to learn with great tutors.

I am now in the Portfolio Preparation course in the college and will hopefully be progressing to a third level college next year.

This is a unique art course as it caters for those who are interested in art, craft and design. The college has extensively equipped specialist art and craft practice rooms: a ceramics workshop where a wide range of 3D ceramic skills and techniques can be explored and developed; a print studio which allows students to engage with a wide range of printing techniques; and an art studio where 2D work such as drawing, painting and design skills are practiced. By the end of the year students will have a collection of work compiled through a series of projects crossing over art, craft and design. Each student participates in the annual graduate exhibition. On completion of this course students can continue further in BIFE to the Higher National Diploma in Art Practice, or apply to other third level institutions.

Programme of Study

- Drawing
- Ceramics
- Combined Materials
- Painting
- Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design
- Design Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Printmaking

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview. Applicants must bring a portfolio/ collection of work to the interview.

Career Opportunities

- Fine Art
- Ceramic Design
- Art Education
- Arts Administration
- Art Practice

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Fine Art Practice (BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma)
Art Portfolio Preparation (KA)
- **IADT:**
Graphic Design(DL826)
Art(DL827)
Photography and Visual Media(DL833)
Design for Film(DL845)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Contemporary Applied Art (Ceramics, Glass, Textiles) (MT820)
Visual Communications(MT823)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Crawford College Campus):**
Fine Art (MT821)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Tralee Campus):**
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design (MT711)
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design(MT811)
- **NCAD:**
Textile and Surface Design and Jewellery and Objects (AD103)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Fine Art (TU974)
Interior Design (TU975)
Design - Visual Communication (TU973)

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FINE ART PRACTICE (KC-YR 1 / KD-YR 2) BTEC

Higher National Certificate/Diploma



The BTEC Art Practice course offers an exciting and challenging programme of study providing students with both essential subject knowledge and skills.

The course consists of a broad range of subjects from drawing techniques to 3D studies in ceramics and mixed media, printmaking, photography and contextual studies.

Students who progress into year two are encouraged to develop a more self-directed approach whilst engaging with tutors. This provides the opportunity to specialise in and explore chosen subjects further.

Programme of Study

HNC- Year One

- Professional Development
- Contextual Studies
- Individual Project
- Techniques and Processes
- Media Practice
- Material Practices
- Printmaking
- Art Craft Product

HND- Year Two

- Professional Practice
- Applied Practice Collaborative Project
- Advanced Art Practice Studies
- Art Direction
- Ceramic Design
- Material Selection and Specification

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Level 5 award in the visual arts field
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent with a number of passes at higher level desirable
Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Mature applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualification

Places are offered following successful interview. Applicants must bring a portfolio to the interview.

Career Opportunities

- Fine Art Painting
- Fine Art Sculpture
- Art Education
- Art Administration

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UK and Northern Ireland Universities:**
Second year of an Honours Degree in Fine Art (Apply through UCAS system)
- **Irish Universities & IT's**
Learners may proceed via advanced entry to Honours Degree courses
- **IADT:**
Art Level 8 (DL827) Year 2

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Art & Design (Arts Practice) Level 6+ will be achieved after year 1

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Art & Design (Arts Practice) Level 6+ will be achieved after year 2 (603/0909/X)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Paddy Glynn

Duration:

One or Two Years (option of a second year to achieve a higher national diploma)



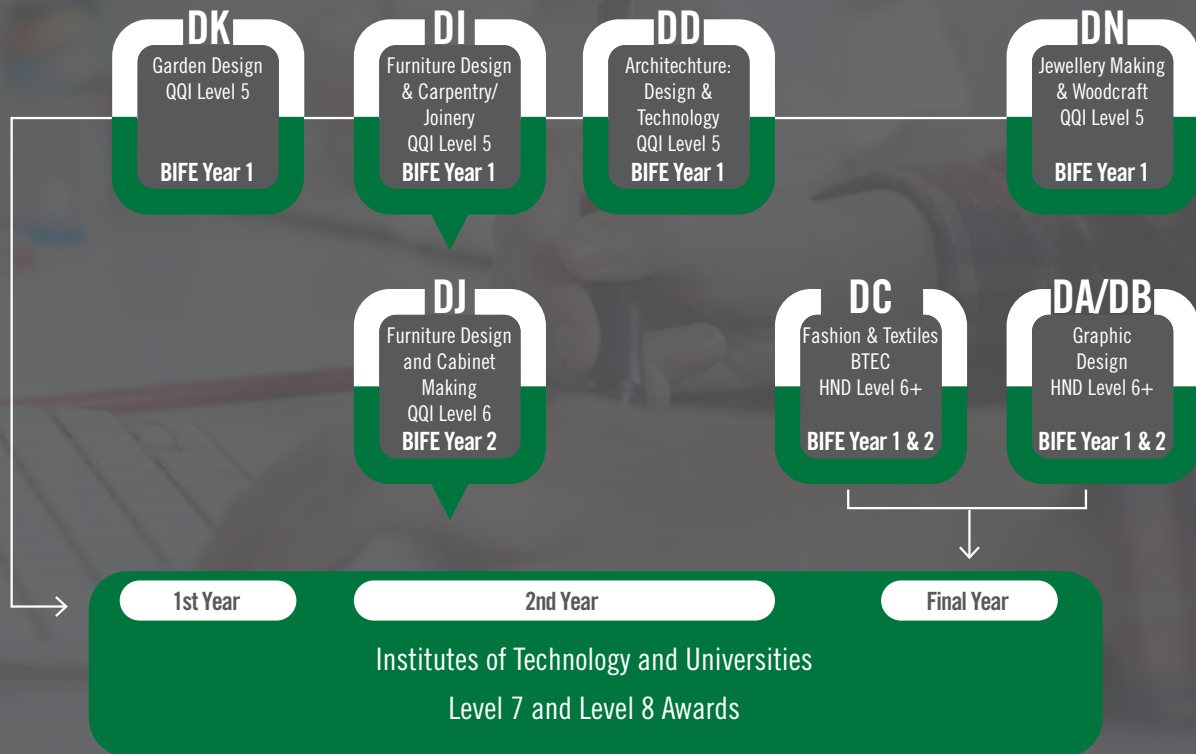
PROFILE:
Carol O'Sullivan

This course offered more than I expected! Through a comprehensive study programme, and continued support and advice from tutors, I have gained a greater knowledge and appreciation of art. New concepts, methods and techniques played an important role in the development of my personal 'fine art' identity that continues in the work I am producing now. I am presently preparing for a solo exhibition, aided by the invaluable lessons I have learnt from this Fine Art course. I highly recommend it!

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie

DESIGN

PROGRESSION ROUTE



GRAPHIC DESIGN (DA - YR 1 / DB - YR 2)

BTEC Higher National Diploma Award



This course prepares learners for a rewarding career in the creative industries. All learners have access to computer design facilities using industry standard software from Adobe Creative Cloud - Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects and Dreamweaver. Learners study a range of project-based modules, learn design principles and develop creative problem solving skills. Final year learners will exhibit their work at our end-of-year exhibition in the Institute.

Programme of Study

HNC - Year One

- Professional Development
- Contextual Studies
- Individual Project
- Techniques and Processes
- Typography
- Graphic Design Practices
- Printmaking
- Photographic Practices

HND - Year Two

- Professional Practice
- Applied Practice Collaborative Project
- Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- Web Design
- Branding and Identity
- Digital Animation

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent
- QQI Level 5 award in a related discipline
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners should be computer literate.

Career Opportunities

- Freelance Graphic Designer
- Junior Graphic Designer
- Branding
- Infographics
- Advertising
- Web Design
- Motion Graphics
- Editorial Design
- Packaging Design
- Illustration

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UK and Northern Ireland Universities:**
Final year of an Honours Degree in Graphic Design (Apply through UCAS system) eg: University of Sunderland Graphic Design BA (Year 3)
- **Irish Universities & ITs:**
Learners may proceed via advanced entry to Honours Degree courses eg:
 - **IADT:**
Visual Communications Design Level 8 (DL826) (Year 2/3/4)
 - **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Graphic Design Level 7 (US700) (Year 2)
Graphic & Digital Design (US803) Level 8
 - **TU Dublin:**
Design – Visual Communication (TU973) (Year 2/3/4)
Product Design (TU811) (Years 2/3/4)
 - **SETU - South East Technological University (Wexford Campus):**
Visual Communications and Design (SE204)
 - **SETU - South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
Design (Visual Communications) (SE201)
 - **MTU - Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Visual Communications (MT823)

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Art & Design - Graphic Design Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 1

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Art & Design - Graphic Design Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 2
(603/0909/X)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Emma Deering

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE:
Marisa
Garrido
Martínez

I was so lucky to have the opportunity to study at BIFE and spend the last two years learning and acquiring knowledge in Graphic Design. It was not only what I have learned but the environment that made me grow as a person and as a professional. My teachers and classmates created a wonderful environment where we worked as a close team. I will be always grateful for the opportunity I found at BIFE to follow my dream to become a professional in Graphic Design. I currently work as a graphic designer in a signage company.

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ARCHITECTURE: DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY (DD) QQI Level 5 Award

This course prepares learners for entry to degree courses in Architecture related courses. The Principles of Design and Construction will be explored through design projects, drawing and model making. History of Architecture will also be covered including visits to exhibitions and various buildings. The methods and theory of different building construction techniques and materials will be investigated, including a practical build project. The course will result in a comprehensive selection of portfolios which can be used for entry to various third level courses. This course will also appeal to anyone with an interest in architecture.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Design (5M2208)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Eilish Beirne

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Maeve Webster

I decided to do this course as I have always been interested in building design and wanted to learn more about the subject.

Due to my QQI results and portfolio I was accepted into DIT to study Architectural Technology. This is a very challenging course but the skills and knowledge learnt in BIFE have helped enormously.

Been awarded Student of the Year was definitely the highlight of my year!

Programme of Study

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Architectural Drawing
- History of Architecture
- Building Construction
- Computer Aided Draughting (AutoCad and SketchUp)
- Communications
- Work Experience

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Cert Applied Award
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Architecture
- Architectural Technology
- Planning and Environmental Management
- Construction Management

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TU Dublin (Bolton Street Campus):**
Architectural Technology TU831
Architecture TU832
Planning and Environmental Management TU835
- **ATU Atlantic Technological University (Letterkenny Campus):**
Architectural Technology AU343
Architectural Technology AU537
Quantity Surveying AU240
- **ATU Atlantic Technological University (Galway Campus):**
Interior Architecture and Design AU820
- **ATU Sligo (formerly IT Sligo):**
Quantity Surveying AU836
Architecture AU925
- **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Construction Management US884
Built Environment (Common Entry) US883
- **UCD**
Landscape Architecture DN120

Past students have successfully gained entry to Architecture in DIT and Architectural Technology in DIT, Waterford IT and Carlow IT.

Graduates are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to Institutes of Technology and Universities.

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JEWELLERY MAKING & WOODCRAFT (DN)

QQI Level 5 Award

This is a one year course which introduces students to the basic principles of design through the craft of jewellery making. All modules on the course will link together. Students will use drawing as a source for their designs. These designs will be developed further to suit the materials and techniques applied to create finished pieces. Students will be introduced to working with a range of materials including Wood, Brass, Copper, Aluminium and Silver. Techniques such as piercing, filing, soldering and polishing will also be covered. Combined Materials and Wood Turning is a core part of this course with students learning a wide range of wood craft skills that link in with their designs.

Programme of Study

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Art Craft Metalwork
- Wood Finishing
- Combined Materials
- Wood Turning
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Students complete a direct entry application form to the College and places are allocated subject to Interview, skills test and results at QQI Level 6.

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Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Craft (5M1981)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel Sweeney

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Caitríona Kelly

I loved this jewellery making course. The instruction is superb and I learned lots of new basic skills. I learnt how to use tools and machinery that took me out of my comfort zone. I enjoyed the practical work in an amazing workshop where (under instruction) we were allowed to experiment, be creative and work on those newly learnt skills. Learning to turn wood was another great joy and if I had not signed up for the course it is something that I would never have learned to do. Again expert teaching and guidance at every step. You have to be prepared to meet assignment deadlines and spend the time working on the other subjects for the course too. There is help and support at BIFE to assist you. I love having this qualification. It has given me the confidence to be creative. You won't regret it - sign up today!

FURNITURE DESIGN & CARPENTRY/JOINERY (DI) QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Furniture Design
(5M2012)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel Sweeney

Duration:

One Year

PROFILE: Brian Tyrrell

Business name: Bear Creations

I completed the Furniture Making course in BIFE. This enabled me to go on to study Furniture Design and Manufacture in GMT Letterfrack. Following on from this I got a job with a leading Irish furniture maker, Shane Holland in Co. Meath. From there I moved to Thomas Montgomery Furniture Makers in Bray. Having gained invaluable work experience in wood, metals and upholstery, I decided to set up my own business in 2015.

The Furniture Making course in BIFE was a very valuable part of me being able to get to this stage. Not only did it teach me the basics of furniture making, it also allowed me the freedom to experiment and create my designs and enabled me to carry out a project from the design stage to the finished piece.

This course equips learners with the essential skills of furniture design and making. There are practical classes using hand tools and machinery as well as drawing and design modules. Each student has the opportunity to develop practical Joinery and Carpentry skills so they can produce their own unique pieces of furniture. Learners have access to a design studio, a well-equipped workshop with machine, hand and power tool training as part of the course. This award provides a link to Furniture Design and Timber Technology programmes in Ireland through the CAO system and leads into a Level 6 Cabinet Making course in BIFE. All learners can gain practical work experience and exhibit their work at the end-of-year Art & Design Exhibition in the Institute.

Programme of Study

- Furniture Making
- Design
- Drawing
- Wood Turning
- Wood Finishing
- Computer Aided Design – CNC programming
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Cabinet Making/Joinery
- CAD/CAM Engineer
- Machinery Technician
- Carpentry
- Designer
- Spray Technician / Wood Finisher

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Furniture Design and Cabinet Making
QQI Level 6
- **TU Dublin:**
Sustainable Timber Technology
(TU838)
- **SETU Carlow Campus (formerly IT Carlow):**
Product Design Innovation (SE202)
- **ATU Atlantic Technological University (Letterfrack Campus):**
Furniture Design and Manufacture (AU581)
Furniture Making and Architectural Woodworking (AU582)
Furniture Design, Making and Technology (Common Entry) (AU583)

FURNITURE DESIGN & CABINET MAKING ADVANCED (DJ) QQI Level 6 Award

This course facilitates learners through advanced skills of cabinet making using woodworking machinery to manufacture doors, drawers and carcasses, the application of various wood finishes and techniques. An emphasis will be placed on the key link between the design process, 2D/3D Computer Aided Design and the workshop. Learners will have access to a design studio, a well-equipped woodwork room and a comprehensive workshop. This award provides a link to Furniture Design and Technology programmes throughout Ireland.

Programme of Study

- Furniture and Cabinet Making
- Design
- Furniture Restoration
- Wood Finishing
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Full QQI Level 5 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Cabinet Making/Joinery
- Carpentry
- CAD/CAM Engineer
- Designer
- Timber Technology
- Machinery Technician
- Spray Technician/Wood Finisher

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **University of Limerick:**
Materials and Architectural Technology (LM094)

Students complete a direct entry application form to the College and places are allocated subject to interview, skills test and results at QQI Level 6.

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Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Furniture Design (6M2230)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel Sweeney

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
**Shane
Tubrid**

Business name: Shane Tubrid - Furniture by Design

I studied Furniture Design and Cabinet Making, this course gave me an excellent insight into cabinet making as it touched on every aspect of furniture making, including frame, door and drawer making. It also allowed me to build a portfolio for entry to GMIT Letterfrack. Since then I have worked for one of Ireland's top furniture makers and in 2009 I established my own business designing and making bespoke furniture.



FASHION & TEXTILES HND (DC-YR 1 / DF-YR 2)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Art & Design - Fashion Design Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 1

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Art & Design - Fashion Design Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 2

(603/0909/X)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne Jeffares

Duration:

One or Two Years (option of a second year to achieve a higher national diploma)



PROFILE: Linzy O'Sullivan

My Journey with LinzyO began in BIFE where I started to turn my dreams into reality, one day I hoped to become a fashion designer. I learnt an amazing number of skills along with so much knowledge of the industry to be able to then progress to achieve my fullest potential. Moving to the UK for several years to finish my fashion degree in UCA Rochester which brought me on so much as a creative designer. I was honoured to display my final collection at Graduate Fashion Week.

Learners create a portfolio of work suitable for entry into third level colleges or industry. The course consists of academic and practical workshops in the field of fashion and textiles, providing the opportunity for learners to develop and expand their fashion and textile design skills in addition to developing their confidence and own unique style identity. Students will also exhibit their work at the annual Graduate Show.

Programme of Study

Year One - HNC

- Professional Development
- Contextual Studies
- Individual Project
- Techniques and Processes
- Computer Aided Design
- Fashion and Textile Practices
- Pattern cutting and garment making
- Surface Design

Year Two - HND

- Professional Practice
- Applied Practice Collaborative Project
- Advanced Fashion Studies
- Material Selection and Specification
- Trend Forecasting
- Styling

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent with fashion design experience
Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Full QQI Level 5
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants must bring a portfolio/collection of work to the interview.

Career Opportunities

- Fashion Design
- Costume design for Film & Theatre
- Fashion Styling
- Fashion Buying
- Fashion Retail
- Textile Design

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **NCAD**
Fashion and Textiles (AD101)
- **IADT**
Costume (DL829)
- **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Limerick Campus):**
Fashion Knitwear and Textiles (LC111)
- **UK and Northern Ireland Universities:**
Final year of an Honours Degree in Fashion Design (Apply through UCAS system)
- **Irish Universities & IT's:**
Learners may proceed through advanced entry to Honors Degree courses

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GARDEN DESIGN (DK)

QQI Level 5 Award



This course will provide learners with unique training and educational opportunities to become part of the horticulture profession. The Institute has extensive grounds and gardens, where the students can learn plant identification as well as developing their garden design and ornamental horticulture skills, including a large poly-tunnel in which learners can study protection and propagation. Plant and soil science classes take place in our well-equipped science laboratories. Students undertake work placement which provides valuable access to the horticultural industry. The course has a good mixture of theory based lessons and practical work, which aims to facilitate all learning styles.

Programme of Study

- Plant Propagation
- Plant Protection
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Plant Identification
- Soil Science
- Plant Science
- Garden Design
- Communications
- Work practice

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Garda vetting may be required prior to work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Garden Design
- Nursery Management
- Parks Maintenance
- Estate Management
- Self-employment
- Garden Maintenance
- Landscape Construction
- Arboriculture
- Green Keeping
- Allotment Gardening
- Community Gardening

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Horticulture Level 6 award (6M4334)
- **College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin (in collaboration with Waterford Institute of Technology):**
BSc in Horticulture QQI level 7 WD097
- **Kildalton Agricultural College, Piltown, Co.Kilkenny (in collaboration with SETU (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Horticulture QQI level 7 WD096
- **TU Dublin:**
BSc in Planning and Environmental Management QQI Level 8 (TU835)
- **UCD:**
BSc in Horticulture-Agricultural Science QQI Level 8 (DN250)
BSc in Forestry QQI Level 8 (DN271)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Horticulture (5M2586)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Karen Ryan

Duration:

One Year



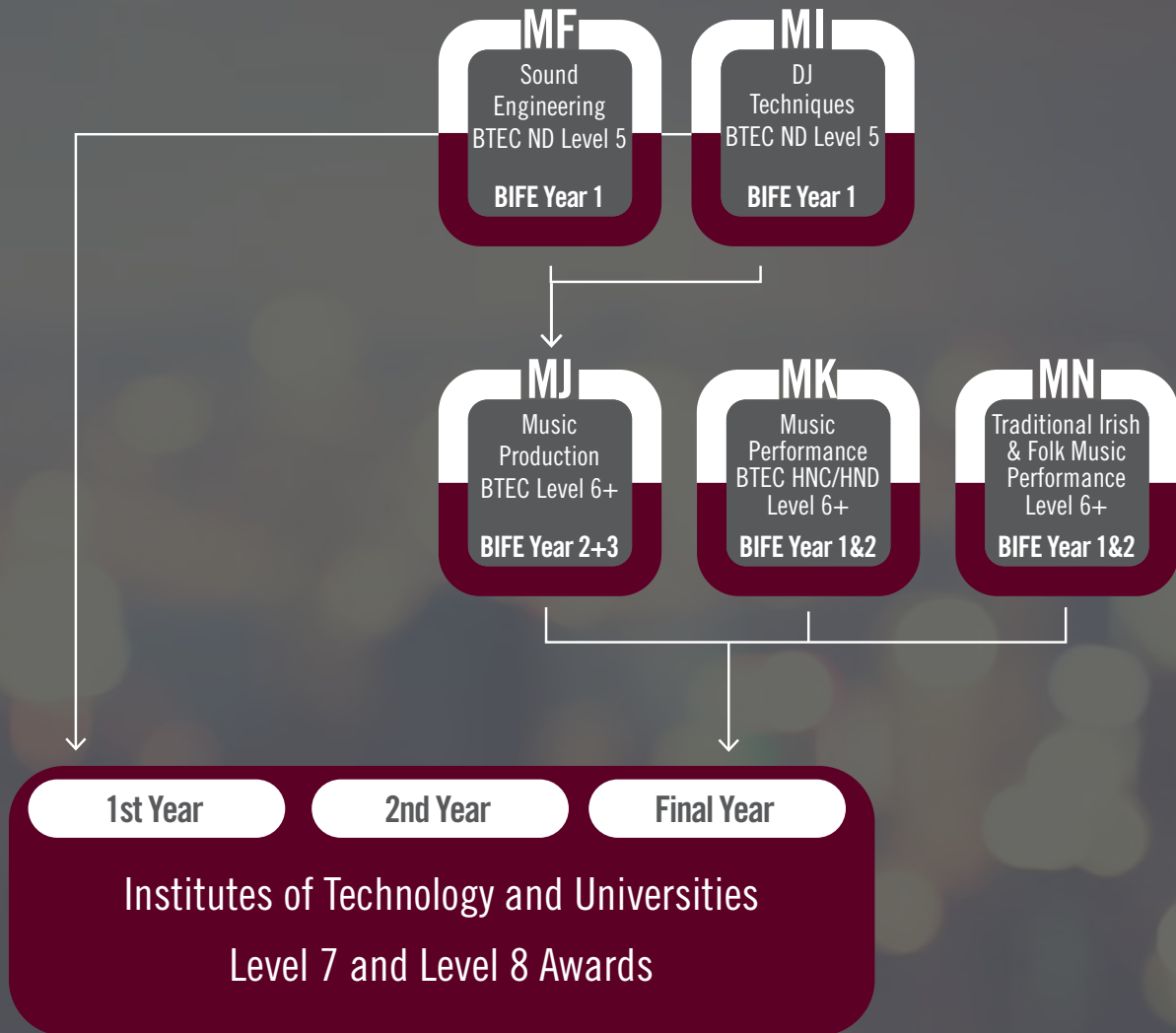
PROFILE:
**Alan
Murphy**

Since I can remember I have always had an interest in gardening. Doing this course at BIFE has allowed me to gain more knowledge and experience, strengthening my interest in this area. The work experience I completed as part of the course introduced me to work maintaining private gardens, public gardens and nurseries. Through this work experience I am currently employed in a commercial garden and also work on private gardens.

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MUSIC

PROGRESSION ROUTE



DJ TECHNIQUES & MUSIC PRODUCTION (MI)

BTEC SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PRODUCTION (DJ)

This course is for you if you have an interest in Music Technology focusing on DJ & Music production techniques. If you are a beginner or mixing and producing at an intermediate level, you will learn to produce and perform in a friendly relaxed environment with industry-standard technical experts. Our BTEC accredited course is rooted in holistic educational practices to cater to each learner's requirements delivering and evaluating at the highest educational standards. If you want to learn more about electronic music culture and the associated technology, enrol at the Bray Institute of Further Education.

Programme of Study

- Music Technology Events
- Creating Musical Material Through Production
- Planning A Career in the Industry
- Studio Rehearsals

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- DJ/Live Performance
- Radio DJ
- Music Production
- Event Promotion
- Marketing & Sales
- Education & Training

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Music Production Level 6+ equivalence on NFQ



Certification:

BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music Production (DJ) Level 5 equivalence on NFQ DBDY3

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Doug Cooney

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Georgia Murphy

This course has genuinely changed my life and I'm finally doing something I've always wanted to do. Throughout the year I gained the knowledge and experience I needed to set me up to take my place in the music industry here in Ireland. I have successfully set up my own club night, Altered States, which is doing amazingly well, along with my own blog which is also taking off. In the last 2 months I have played in some of the best clubs in Dublin and know that this is only the beginning of my music career. I owe it all to the tutors at BIFE for providing and guiding me with their knowledge to push me to where I am today. I look forward to making my mark on the scene in years to come.

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MUSIC PRODUCTION (MJ-YR 1/ MH-YR 2)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Music (Production) Level 6+ will be achieved after year 1

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Music (Production) Level 6+ will be achieved after year 2 (603/2274/3)

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Philip Dobie

Duration:

Two Years



ABLETON ACCREDITED CENTRE



PROFILE: Gearóid Peggs

Choosing this course in BIFE got me on my way to learning how to produce, mix and release my own music. The modules really helped me to look at creating music in different ways and showed me how to market myself well as a Music Producer. I am currently releasing music under my own name as 'Peggs' and I've recently started a music project with my friend called 'Nixer'. The tutors on the course have years and years of experience when it comes to making music, you really will not get it anywhere else - I thoroughly believe that the tutors saved me at least 5 years of making music by doing this 2-year course in BIFE. Along with the DJ Techniques course in BIFE. Along with the DJ Techniques course (which I did before), I now feel like I have the tools to build a successful music career.

BIFE's Music Production Course fuses art and science to ensure students become fluent in the language and culture of music technology. An advanced program developed for those who want to hone and refine their skills. We focus on getting you ready to enter the competitive audio industry, and able to express yourself both technically and artistically. We go in-depth into recording techniques used in the studio, live and on location. We explore emerging trends in audio technology, synthesis and sound design to make sure that your technique is fresh, vibrant and state-of-the-art. We encourage you to work towards your own artistic and professional goals with tutors providing constant support, professional coaching and individual guidance. If you want to go deep into the craft enrol at the Bray Institute of Further Education.

Programme of Study

HNC - Year One

- The Music Industry
- Marketing & Promotion for Musicians
- Professional Development
- Applied Sound Principles
- Recording Technology
- Creative Software Techniques
- Creative Synthesis Techniques
- Applied Music Theory

HND - Year Two

- Creative Research Project
- Advanced Music Production
- Advanced Sound Engineering
- Sound for Media Products
- Mixing and Mastering
- Advanced Synthesis and Processing
- Advanced Composition Techniques
- Advanced Composing Using Technology

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate with some higher papers. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Full QQI Level 5 Award with relevant experience
- BTEC National Diploma in Sound Engineering with a merit profile
- BTEC National Diploma in Music Technology (Sound Engineering) with a merit profile

- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Studio Engineer
- Location Sound
- Interactive Media
- Post Sound for TV & Film
- Production/Recording Artist
- Live Sound Engineer
- Gaming Audio

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Queens University Belfast:**
BA in Music and Audio Production
UCAS: W374 (Second Year)
- **Griffith College/Pulse College Dublin:**
BA Hons in Music Production (Final Year)
Apply directly to Griffith College
- **IADT:**
Creative Music Production (Second Year) DL838
- **Manchester Metropolitan University:**
Music and Sound Design (Second Year)
UCAS: WMS1

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie

MUSIC PERFORMANCE (MK-YR 1/ ML-YR 2)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

The BTEC in Music Performance is an exciting course which will develop your knowledge, understanding, skills and performance techniques as a musician for successful employment in the music industry or progression to further study. Both theoretical and practical musicianship skills are covered, combined with performance opportunities, event management, music technology and recording. In addition, students will get a broad insight into the music business from lecturers who are experienced musicians and industry practitioners. If you want the foundations for launching your solo career, this is the course for you.

Programme of Study

HNC - Year One

- The Music Industry
- Marketing & Promotion for Musicians
- Professional Development
- Applied Music Theory
- Performance
- Instrumental Technique
- Songwriting
- The Evolution of the Instrument

HND - Year Two

- Creative Research Project
- Musical Direction in Practice
- Advanced Performance Skills
- Live Arrangement Skills
- Advanced Composition Techniques
- Advanced Sound Engineering
- Composing To A Brief
- Live Mixing

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with a performing ability on guitar, violin, piano/ keyboard or singing. Ability to read music notation an advantage.
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and audition. Students should come prepared to play or sing 2 contrasting pieces with or without accompaniment. Video evidence will also be accepted in addition to the above.

Career Opportunities

- Live Events
- Promotion
- Community Arts
- Music Business
- Music Performance
- Cultural Venue Operations
- Music Therapy

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIMM Dublin certified by TU Dublin:**
BA (Hons) in Commercial Modern Music (TU961)
- **DCU Dublin City University:**
BA (Hons) in Jazz and Contemporary Music Performance DC014
- **TCD Trinity College Dublin:**
Bachelor of Music (BMus) TR002
Bachelor of Music Education (BMusEd) TR009
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Cork School of Music Campus):**
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Popular Music: Electrical Guitar MT931
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Electrical Bass MT932
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Keyboards MT933
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Voice MT935
- **DkIT Dundalk Institute of Technology:**
BA in Musical Theatre DK771
- **Maynooth University:**
Bachelor of Arts (Music) MH101

Plus numerous colleges in the UK offering degrees in rock, popular music and classical.



Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Music (Performance) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ after year 1
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Music (Performance) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ after year 2 (603/2274/3)

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Philip Dobie

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE: Jonathan Barker

I attended first and second year of Music Performance at BIFE and I would recommend it to any musician. Throughout the course, I had a great time meeting other musicians and working together to learn and perform. My time in BIFE was the most fun and beneficial academic years of my life. Even though I had no experience in theory, I was able to pick up on it in no time without stress. Though the music course, I was able to get into Commercial Modern Music (guitar stream) in BIMM Dublin.

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SOUND ENGINEERING (MF)

BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music Production

This course is designed for students new to the subject, those coming back into education after a break, or those lucky enough to find they finally have the time to pursue their passion for music production. The course is practical with a focus on hands-on experience supported by coaching and guidance from industry experts. Key areas include studio recording & mixing, live mixing, mastering, editing and processing using state of the art analogue mixing desks and outboard with industry standard digital software (ProTools/Ableton).

Certification:

BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Music Production DBDY3 or DBDY5
Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Rob Murphy

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Benhur Nadurata

Completing the Level 5 Sound Engineering course in BIFE has strengthened my fundamentals and skills regarding sound/music production & knowing the music industry. The tutors helped me immensely with operating professional mixing consoles and music equipment. Being the industry professionals that they are, they trained me into becoming a confident sound engineer and artist. It was a great experience for me as it made my transition to a degree level smooth. This course was able to springboard me into studying a Level 8 Degree in Audio Production & Music Project Management at Dublin Business School, which I am confidently studying as I believe my tutors in BIFE truly delivered their teaching.

Programme of Study

- Studio Recording
- Creating Musical Material through Production
- Music Technology and Live Events
- Planning a Career in the Industry

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Leaving Cert Applied Award
- Mature applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Sound Engineering (Live/Studio)
- Post Sound for TV & Film
- Radio
- Event Production
- Live Sound

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
 - Music Production HND Diploma BTEC QQI Level 6+
 - Music Performance HND Diploma BTEC QQI Level 6+
- **Pulse College:**
 - BA (Hons.) Degree in Music Production

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities.

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TRADITIONAL IRISH AND FOLK MUSIC PERFORMANCE (MN) BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

The BTEC in Traditional Irish and Folk Music Performance is an exciting course which will develop your knowledge, understanding, skills and performance techniques as a musician for successful employment in the music industry or progression to further study. Both theoretical and practical musicianship skills are covered, combined with performance opportunities, event management, music technology and recording. There is a special emphasis on music performance, song-writing and musical skills for both traditional and folk genres. In addition, students will get a broad insight into the music business from lecturers who are experienced musicians and industry practitioners. If you want the foundations for launching your career, this is the course for you.

Programme of Study

HNC - Year One

- The Music Industry
- Marketing & Promotion for Musicians
- Professional Development
- Applied Music Theory
- Performance
- Instrumental Technique
- Songwriting
- The Evolution of the Instrument

HND - Year Two

- Creative Research Project
- Musical Direction in Practice
- Advanced Performance Skills
- Live Arrangement Skills
- Advanced Composition Techniques
- Creative Portfolio
- Developing as an Artist
- Advanced Composing Using Technology

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with a performing ability on a traditional or folk related instrument or singing. Ability to read music notation an advantage. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and audition. Students should come prepared to play or sing 2 contrasting pieces with or without accompaniment. Video evidence will also be accepted in addition to the above.

Career Opportunities

- Live Events
- Promotion
- Community Arts
- Music Business
- Music Performance
- Cultural Venue Operations
- Music Therapy

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIMM Dublin certified by DIT:**
BA (Hons) in Commercial Modern Music
- **IADT:**
Creative Music Performance – (3rd Year)
- **TU Dublin:**
Bachelor of Music (BMus)
Bachelor of Music Education (BMusEd)
Bachelor of Arts in Creative and Cultural Industries – delivered by the College of Arts & Tourism
- **RIAM - Royal Irish Academy of Music**
Bachelor in Music Performance
- **Munster Technological University (Cork School of Music Campus)**
Bachelor of Music (Hons)
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Electric Guitar
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Keyboards
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Popular Music: Voice
- **DkIT Dundalk Institute of Technology:**
BA (Hons) in Applied Music
- **Maynooth University:**
Bachelor of Music

Plus numerous colleges in the UK offering degrees in rock, popular music and classical. You could even go to Nottingham Trent University and acquire a degree in Heavy Metal Music Performance

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Certification:

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Music (BTEC Higher National Certificate after year One) Level 6+ equivalence on the QCF (603/2274/3)

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

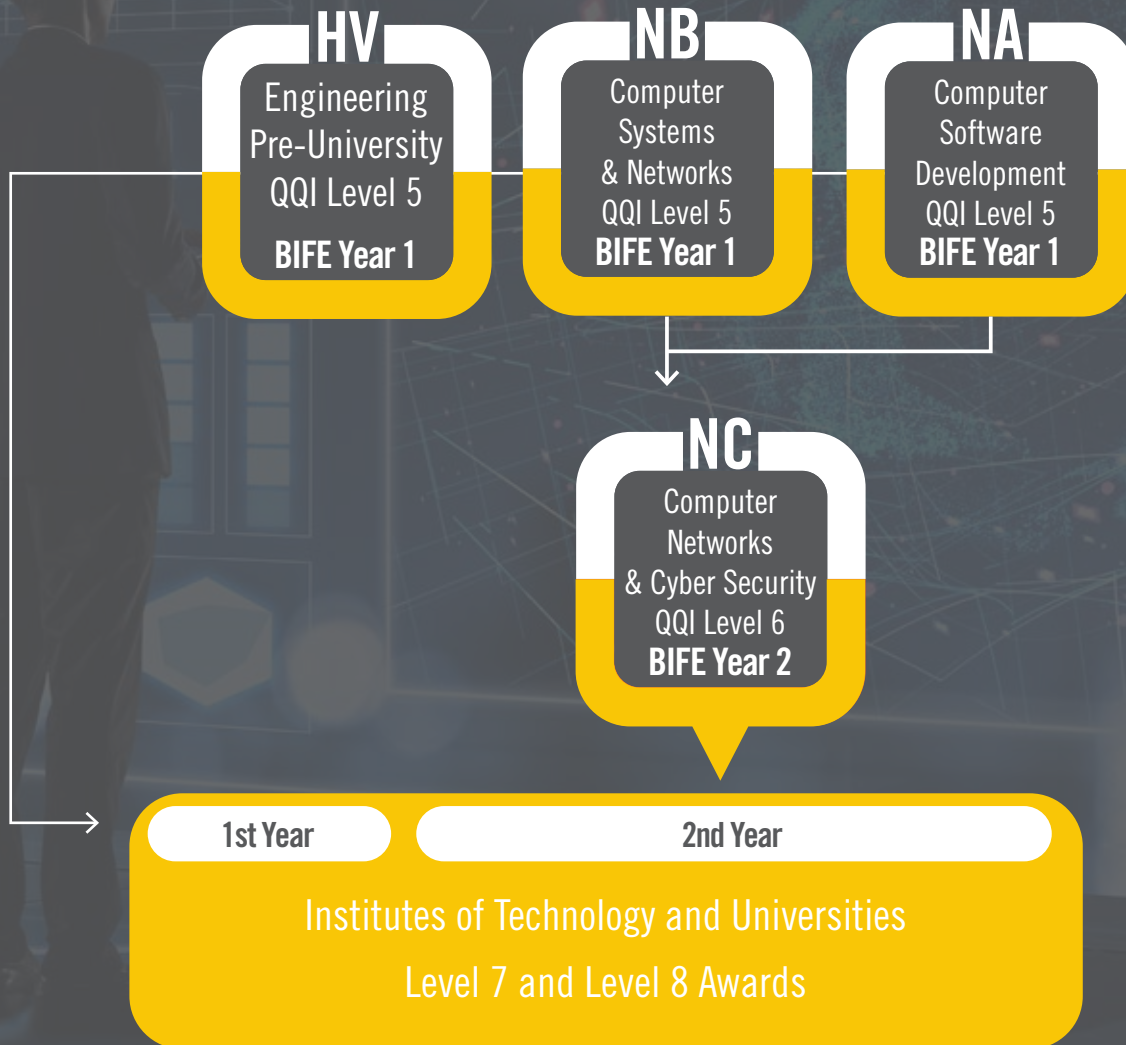
Rob Murphy

Duration:

One or Two Years (option of second year to achieve a Higher National Diploma)

COMPUTING & ENGINEERING

PROGRESSION ROUTE



COMPUTER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT (NA) QQI Level 5 Award

This course is designed to provide a foundation in programming and software development. As well as learning the technical skills needed to write software, computational methods and problem solving will be a key component of this course. On successful completion students wishing to acquire a higher level of professional software development skills can avail of progression routes onto our Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Computer Systems & Networks or alternatively may apply via the CAO onto an undergraduate degree programme in a range of third level institutions. Assessment will be through continuous assessment and examinations.

Programme of Study

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

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths
Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- QQI Level 4 Certificate Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Software Developer
- Mobile App Developer

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Software Development QQI Level 6 (6M0691)
- **TU Dublin:**
BSc in Computing (TU756)
BSc in Games Design (TU984)
BSc Computing/AI and Machine Learning (TU862)
- **IADT:**
BSc (Hons) in Creative Computing (DL836)
SETU - South East Technological University (Carlow Campus)
BSc in Computing Interactive Digital Art and Design (SE615)
BSc I Computing – Applications of Programming (SE616)
- **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus)**
BSc in Computing (Information Technology) (TU860)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this FETAC award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award Computer Software Development (5M0529)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

David Connell

Duration:

One Year



COMPUTER SCIENCE (NB)

QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Computer Systems and Networks (5M0536)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Paul Shortall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Conor Barry

This course at BIFE was a fantastic stepping stone that allowed me to gain insight into the vast subject of computing. At BIFE, I got the opportunity to learn about many interesting practical subjects such as programming, computer hardware and much more. The skills I learned from these subjects helped ease the transition to third level. Knowing the basics is extremely important in Computer Science as it sets you up on a path to success and BIFE provides a good introduction to some of the basic skills needed for programming and much more. One of the big benefits of the course was the relevance of the content to today's world. I also learned how to design mobile responsive web apps and more. The staff at BIFE were very friendly and made sure all the content was taught in an engaging and accessible way. After completing the Level 5 course at BIFE, I progressed onto Computer Science at UCD which I am currently studying.

Computer science requires skills that are in-demand in practically every industry in today's technology-dependent world. This course is suitable for students who are looking for a career with a comprehensive grounding in computing. It will develop your knowledge and skills in programming, mobile app development as well as computer systems and architecture, operating systems and networking technologies. Assessment will be through continuous assessment and end of year examinations.

Students wishing to acquire a higher level of professional technical skills can avail of progression routes onto our Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Computing Systems & Networks or alternatively suitably qualified graduates may apply via the CAO onto an undergraduate degree programme in a range of third level institutions.

Programme of Study

- Programming and Design Principles
- Mobile Technologies
- Computer Systems Hardware
- Networking Essentials
- Operating Systems
- Maths for Information Technology
- Work Experience
- Communications

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- QQI Level 4 Award with a Merit profile
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

This course offers a range of skills in computer and networks maintenance, programming, app development and operating systems. These are areas that are experiencing skill shortages.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Computing Systems and Networks QQI Level 6 (6M0695)
- **TU Dublin:**
BSc in Computer Science (TU856)
BSc in Networking Technologies (TU716)
- **Maynooth University:**
Computer Science/Multimedia, Mobile and Web (MH601)
- **UCD:**
Computer Science (DN201)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this QQI award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.

COMPUTER NETWORKS AND CYBER SECURITY (NC) QQI Level 6 Award

There is increased demand for IT professionals who design, implement and troubleshoot computer networks. This advanced certificate course is designed to provide the necessary skills to meet this need, focusing on a higher level of IT specialist skills in the area of network design, installation, configuration and administration, as well as how they can be applied in modern technologies. You will also acquire the skills to identify security threats and apply appropriate mitigation strategies. The nature of computer networking demands that network specialists are problem solvers with excellent attention to detail as well as having skills in coding and mobile technology development. Suitably qualified graduates may apply via the CAO onto an undergraduate degree programme in a range of third level institutions.

Programme of Study

- Physical and Logical Networking
- Systems Software
- Mobile Technologies & App Development
- Object Oriented Programming
- Information Technology Administration
- Network Infrastructure
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics
- Security

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with relevant experience and minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Applicants with an appropriate qualification at QQI Level 5
- Applications from mature learners who do not match these requirements but with comprehensive relevant experience in the area will be considered
- Extenuating circumstances may be considered

Career Opportunities

This course offers a range of skills in networking, programming, app development and operating systems. These are areas that are experiencing skill

shortages. Graduates will be equipped with a skill set that will enable them to seek employment or successfully progress to higher education.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
Computer Science (DN201)
- **TU Dublin:**
Digital Forensics and Cyber Security (TU758)
Computing – BSc in Information Technology (TU860)
Computing – BSc in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity (TU863)
BSc in Computing
- **SETU - (South East Technological University) (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Software Systems Development WD151 (Year 2)
BSc in Multimedia Applications Development WD153 (Year 2)
BSc in Information Technology (WD155) (Year 2)
- **SETU - (South East Technological University) (Carlow Campus):**
BSc in Software Development (SE609)
BSc in I.T. Management (SE614)
- **Dun Laoghaire IADT:**
BSc in Creative Computing (DL 836) (Year 2)

*This is a selection of some of the available progression paths.



Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Computer Systems and Networks (6M0695)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Paul Shortall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Liviu Runcan

Certificates awarded while in BIFE:

2015 - 2016 Computer Systems & Networks QQI level 5.

2016 - 2017 Computer Systems & Networks QQI level 6.

Signing up to BIFE (Computing courses level 5/6), was the best decision I ever took. It opened so many doors for me and I am now working for a National Award Winning Telecoms company. I am currently working for Goldfish Telecoms (within their IT Technical department), which is an Irish-owned cloud telecoms company that provides VoIP services to businesses across Ireland and abroad. I cannot express my gratitude enough to all the teachers at BIFE, they were always very supportive and helpful. Due to my academic performances obtained at BIFE during these two years, I can now apply to almost any 3rd level institution and will be pursuing a Bsc Degree in Computer Science (part-time) while working.



ENGINEERING PRE-UNIVERSITY (HV)

QQI Level 5 Award (in conjunction with IT Tallaght)

This course provides a foundation for students who wish to pursue further studies in Engineering at Third Level. It is devised for school leavers and also for mature applicants. It will enable graduates to progress to third level courses or to pursue opportunities in apprenticeships or employment.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Engineering Technology (5M2061)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

David Connell

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Engineering Workshop Theory
- Engineering Workshop Processes
- Mechanics*
- Computer Aided Draughting (CAD)
- Mathematics
- Work Experience/ Personal Professional Development
- Communications
- Electronics*

Components subject to change

* These Modules are taught in TUD Tallaght one day per week. Bus service provided.

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent (Minimum Requirement Ordinary Level Mathematics). Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants

Career Opportunities

Engineering careers in healthcare, design, communications, manufacturing, food production, power generation and transport are some of the industries that graduates of engineering work in. Engineers contribute to technologies that we use every day. People use mobile phones, computers, the internet, high definition TV and digital cameras every day. Today the world is connected through communications systems. The smart grid, electric cars, robotics, the music industry, and countless other systems and areas are continually developing and advancing.

As an engineering graduate, you will be involved in designing, building, automating, testing and managing. You may work on aircraft engine production, power station maintenance, water

filtering plants, computer chip production systems, pharmaceutical production facilities or light rail systems.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
 - Higher Certificate in Electronic and Information Engineering Level 6 (TU605)
 - Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Level 6 (TU606)
 - BSc in Mechanical Engineering Level 7 (TU725)
 - BSc in Electronic Engineering Level 7 (TU726)
 - BSc Hons in Mechanical Engineering (TU828)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman/Bolton Street/Blanchardstown Campus):**
 - BSc In Biosciences (TU751)
 - Civil Engineering (TU704)
 - BSc in Engineering (Common Entry TU708)
 - BSc Hons in Electrical Services & Energy management (TU802)
- **Maynooth:**
 - BSc Engineering (Common entry) MH304
 - BSc in Product Design (MH305)
- **SETU – South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
 - BSc Aircraft Systems (SE729)
 - BSc Biomedical Electronics (SE709)

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PROFILE:
Cian
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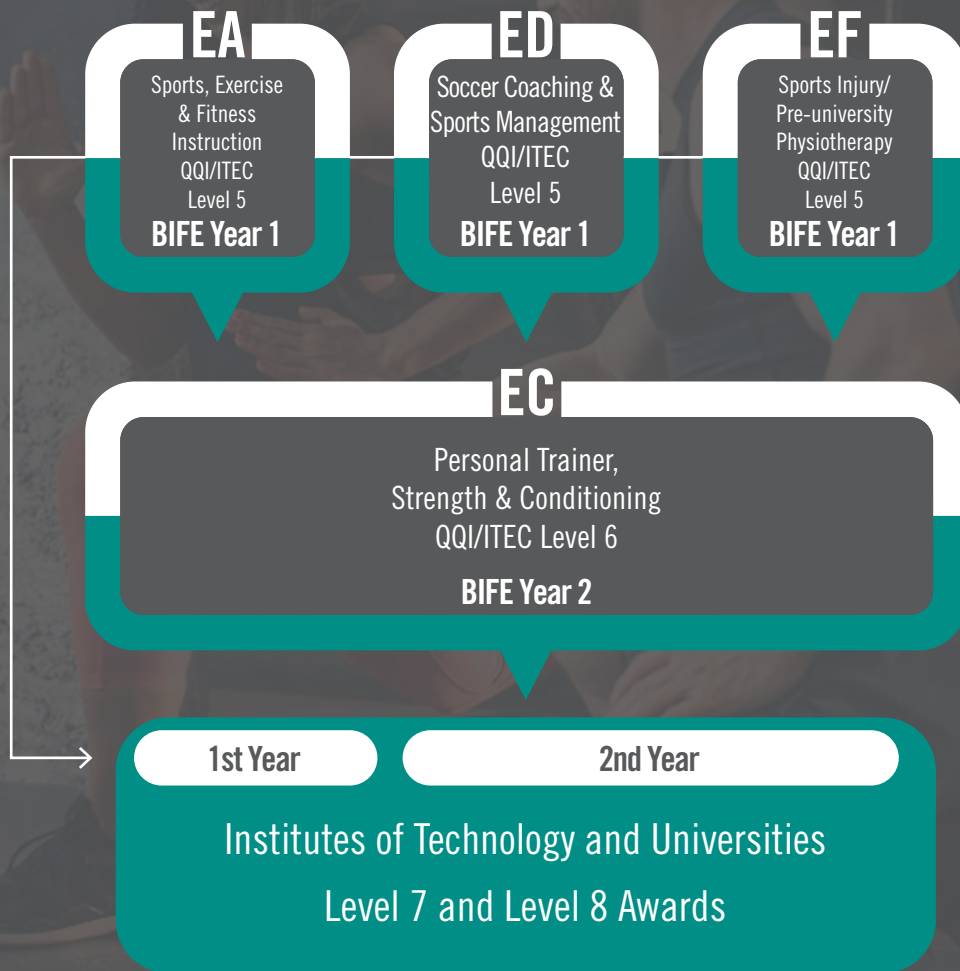
I really wasn't sure what I wanted to pursue as a career, but my year studying in BIFE helped me figure out what I wanted to do in the future. I don't think there was one module I didn't enjoy. The teaching was excellent. I finally got my head around concepts in maths that I hadn't previously understood which was a confidence booster. Every Tuesday we had mechanics and electronics in IT Tallaght. This gave us an introduction to the material that we would be covering in third level. I found that this course gave a great indication for what to expect continuing on to college. I'm now doing a mechanical engineering degree at TUD and am really enjoying it. I do encourage anyone who chooses to do Pre-University Engineering to put all their effort into every subject and go beyond the brief to get the most out of the year, especially in Engineering practical where there is so much freedom in the workshop to do what you want.

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SPORT

PROGRESSION ROUTE





SPORTS, EXERCISE & FITNESS INSTRUCTION (EA) QQI Level 5 & ITEC Awards

This course will provide an initial look into the world of Fitness Instruction, Sports management and Sports Education. Learners will be prepared for work in Sports Complexes, Leisure Centres, Health Clubs and Fitness Training through an integrated syllabus involving the theoretical knowledge of physical fitness and exercise, practical participation, administration and management techniques and various coaching skills. Learners will have the opportunity to acquire a range of skills which will prepare them for a career in coaching, fitness instruction and sports related fields. Learners will also be placed in a working environment as well as going on trips to different facilities within the Leisure Industry. There are opportunities for our sports students to travel abroad with our Erasmus programme.

Programme of Study

QQI

- Sport and Recreation Studies
- Exercise and Fitness
- Nutrition
- Leisure Facilities Administration
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health at Work
- Kinesiology
- Leisure Facility Operations
- Strength and Conditioning Sessions

ITEC

- Certificate in Fitness instructing (Exercise to Music) 603/4481/7
- Certificate in Fitness instructing (Gym Based Instruction) 603/4483/0

Royal Life Saving Society

- Life Guarding

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Exenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview. Garda vetting is necessary prior to work experience placement.

Career Opportunities

- Gym Instructor
- Lifeguard

- Sports Coach
- Studio fitness & aerobics instructor

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Personal Trainer, Strength & Conditioning (EC)
- **SETU South Eastern Technological University (Carlow Campus)**
BA in Sport & Exercise Science(SE905)
Physiology and Health Science (SE936)
Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy(SE901)
Strength and Conditioning(SE903)
Sport, Business and Coaching (SE9320)
(H)Sport, Business and Coaching (SE910)
- **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA (H)Sports Management and Coaching(TU935)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSC Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSC Sports Studies (TU737)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSC Sports and Leisure Management (YU955)
- **Atlantic Technical University (Letterkenny Campus):**
BSC Sport and Exercise (AU322)
BSC Sport and Exercise with Physical Education (AU320)
- **UCC:**
Sports Studies & Physical Education (CK116)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Waterford Campus)**
BSc in Sports Coaching (SE904)
BSC Sport and Exercise Science (SE902)
BBus in Recreation & Sport Mgmt (SE933)
BBus (H) in Recreation & Sport Management (SE906)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Sport, Recreation and Exercise (5M5146)

ITEC Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Exercise to Music) 603/4481/7

ITEC Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym Based Instruction) 603/4483/0

Life Guard Certificate (RLSS)

Reps Ireland (professional register of exercise professional) accredited

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Jennifer Campbell

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Camille Sweeney

I made the decision to return to education at BIFE as a result of a drastic lifestyle change. Over the past two years I have strived to improve my health and fitness. Having gained a new appreciation for life I wanted to be able to pass my experience on and help others through coaching. The Personal Training course at BIFE would allow me to gain a qualification in this field. The college provides a welcoming and inclusive learning environment. The education and skills I learned through the course has given me the knowledge and confidence I need in entering this field. The support of the tutors and fellow students is second to none, always on hand to help when needed. I would highly recommend the course to anyone with an interest in the health and fitness industry.

**Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie*



PERSONAL TRAINER, STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (EC) QQI Level 6 & ITEC Awards

Certification:

QQI level 6 award in Sports, Recreation and Exercise (6M5147)

ITEC Diploma in Personal Training (Gym-Based Exercise) (QAN 603/4495/7) NFQ Level 5

ITEC Award in Instructing Strength and Conditioning Sessions (603/4475/1)

Reps Ireland Accredited

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Jennifer Campbell

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Michal Turkowski

During my time in BIFE I have completed two courses over the two years: Dietetic Nutrition & Food Science QQI Level 5 and then the Personal Trainer Strength & Conditioning QQI Level 6 & ITEC Level 3. Both of those courses were a great challenge and they gave me great understanding of the importance of nutrition and exercises on human body. Completing these courses has opened the door into the fitness industry, I am currently working as gym and fitness instructor in a local gym and continuing to study by specialising in a Sports Therapy ITEC Level 3, 4, & 5 course part time in the IMST Limerick. I highly recommend BIFE as there is great selection of modules with highly qualified and dedicated tutors. If you are looking for challenge this is your place.

This course will provide a more in-depth look at strength and conditioning and exercise education. Physical Education and the Fitness Industry continues to be one of the largest growing industries in Ireland. The course is designed for learners to achieve a higher level of certification for personal training employment or to continue on to higher education at a more advanced level.

Programme of Study

QQI

- Sports Industry Practice
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Sports Nutrition
- Sports Psychology
- Exercise and Fitness
- Anatomy & Physiology

ITEC Personal Trainer

- ITEC diploma in personal training (Gym Based exercise) 603/4495/7
- ITEC Award in Instructing Strength and Conditioning sessions 603/4475/1

ITEC Instructing Strength and Conditioning Sessions

- Strength and Conditioning practice and support sessions

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Full QQI Level 5 Sports Related Award
- ITEC Gym Instruction Diploma
- Mature Applicants With Industry Experience

Places are offered following successful interview. Garda vetting is necessary prior to work experience placement.

Career Opportunities

- Sports Development Officer
- Personal Trainer
- Sports Centre Management
- County council health and leisure development officer

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **SETU South Eastern Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
Bachelor of Arts in Sport & Exercise Science(SE905)
Physiology and Health Science (SE936)
Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy (SE901)
Strength and Conditioning(SE903)
Sport, Business and Coaching (SE9320)
(H)Sport, Business and Coaching (SE910)
- **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA (H) Sports Management and Coaching (TU935)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSC Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSC Sports Studies (TU737)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSC Sports and Leisure Management (YU955)
- **Dundalk IT:**
BA Sports Exercise & Enterprise L7 (DK763) - advancement into 2nd year.
- **UCC:**
Sports Studies & Physical Education (CK116)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Waterford Campus) :**
BSc in Sports Coaching (SE904)
BSC Sport and Exercise Science (SE902)
BBus in Recreation & Sport Management (SE933)
BBus (H) in Recreation & Sport Management (SE906) (WD212)

**Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie*



SOCCER COACHING & SPORTS MANAGEMENT (ED)

in collaboration with Liverpool FC - QQI LEVEL 5 & FAI Awards



Elements of this course are designed as a collaboration between QQI and FAI and also between Pearson Awarding Body (BTEC) and Liverpool Football Club. The Pearson BTEC International Specialist Award in Liverpool Coaching Skills and Practice is designed to provide both male and female learners interested in coaching football with the opportunity to gain some knowledge and skills required to work in the sport industry as a football coach. It is for learners who wish to explore coaching "The Liverpool Way" and use theories and practices to plan, deliver and review their own coaching session. The course offers pathways into higher education and the football and fitness industries. Existing football skills will be improved, and applicants will also be introduced to a broad range of general coaching skills through the FAI PDP1, PDP2 and PDP3 coaching programmes. The associated PDP coaching badges present employment as a football coach and referee in Ireland. Participants of this course will attain a range of recognised professional qualifications that assist entry to Higher Education institutes in Ireland and present employment opportunities in the Sports and Fitness industry in Ireland.

Programme of Study

FAI

- PDP 1; PDP 2; PDP 3
- First Aid

BTEC

- Liverpool Football Club Coaching Skills & Practice

QQI

- Sport and Recreation Studies
- Exercise and Fitness
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Psychology
- Nutrition
- Business Administration
- Soccer Coaching
- PDP 1; PDP 2
- PDP 3 Youth
- FAI Referees Badge

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications
- Applicants will be assessed for suitability for the programme

Garda vetting is necessary prior to work experience placement.

Career Opportunities

- Soccer Coach
- Sports Coach

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Personal Trainer, Strength & Conditioning
Sports Injury & Soft Tissue Massage
- **SETU - South Eastern Technical University (Carlow Campus):**
Bachelor of Arts in Sport & Exercise Science (SE905)
Physiology and Health Science (SE936)
Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy (SE901)
Strength and Conditioning (SE903)
Sport, Business and Coaching (SE9320)
(H)Sport, Business and Coaching (SE910)
- **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA (H)Sports Management and Coaching (TU935)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSC Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSC Sports Studies (TU737)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSC Sports and Leisure Management (YU955)
- **ATU - Atlantic Technical University (Letterkenny Campus):**
BSC Sport and Exercise (AU322)
BSC Sport and Exercise with Physical Education (AU320)
- **UCC:**
Sports Studies & Physical Education (CK116)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Sports Coaching (SE904)
BSC Sport and Exercise Science (SE902)
BBus in Recreation & Sport Management (SE933))
BBus (H) in Recreation & Sport Management (SE906)

Certification:

- BTEC Level 3 Award Specialist Award in Liverpool Football Club Coaching Skills & Practice
- FAI PDP1, PDP2 & PDP3
- QQI Level 5 Award in Sport, Recreation and Exercise (5M5146)
- First Aid

Head of Department:

Paul Shorthall

Course Co-ordinator:

Charlie Batt

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Nathan Feeney

There is always a different route to college. By completing the B.I.F.E Soccer and Fitness Instruction course, it allowed me to go into the Soccer Degree Course in Carlow IT, which I thought I would never get into, and pursue my goal of becoming a soccer coach. The facilities were great alongside the lecturers who really push you to achieve your best. BIFE enabled me to achieve all my goals.

**Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie*



SPORTS INJURY & MASSAGE THERAPY / PRE UNIVERSITY PHYSIOTHERAPY (EF) QQI Level 5 & ITEC Awards

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Sport, Recreation and Exercise (5M5146)

ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage (ISP3D32)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Charlie Batt

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Ellen Roche

When I accepted my place in Bife, I knew I was going to work hard for the year. To reach Level 8 Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic course I had to achieve 5 distinctions in my end of year exams. I was extremely nervous as I was afraid, I wouldn't be able to achieve this, but with the motivation and great learning resources such as my lectures and the library I was able to achieve eight distinctions out of my eight subjects I studied in Bife. From here, in August of 2022 I received an early offer in Round Zero for 2 positions in IT Carlow, these were: 1. Sports rehabilitation and athletic therapy level 8 2. Physiology and health level 6/7 I accepted the level 8 course. I would like to say to anyone who is considering doing a PLC course in BIFE, to 100% apply. It was the best decision I made as a stepping stone to get me to where I am today. The help and effort from tutors with regards to my course was second to none always, and they were always on hand to help and advise me.

This is a one-year course designed to prepare students for a career in the treatment of Sports Injuries and Physical Therapy. The majority of students successfully completing this course progress onto Third Level Degree Programmes in Institutes of Technology nationwide. The main aim of the VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage is to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in order to provide sports massage therapy treatments to the general public and to gain employment in the sports industry.

Programme of Study

Year 1:

QQI

- Sport and Recreation Studies
- Sports Anatomy & Physiology
- Sports Psychology
- Exercise and Fitness
- Nutrition
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Kinesiology
- First Aid

ITEC

- Professional practice in sports massage
- Anatomy and Physiology for Sports Massage
- Principles of health and fitness
- Sport Massage treatments
- Understand the principles of soft tissue dysfunction

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview. Garda vetting is necessary prior to work experience placement.

Career Opportunities

- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Injury Clinics
- Health & Wellbeing Centres
- Hotels
- Leisure Centres

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

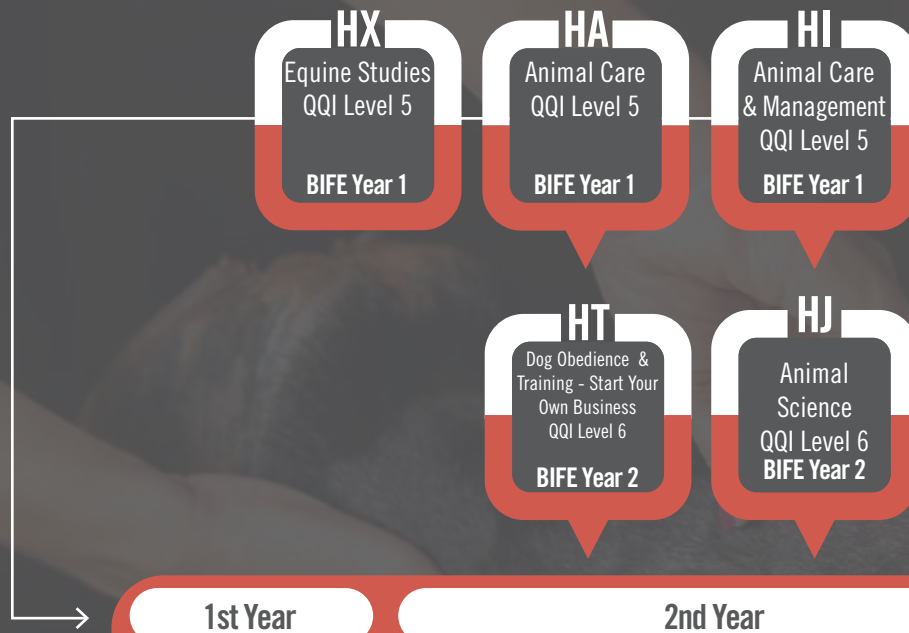
- **BIFE:**
Professional Trainer, Strength & Conditioning
- **SETU - South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
Physiology and Health Science (SE936)
Sports Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy (SE901)
- **SETU - South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Sports Coaching (SE904)
Health Sciences Common Entry (SE900)
Exercise Science (SE902)
BBus in Recreation & Sport Management (SE933)
BBus (H) in Recreation & Sport Management (SE906)
- **TUS - Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Sport Science with Exercise Physiology (US951)
Athletic and Sports Rehabilitation Therapy (US957)
- **MTU - Munster Technological University (Kerry Campus) :**
Health and Exercise Sciences with Massage Therapy (MT512)

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ANIMAL CARE

PROGRESSION ROUTE



Institutes of Technology and Universities
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

ANIMAL CARE (HA)

QQI LEVEL 5 Award



This one-year course is designed for those who wish to pursue a career working with animals. The course covers a range of subjects which will encourage the learner to develop the knowledge and skills to competently handle a range of animals in a work environment. Work experience is an integral part of this course providing practical, hands on experience which will lead to a range of training and career prospects.

Programme of Study

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

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- QQI Level 4 with a merit profile
- Mature learners – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners are required to source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Veterinary Clinics
- Cattery/Dog Kennels
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Self-Employment
- Dog Grooming
- Education
- Pet shops

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Animal Science - QQI Level 6 (6M5153)
- **Dundalk IT:**
Veterinary Nursing (DK784)
- **ATU - Atlantic Technological University (Letterkenny Campus):**
Veterinary Nursing (LY847)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Applied Science – Animal Care (5M2768)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Evelyn Dixon

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Aisling Burke

In 2017 I decided to apply to BIFE to study Animal Care and I never looked back. I finally knew what I wanted to do with my life and the teachers gave me the confidence to achieve my goal of being a veterinary nurse. During the course I got to do work experience in a veterinary clinic for five months, I visited Glenroe farm, Dublin Zoo, a reptile zoo came to BIFE and I completed a Canine First Responder course. This course has a lot of practical work which is the perfect way to learn and helped me immensely. Animal Care gave me the belief I could do veterinary nursing and with the encouragement of my tutors I applied to the CAO. I got my first choice and I am now studying veterinary nursing in Dundalk Institute of Technology where I still use my BIFE notes from Animal Anatomy and Physiology and Biology. I cannot speak highly enough about BIFE and I would recommend the Animal Care Course to anyone. The college is such a lovely place to study, everyone is very helpful, you meet incredible people and the teachers are very helpful and will support you in whatever career you chose to do after. BIFE has some incredible plans in the future that I can't wait to see.

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ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT PRE-UNIVERSITY (HI) QQI Level 5 Award

This one-year course is one of the few courses of its kind in Ireland. It offers a broad range of subjects relating to animal care and husbandry. The learner studies for the QQI Animal Care award and a City & Guilds Certificate in Animal Management. These awards will enable learners to pursue a career in the animal care industry both at home and abroad. Work Experience is an integral part of this course providing practical, hands-on experience which will lead to a range of training and career prospects.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Applied Science – Animal Care (5M2768).

City & Guilds Certificate Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ in Animal Management (0074-03)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Evelyn Dixon

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Kellie Phelan

After completing the Animal Care & Management at BIFE I progressed on to study Veterinary Nursing at UCD. Going to BIFE for me was a really beneficial and enjoyable year and not only made me confident that I wanted to go down the Veterinary Nursing path, but also prepared me for college and the different approach to teaching and learning that is taken in colleges. The course was a mix of practical classes and lectures which made for a really nice balance, it was great that topics which were covered in the modules were all applicable for my work experience which I did in a vets. I also enjoyed the grooming classes which gave me a lot of experience handling dogs which is a really important aspect of Veterinary Nursing. I hope to finish my four years in UCD to become a qualified Vet Nurse and to specialise in Equine Vet Nursing.

Programme of Study

QQI

- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Biology
- Animal Welfare
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Animal Grooming
- Information and Communication Systems
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Mathematics

CITY & GUILDS

- Understand and Promote Animal Health
- Understand the Principles of Animal Biology
- Manage Animal Accommodation
- Plan and Monitor Animal Feeding

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate with a minimum of 2 H5's, one of which must be Biology. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners are required to source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Veterinary Clinics
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Dog Grooming
- Pet Shops
- Cattery/Dog Kennels
- Self-Employment

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Animal Science - QQI Level 6 (6M5153)
- **UCD:**
Veterinary Nursing (DN310)
Animal Science-Equine-Agricultural Science (DN250)
- **Dundalk IT:**
Veterinary Nursing (DK784)
- **TUS - Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Veterinary Nursing (AL731)
BSc (Hons) in Bio Veterinary Science (AL842)
- **ATU - Atlantic Technological University (Letterkenny Campus):**
Veterinary Nursing (LY847)
- **UL:**
Equine Science (LM093)
- **Universities in Great Britain & Northern Ireland**

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ANIMAL SCIENCE INDUSTRY (HJ)

QQI LEVEL 6 Award

This one-year course is uniquely designed for those who wish to progress to a career in animal care at a supervisory level. It offers a broad range of subjects to encourage learners to explore different aspects of animal care and husbandry for both companion and exotic animals. The learner has the opportunity to seek work experience in a variety of settings. The learner will study towards a QQI award in Animal Science at Level 6. They may also achieve a City & Guilds Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma in Animal Management.

Programme of Study

QQI

- Animal Behaviour
- Canine Obedience and Training
- Kennel and Cattery Management
- Wild Animal Management
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Science & Health
- Work Experience
- Customer Service

CITY & GUILDS

- Understand Animal Welfare and Breed Development
- Undertake Kennel and Cattery Management
- Understand the Principles of Zoological Animal Health and Husbandry

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Level 5 Award in Animal Care
- Mature learners – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners are required to source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Veterinary Clinics
- Cattery/Dog Kennels
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Self-Employment
- Dog Grooming
- Education
- Pet Shops

Higher Education Progression*

Learners may be eligible to progress to selected higher education courses in Ireland through the Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS) and in Britain.

- **ATU – Atlantic Technological University (Galway / Mayo):** Applied Freshwater & Marine Biology (AU655)
- **ATU (Donegal Campus)** Science (Common Entry) (AU270)
- **MTU - Munster Technological University, (Tralee Campus):** Animal Bioscience (MT781) Wildlife Biology (MT880) Veterinary Bioscience (MT881)



Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Animal Science – Animal Care (6M5153)

City & Guilds Award in Animal Management Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Hilda Harty

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Laura Higgins

I graduated from my second and final year in the college and can truthfully say that as a direct result of the incredible lessons and training I got throughout both the Level 5 Animal Care and Management course and the Level 6 Animal Science Industry Course, that I have been presented with so many incredible opportunities in my sector. I was offered a Veterinary Nursing Degree in Dundalk IT, advanced my skills in Canine Training, Animal Behaviour, First Aid and so much more. After graduating, I was offered a job in a newly established Dog Groomers and day care that has allowed me to utilize the skills I learned from both courses combined. The training given to me by my tutors has been invaluable and has allowed me to excel in the Animal Industry. Throughout the two years, the tutors were extremely friendly and strove to ensure students success. The courses are set in such a way that all modules are incredibly interesting and easy to follow. I loved my two years at BIFE and would highly recommend studying here for anyone looking to have a career in the care and welfare of animals.

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DOG OBEDIENCE & TRAINING - START YOUR OWN BUSINESS (HT) QQI Level 6 Award

This one-year course is uniquely designed for those who wish to progress to setting up their own animal care business or working at a supervisory level in a range of animal establishments. It offers a broad range of subjects to encourage learners to explore different aspects of companion animal management. The learner has the opportunity to seek work experience in a variety of settings. The learner will study towards a QQI award in Animal Science at Level 6. They may also achieve a City & Guilds Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma in Animal Management.

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Animal Science – Animal Care (6M5153). City & Guilds Award in Animal Management Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Hilda Harty

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

QQI

- Canine Obedience and Training
- Kennel and Cattery Management
- Animal Grooming
- Animal Science & Health
- Humans, Animals and Society
- Entrepreneurship
- Work Experience
- Customer Service

CITY & GUILDS

- Understand Animal Welfare and Breed Development
- Undertake Kennel and Cattery Management
- Undertake Pet Store Design and Animal Management

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Level 5 Award in Animal Care
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners are required to source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Self-Employment
- Cattery/Dog Kennels
- Pet Shops
- Animal Sanctuaries
- Dog Grooming
- Education
- Veterinary Clinics

Higher Education Progression*

Learners may be eligible to progress to selected higher education courses in Ireland through the Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS) and in Britain.

- **ATU – Atlantic Technological University (Galway / Mayo Campus):** Applied Freshwater & Marine Biology (AU655)
- **MTU - Munster Technological University, (Tralee Campus):** Animal Bioscience (MT781) Wildlife Biology (MT880) Veterinary Bioscience (MT881)

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EQUINE STUDIES (In conjunction with Brennanstown Riding School) (HX) QQI LEVEL 5 Award



The focus of the course is to develop the skills to work in the equine industry, while at the same time developing learners' personal, interpersonal and workplace skills. The content includes a range of vocational modules including stable and yard routine, equine nutrition, equine anatomy and physiology, sport horse riding, animal welfare and core modules in work experience, customer service and maths.

The course is designed to provide professional education and training to learners who love horses and have a particular interest in gaining employment in the equine industry in a variety of roles. The course will enable them to pursue a career in the equine industry or continue their studies at higher and/or third level.

On completion of this course you will be eligible to progress to a Level 6 Horsemanship (6M3505) award. Currently this qualification is offered by Teagasc and a selection of Community colleges/ PLC's (Galway Community College and Curragh Post Primary, KWETB)

Programme of Study

- Stable and Yard Routine
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Equine Anatomy and Physiology
- Equine Nutrition
- Horse Confirmation and Evaluation
- Animal Welfare
- Sport Horse Riding Instruction
- Maths
- BHS Stage 1 - with BRS

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature learners – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners are required to source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from the course can seek employment in the horse industry in a variety of roles within the sports horse and racing and breeding industry, in yards and studs, within the leisure sector, self employed and running their own business.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Higher Certificate in Business in Equine Studies. (AL652)
- **Enniskillen College:**
BSc in Equine Management (UCAS Course Code: (D322)
- **NUI Maynooth:**
BBS/BBA Equine Business (MH405)
- **University of Limerick:**
Diploma in Equine Science (LM093)
Degree in Equine Science (LM180)
- **MTU – Munster Technological University (KERRY CAMPUS)**
Animal Bioscience (MT781)
Wildlife Biology (MT880)
Veterinary Bioscience (MT881)

This course may also be used by students to progress to a variety of equine courses in UK colleges and universities.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Horsemanship (5M3371)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Lynne Duffy

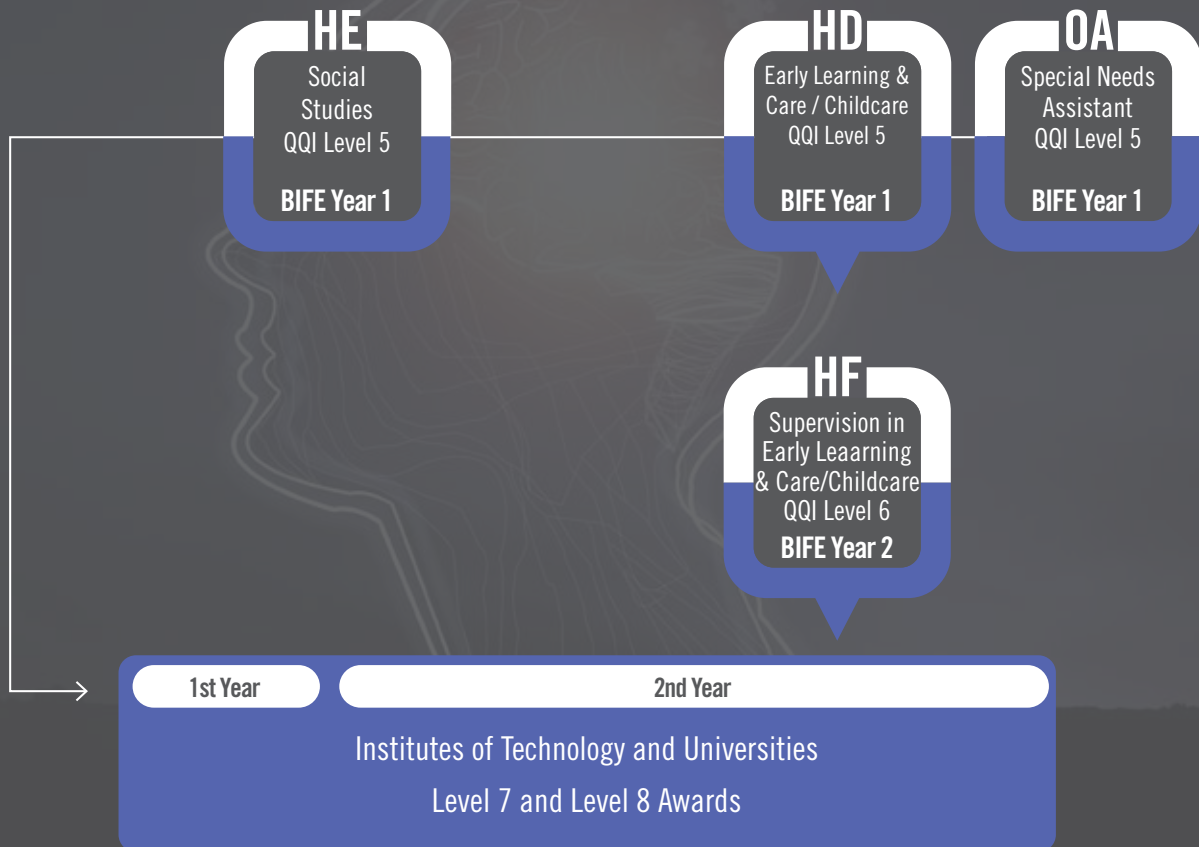
Duration:

One Year

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SOCIAL STUDIES & CHILDCARE

PROGRESSION ROUTE



SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT (PRIMARY & POST-PRIMARY) (OA) QQI LEVEL 5 Award



This course in Special Needs Assisting and Intellectual Disability studies is designed to provide students with the knowledge, practical skills and qualifications required to pursue a career as a Special Needs Assistant or Personal Assistant to individuals of all ages in a variety of Educational contexts and Community care settings.

Programme of Study

- Special Needs Assisting
- Human Growth & Development
- Intellectual Disability Studies
- Understanding Special Needs
- Care Provision & Practice
- Safety & Health at Work
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Work Placement in an SNA setting 60 hours

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Additional Course requirements:

- 2 References
- Garda vetting is a requirement for this programme
- Police Clearance required where a person has lived in a Country other than Ireland for a period of longer than 6 consecutive Months.

Career Opportunities

- Employment in a variety of educational contexts and community care settings

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Carlow College:**
Applied Social Studies-Professional Social Care level 7 (PC404)
- **Trinity College Dublin:**
Deaf Studies level 8 (TR016)
- **TU Dublin - (Blanchardstown Campus):**
Applied Social Studies in Social Care level 8 (TU991)

Third level progression opportunities for SNA learners are continually being developed. Please visit www.cao.ie or careersportal.ie for the most up to date progression information

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Care (5M2786)
First Aid
(BIFE) People Handling (BIFE) Child Protection (TUSLA)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne O'Malley

Duration:

One Year

Student Testimonials

"I am acquiring new capabilities and developing an in-depth understanding of development and learning of children with special needs. Presently I am on work experience in a post Primary School where integration, inclusion and equal opportunities are supported for every student" - Sandra Savage

"I like this course as I feel like our teachers want the best for us! I am learning new skills which are going to stand to me through life" - Bryony

"I like the course. I think that it is interesting learning about the different needs of everyone including people with extra needs. I am doing placement in a primary school where I am learning new skills" - Shauna

"Since starting in September I've already learned so much. I'm very interested in this course." - Leah

"So far in my course I am finding it very intensive in a positive way." - Jake

"I have just started the level 5 SNA this year. I love it so far. It's opening my eyes to how different every child is and what challenges they have to face on a daily basis." - Deirdre

"I am finding the course extremely interesting and beneficial. I already have a PE degree and it is great that I can combine the SNA with the PE. The teachers are extremely helpful and understanding. It is amazing that we have work experience that we can put everything into practice." - Yordanka

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EARLY LEARNING & CARE / CHILDCARE LEVEL 5 (HD) QQI LEVEL 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care (5M21473)

First Aid (BIFE) Manual Handling (BIFE)

Child Protection (TUSLA)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne O'Malley

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Sophie Drumm

I started my studies at BIFE in Early Learning & Care. This course helped me gain the knowledge of pursuing a career in the Early Years sector and gaining the confidence to work with children of different ages. The modules I did throughout the course were very interesting and taught me skills that I can use in my daily practice, working with children. The teachers throughout the year were always so helpful, encouraging and caring.

Through work placement I have broaden my skills and learned by working with children and carrying out different activities, observations and routines. Learning and working in an ECCE setting can be challenging at times but having gained knowledge from this course helped me see children develop and grow and is very rewarding.

Programme of Study

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

Components subject to change

Professional Practice Placement in a Crèche for children from birth to 2 years 8 months and for children from 2 years 8 months to 6 years.- 150 hours

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications
- Applicants whose first language is not English require proficiency at B2 in writing, reading, listening and speaking (CEFRL)

Additional Course requirements:

- 2 References
- Garda vetting is a requirement for this programme
- Police Clearance required where a person has lived in a Country other than Ireland for a period of longer than 6 consecutive Months.

Career Opportunities

- Early Childhood Practitioner /Educator in Pre-Schools & Crèches,
- Special needs assistants,
- Nanny/Au pair

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care (QQI Level 6) (HF)
- **DCU:**
Early Childhood Education (DC001)

Third level progression opportunities for ELC learners are continually being developed. Please visit www.cao.ie for the most up to date information.

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SUPERVISION IN EARLY LEARNING & CARE / CHILDCARE (HF) QQI Level 6 Award

The focus is on promoting the holistic well-being, development and learning of children from 0 to six years across a range of ELC settings. The programme offers a balance of theory and practice, and professional practice placement is integral to the teaching and learning. Experiential teaching and learning in the classroom facilitated by experienced Early Years expert(s) enables learners understanding of their role as a Team leader in the Early years setting. Learners undertake 150 hours per year of Professional Practice placement which helps build confidence and competence in their chose role. This programme also provides the learner with the opportunity to transfer and progress into further and higher education and training.

*The current qualification requirement for room leaders is Level 6 (DCEDIY, register of recognised Early Years qualifications.) Qualifications for different roles in ELC may be subject to change in line with evolving national policy.

Programme of Study

- The Developing Child
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Inclusive Learning and Care
- Supervision and Administration
- Advanced Professional Practice Placement
- Sociology and Social Policy in Early Learning and Care

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Level award in Early Learning and Care 5M21473
- A B2 competence in English
- Show an interest in working in the sector
- Garda vetting will also be required, including police vetting from country/ countries previously lived in for 6 consecutive months
- if you have completed Early Childhood Care and Education 5M2007 within the last 5 years and show an interest in working the sector advanced entry to stage 2 is possible.
- Recognition of Prior Learning will be assessed on a case by case basis

Career Opportunities

- Room leader
- Manager
- Supervisor
- Special needs assistant

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TU Dublin:**
Early Childhood Education Level 8 (TU995)
- **SETU - South East Technological University (Carlow and Waterford campus)**
Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Practice SE913
- **DCU - Dublin City University**
Bachelor of Education in Technology, Engineering and Graphics - (Post-Primary) DC015
- **TUD - Technology University Dublin (City campus)**
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education & Care TU790

Advanced entry may be available. CAO details are currently being updated so may be subject to change kindly confirm with HE college at time of application.



Certification:

QQI Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care Stage 2 - NQF Level 6 (6M21471)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Fiona Bradshaw

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Meg Burke

In beginning this course, I knew I wanted to work with children but I didn't know in what capacity. The modules offered were so thorough and broad and gave me an insight into how I would like to progress. The required placement in an ECCE setting is hugely beneficial. I am now studying a BA in UL to become a child social worker. I would highly recommend this course for anyone who is interested in working with children and wants to advance in their career or education.



SOCIAL STUDIES & COMMUNITY CARE (HE) QQI LEVEL 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Community Care
(5M2786)

First Aid

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Karl Glynn-Finnegan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Ciarán Carroll

I had been out of education for a number of years so it was a challenging environment for me both academically and socially. I received fantastic support at all levels from the college. The Course Director, teachers and staff were all very helpful and accommodating.

The college has a nice atmosphere about it so I never felt out of place.

With the help of all concerned at BIFE I was successful in gaining a place on a Degree programme in Social Studies in Trinity College.

This course introduces learners to Social Studies and Social Care work. It provides the academic foundation as well as the practical experience necessary for working in the social services or for those who wish to further their studies. Learners develop an awareness and understanding of the complexity of contemporary social issues. Promoting equality of opportunity, respecting cultural diversity and valuing the individual are some of the issues which are addressed.

Programme of Study

- Social Studies (Sociology)
- Human Growth & Development
- Care Provision & Practice
- Equality & Disability
- Addiction Studies
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award with a merit profile
- Full QQI Level 4 Award with a merit profile
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Garda Vetting and 2 references are necessary prior to work experience placement. Learners must source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Working with Children & Young People (Afterschool's, Youth work,)
- Working with a wide range of client

groups, from children to elderly
Working in a range of Social Care settings, for example day care, residential care, home care

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

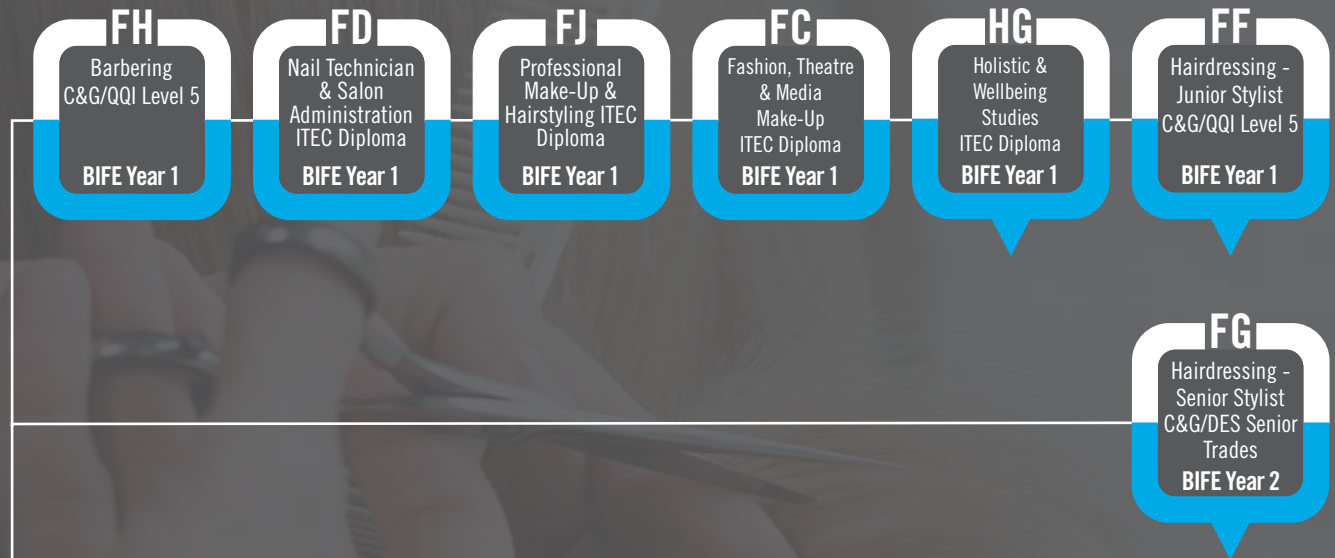
- **Carlow College:**
Applied Social Studies-Professional Social Care level 7 (PC404)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Wexford Campus):**
Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care level 8 (CW068)
- **TU Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
Applied Social Studies in Social Care level 8 (TU991)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Carlow Campus)**
BA Applied Social Care Level 8 (SE927)
BA Social Care Practice Level 8 (SE919)
- **Dundalk IT:**
BA in Community Youth Work Level 7 (DK767)
- **UCD:**
Social Policy & Sociology level 8 (DN750)
TSC Social Science - Two Subject Combination Level 8 (DN700)

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HAIR, BEAUTY & WELLNESS

PROGRESSION ROUTE



FH
Barbering
C&G/QQI Level 5
BIFE Year 1

FD
Nail Technician
& Salon
Administration
ITEC Diploma
BIFE Year 1

FJ
Professional
Make-Up &
Hairstyling ITEC
Diploma
BIFE Year 1

FC
Fashion, Theatre
& Media
Make-Up
ITEC Diploma
BIFE Year 1

HG
Holistic &
Wellbeing
Studies
ITEC Diploma
BIFE Year 1

FF
Hairdressing -
Junior Stylist
C&G/QQI Level 5
BIFE Year 1

FG
Hairdressing -
Senior Stylist
C&G/DES Senior
Trades
BIFE Year 2

Employment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautician Cosmetician Manicurist Make-up Artist Professional Nail Technician Massage Therapist Reflexologist Nail Artist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional - Freelance Make-up Artist Professional Nail Technician Film & TV Sectors Fashion & Theatre Sectors Makeup Specialist with Cosmetic Company Product Sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holistic Therapist in: Hotel Spa Leisure Centre Health Farm Resource Centre Support Groups Within The Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairdressing, Barbering Start Your Own Business Leisure Centres Barber Sales Representative Health Spas Hotels Salons
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HOLISTIC & WELLBEING STUDIES (HG)

ITEC Diploma Award

This one-year Diploma course is designed to give people an insight into the area of Holistic Health. Learners gain an awareness and understanding into the Holistic approach and upon successful completion, are awarded an ITEC internationally recognised qualification in a wide range of holistic therapies. It provides the highest level of training to facilitate learners to pursue a professional career in a variety of settings both at home and abroad. Work experience enables practical hands-on experience, which is invaluable for career prospects.

Programme of Study

Year One

- Diploma in Holistic Massage
- Diploma in Reflexology
- Certificate in Stone Therapy Massage
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness
- Nutrition
- Word Processing

Places in Therapy classes subject to availability

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants with no formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Holistic Therapist in a variety of settings:

- Hotel Spa/Health-farm
- Leisure Centre
- Resource Centre
- Support Group within the community
- Self employed
- Cruise Liners



Certification:

ITEC Diplomas in:
ITEC diplomas/certificates level 5
equivalence on the NQF in

- Reflexology(603/4093/9 – iCT3D6)
- Holistic Massage (603/4092/7 – iCT3D3)
- Stone Therapy Massage (603/4084/8 – iCT3C4)

QQI Level 5 Minor Award in

- Community Health Services (5M4468)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Sandra Kelly

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Denise Dunphy

I recently completed my two year Holistic Well-Being course in BIFE. It has been the best experience of my life. It has helped my life in so many ways. I feel so confident working as a therapist now because of the excellent teaching from the teachers in the college. It has also given me the confidence to build my business up to greater heights now as I have many more qualifications. As a result of attending this course I feel that I want to go onto do more courses in college to add to the treatments I have already studied in. My future plan is to successfully run my own business using all the tools I learned in BIFE.



PROFESSIONAL MAKE UP & HAIRSTYLING (FJ)

ITEC Diploma Award

The Professional Makeup and Hair Styling course is designed for students who want to pursue a career as a make-up artist and hair designer. Students will develop their design identity and professional and technical skills in hair styling, professional make up, nail enhancements and other beauty techniques, offering a rich and stimulating education and preparing you for future employment.

Certification:

ITEC Diplomas/Certificates Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ in Gel Polish Techniques (iUBT385)

Bridal Hairstyling & Make Up (iUBT312)

Photographic Make-Up (iUBT 390)

QQI Level 5 Minor Award in Beauty Therapy (5M3471)

Manicure & Pedicure (iUBT 429)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Sandra Kelly

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Bridal Make Up
- Bridal Hairstyling
- Creative Hairstyling
- Upstyling
- Nail Art
- Manicure & Pedicure Treatments
- Make Up Application
- Photographic Make Up
- Salon Health & Safety
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Freelance hair and make-up artist for:

- Weddings
- Film Sets
- Photo Shoots
- Commercial Events

Beautician/Beauty Therapist in a variety of settings such as:

- Beauty Salon
- Spa/Health-farm
- Cruise Liners
- Nail Bar
- Self-employed mobile therapist
- Make-up specialist with Cosmetic Company
- Product Sales
- Cosmetic Sales Demonstrator

HAIRDRESSING - JUNIOR STYLIST (FF)

City & Guilds / QQI Award / DES Junior Trades

Bray Institute provides everything you need to start your hair hairdressing career. From our fully equipped training salon, our hands-on approach to training and streamlined, interactive theory. This course is suited to complete beginners and people currently working in the hair industry at apprentice level.

This 1 Year course is designed for students who are serious about a hairdressing and barbering career. Students will study the practical skills of hairdressing and barbering, and the underpinning theoretical knowledge that will enable them to pursue a career in the hairdressing and barbering Industry as a Junior stylist. Training is provided in the Institute's fully equipped hairdressing salon.

Students who successfully complete year one may progress to year 2 Senior Stylist course where they will complete the next level of City & Guilds qualifications and the Department of Education and Skills Senior Trade qualification.

Programme of Study

- Working in the hair industry
- Salon reception duties
- Hairdressing science
- Follow health and safety practice in the salon
- Client consultation for hair services
- Shampoo and condition the hair and scalp
- Promote products and services to clients in a salon
- Cut women's hair
- Colour and lighten hair
- Perm and Neutralise Hair
- Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector
- Hair and Head Diseases (Skin and Scalp conditions)
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI level 4

- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners must source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Junior Hair Stylist
- Cruise Ships
- Start Your Own Business
- Trichology
- Session Stylist
- Barber
- Salon Receptionist
- Sales Representative
- Health Spas
- TV/Film & Theatre

Progression Route*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE Year 2**
Hairdressing - Senior Stylist
Based on successful completion of Junior stylist course and Interview.
 - City and Guilds NVQ Level 3 In women's Hairdressing
 - Senior Trade Hairdressing



Certification:

City and Guilds NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing (3002-61)

Department of Education and Skills Junior Trade Hairdressing.

QQI Level 5 Minor Award in Hairdressing (5M3351)

Head of Department:

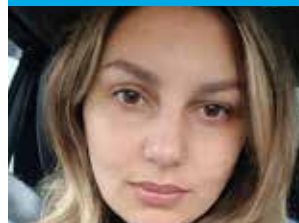
Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Louise O'Brien

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Andrada Tabara

In 2021 I started the Hairdressing Junior Stylist level 2 course and now I'm in my second year as a Senior Stylist level 3-. BIFE for me meant - overcoming fear, pushing myself. I challenged myself even further and signed up for the ERASMUS programme that literally changed my life. It was one of the most amazing experiences that I can not recommend enough, it helps build your confidence, make new memories, tie new friendships and not the least get to experience living and working in a foreign country. In BIFE I get all the amazing support from the tutors who guide and encouraged me constantly and most importantly believed in me even when I didn't.



HAIRDRESSING - SENIOR STYLIST (FG) City & Guilds Diploma / DES Senior Trades

This is a combined course, offering both an international and national accreditation. This course is designed for Junior stylists who are looking to progress their career in Hairdressing and becoming a Senior Stylist. It is also suitable for those working in the hairdressing industries who wish to obtain a recognised qualification.

Certification:

City & Guilds Diploma in Women's Hairdressing (3002-30) Level 6 equivalence on the NFQ

City and Guilds NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing (3002-66)

Department of Education and Skills Senior Trade Certificate

Head of Department

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Louise O'Brien

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon
- Consultation support for colleagues on hair services
- Cut women's hair to create a variety of looks
- Style and dress hair using a variety of Techniques
- Colour hair to create a variety of looks
- Creative Hairdressing Design Skills
- Perm hair to create a variety of looks
- Hair colour correction

Components subject to change

Learners must source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Senior Hair Stylist
- Cruise Ships
- Start Your Own Business
- Trichology
- Session Stylist
- Salon Receptionist
- Sales Representative
- Health Spas
- TV/Film & Theatre
- Teaching

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- NVQ Level 2 award in Hairdressing (City and Guilds or ITEC)
- QQI Level 5 award in Hairdressing
- Junior Trade qualification
- If you do not hold any of the above qualifications, you must have at least 5 years salon experience and a copy of apprenticeship trade card, along with salon references.
- Leaving Certificate Applied with relevant experience
- Mature Applicants – relevant experience in the hairdressing industry will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

BARBERING (FH)

City & Guilds / QQI Award

This 1 Year course is for those who are interested in beginning a career in an exciting and creative industry. This course is intended to provide you with a good knowledge of gent's hairdressing and is designed for those who have a genuine interest in Barbering.

Programme of Study

- Working in the hair industry
- Follow health and safety in the salon
- Client consultation for hair services
- Shampoo and condition the hair and scalp
- Promote products and services
- Cut Men's hair
- Style Men's hair
- Cut facial hair

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners must source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Barber
- Cruise Ships
- Start Your Own Business
- Session Stylist
- TV/Film & Theatre



Certification:

City & Guilds Certificate in Barbering (3008-03)

QQI Level 5 minor award in hairdressing (5M3351)

Head of Department:

Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:

Michelle McLoughlin

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Denis Otvos

Choosing the Barbering course at Bray Institute was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It has taught me all the things I needed to know as a beginner barber but it has also taught me all the theory behind cutting hair which I had no clue about until then. When I first thought about starting barbering, I didn't know where to start until I came across the Bray Institute course and I'm glad I went and did it. It has opened up pathways in my barbering career. Just a few weeks before completing the course I got a job opportunity with "The Grafton Barbers" and I couldn't believe it because if it wasn't for the course I wouldn't know how to cut hair. Fast forward a year and I am now a Senior Stylist at Grafton Barbers. It has been so beneficial for me to attend the barbering course at Bray Institute. Everything that has been covered in class has been a huge benefit to me here at Grafton Barbers.



NAIL TECHNICIAN AND SALON ADMINISTRATION (FD) ITEC Diploma Award

This course is designed for those who wish to pursue a career as a Nail Technician in specialist nail bars and commercial retail settings. It provides the learner with the highest level of practical and theoretical skills.

Upon completion, successful learners will have achieved an ITEC diploma and certificate, which are highly recognised International Qualifications. These much sought after qualifications will facilitate them to pursue a professional career as a nail technician both at home and internationally.

Certification:

ITEC Diplomas/Certificates Level 5 equivalence on the QQI in

- Nail Art (603/4054/X – iBT2C1)
- Nail Technology (603/4040/X – iBT3D10)

QQI Level 5 Minor Award in:
Beauty Therapy (5M3471)

Head of Department
Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator
Sandra Kelly

Duration:
One Year



PROFILE: Honey Higgins

I came from Thailand with a passion to work in the nail tech industry. I decided to do the Nails Technology course at BIFE. It was a lot of the pressure for me as English is my second language, but my tutors were very helpful. I learned great new nail techniques and exciting skills, including waxing. I am delighted to receive student of the year award. I couldn't have achieved this without the help from my tutors. Straight away after I finished the course, I got a job in a busy salon in Wicklow, but now I am working in 5th Avenue, Cork. I would highly recommend this qualification as it gave me more confidence and much better opportunities.

Programme of Study

ITEC Diploma in Nail Technology incorporating:

- Manicure & Pedicure
- Gel Nails
- Acrylic Nails
- Fibreglass Nails
- Professional Conduct & Business Awareness

ITEC Certificate in Nail Art incorporating:

- One Stroke Nail
- Embedding
- Freehand Nail Art
- Acrylic Paint Nail Art
- 3 Week Manicure

QQI Certification in:

- Word Processing
- Retail Selling
- Salon Administration Software

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners must source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Freelance Nail Technician
- Beauty Salon
- Nail Bar
- Cruise Liners
- Product Sales
- Pharmacy
- Department Store
- Self-Employed Mobile Therapist
- Mobile Therapist

FASHION THEATRE AND MEDIA MAKE-UP (FC) ITEC Diploma Award

This course has been tailored for those with a passion for all things make-up and a career in the world of make-up artistry. Make-up artists may pursue a career in Fashion, Theatre, T.V & Film, Bridal & Cosmetic Retailing. This course is awarded by ITEC and is an internationally recognised qualification which is a 'must have' to pursue this exciting and creative path at home or abroad. The course covers SPFX and also includes up to date requirements like body art to ensure you are ready to get straight into the working environment.

Programme of Study

- Diploma in Fashion Theatre & Media Make-Up incorporating:
 - Special Effects – wounds, burns, cuts etc.
 - Body Art
 - Theatre/Character Make-up
 - High Fashion Make-up
 - Make-up for TV & Film
 - Bridal and Special Occasion Make-up
 - Prosthetic application
 - Portfolio Preparation
 - Social Media/Digital Photography
 - Professionalism & Business Awareness
- Retail Sales
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Body Art

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners should be able to provide evidence of aptitude and ability to meet course requirements i.e. creative skills. Experience of make-up would be an advantage.

Learners must source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Professional Make-up Artist
- Film and T.V. work
- Make-up specialist with cosmetic company
- Freelance makeup artist



Certification:

ITEC Diplomas in:

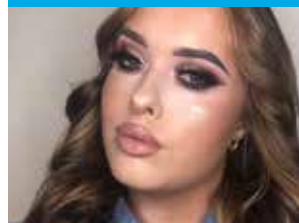
- Fashion, Theatre & Media Make-up Level 5 equivalence on the NFAQ(603/4049/6 - iBT3D14)

QQI Level 5 Minor Award in:
Beauty Therapy (5M3471)

Head of Department:
Sandra Kelly

Course Co-ordinator:
Sandra Kelly

Duration:
One Year

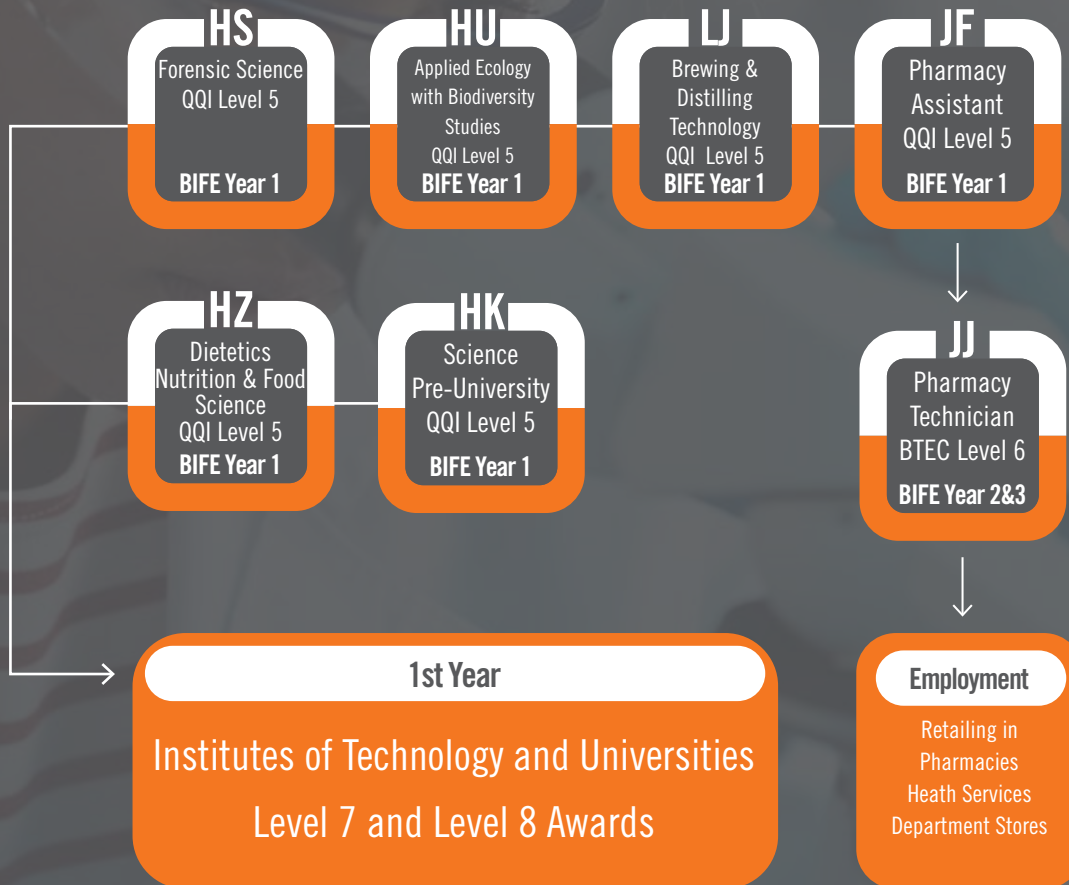


PROFILE: Hope Moloney

My Name is Hope Moloney and I studied Fashion, Theatre & Media Makeup in 2018-2019. I have always dreamed of becoming a Makeup Artist and I have loved every minute of my time in BIFE. The support and encouragement I received from my Tutors was truly amazing. Although the course was hard work and required a lot of time and effort it was such a fun year and definitely worth it. I would do it all again in a heartbeat. Not only did my Tutors push me out of my comfort zone and help me become a better Makeup Artist they gave me so much confidence and always pushed me to do my best. Since finishing my course in BIFE, I have continued to try and get myself out there and practice what I love. I have been invited to some amazing events hosted by big brands such as NIVEA and have had the chance to meet with some of the top Makeup Artists in Ireland. I've also hosted my own event which was sponsored by some big brands such as Bperfect, Essence and Nima brushes. None this of would have been possible without the genuine compassion and support from my amazing Tutors at BIFE.

SCIENCE

PROGRESSION ROUTE



FORENSIC SCIENCE - PRE-UNIVERSITY (HS) QQI LEVEL 5 Award

This course will provide participants with a broad knowledge of the core sciences and an understanding of the Irish legal system. Participants will develop useful skills through hands-on laboratory work as well as an appreciation of the concepts particular to forensics. Students will also develop skills in problem solving, organisation, team work, effective communication and the use of technology. These skills are relevant to a wide variety of industries and professions including in An Garda Síochána, the Defence Forces, the State Laboratory and the Forensic Science Laboratory.

Programme of Study

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Criminal Law
- Criminology
- Biology
- Laboratory Skills
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with at least one science subject and minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a Distinction profile to include QQI Level 4 Biology
- Full QQI Level 4 Certificate with a Distinction profile and a science subject
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy skills and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Pharmaceutical Research
- Laboratory Technician
- Clinical Trial Monitoring
- Medical Research
- Chemical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Forensic Science

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
Science (DN200)
Agricultural Science (DN250)
Food Science (DN261)
- **TCD:**
Physical Sciences (TR063)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Science (TU856)
Bio-Science (TU751)
Analytical Chemistry (TU851)
- **UCC:**
Chemistry with Forensic Science (CK402)
Criminology (CK113)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
DNA and Forensic Analysis (TA326)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this QQI award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Leah Dunne

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
Aura
Naceviciute

I chose this course because I was always interested and fascinated by the science behind forensic science and science in general. The forensic science course in BIFE has provided me with more than enough opportunities in showing me what forensic science is about, the modules within the course are broad ranged and very interesting. I never would have known if I liked criminology and criminal law but thanks to this course my curiosity and love for forensic science keeps growing. All of the teachers are kind and very helpful. The atmosphere around the college is really positive and friendly and everyone is kind to each other. I hope to use my results from this course in BIFE to go on to study Forensic Science in University College Cork.

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SCIENCE – PRE-UNIVERSITY (HK)

QQI Level 5 Award

The purpose of the course is to prepare learners for entry to first year of a degree course in science or a science-related field in a Higher Education Institution. The course is aimed and designed for learners who may not have studied all of the science subjects previously. It has a large emphasis on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This course has had outstanding results with most graduates progressing to top rated Universities.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)

Head of Department:

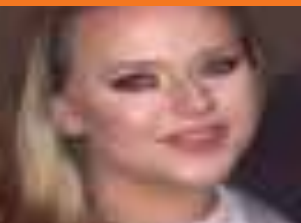
Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Janice Walsh

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Chloe O'Brien

My time in BIFE was an unforgettable experience. The year was filled with amazing tutors, classes and great friends. The Pre-University Science course was extremely well organised and was great fun to participate in. I learnt major key skills in all of the Science disciplines which I have carried on with me to Maynooth University. It was a great year and an amazing college too. The staff are so helpful and the friends I made are lifelong. I thoroughly enjoyed the year in Bray.

Programme of Study

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

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with at least one science subject and minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a Distinction profile to include QQI Level 4 Biology
- Full QQI Level 4 Certificate with a Distinction profile and a science subject
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy skills and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Pharmaceutical Research
- Laboratory Technicians
- Clinical Trial Monitoring
- Medical Research
- Biotechnology

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
 - Science (DN200)
 - Forestry (DN271)
 - Dairy Business (DN252)
 - Agricultural Science (DN250)
 - Food Science (DN261)
 - Agri Environmental-Sciences (DN253)
 - Horticulture, Landscape and Sports Turf Management (DN272)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
 - Science (TU755)
 - Bio Science (TU751)
 - Food Innovation (TU881)
 - Chemical Sciences with Medicinal Chemistry (TU852)
- **DCU:**
 - Physics with Astronomy (DC167)
 - Applied Physics (DC171)
 - Science Common Entry (DC201)
 - Genetics and Cell Biology (DC168)
 - Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences (DC162)
 - Sport Science and Health (DC202)
- **UCC:**
 - Public Health Sciences (CK706)
 - Medical and Health Sciences (CK707)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this QQI award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.

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FOOD SCIENCE WITH DIETETICS - PRE-UNIVERSITY (HZ) QQI LEVEL 5 Award

In order to respond to the current needs of the food industry this Food Science and Nutrition course aims to educate students in a comprehensive range of disciplines including scientific, culinary and technological areas, in order to meet with the requirements of nutritional and functional food industries. Students will learn the fundamental knowledge of food science and the importance of food safety and nutrition in bringing a product to market. As a food scientist, you are involved in all aspects of product development. The ultimate goal of this programme is to ensure that students get practical hands on experience of the food industry and gain key transferable skills. This course is ideally suited for students who are interested in preparing for a career and/or further education in agriculture, food or science.

Programme of Study

- Dietetics
- Nutrition
- Food Chemistry
- Food Processing
- Microbiology
- Food Safety and HACCP
- Communications
- Laboratory Skills
- Work Experience
- Mathematics (Learners may also have the opportunity to study Maths (5N1833) as an extra module)

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a distinction profile to include QQI level 4 Biology
- Full QQI Level 4 with a distinction profile and with a science subject
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

This practical course will allow graduates to potentially set up their own food business or apply for employment in the agri-food industry for positions in food production and management, quality assurance, food research or food innovation and product development.

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities such as:

- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSc Level 8 in Nutraceuticals in Health and Nutrition (TU882)
BSc Level 8 in Science - General Entry (TU854)
BSc Level 8 in Environmental Health (TU869)
BSc level 7 in Biosciences (TU751)
Food Science and Management (TU645)
BSc Level 8 in Food Innovation (TU881)
- **TCD:**
BSc Level 8 in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (TR060)
BSc Level 8 in Chemical Sciences (TR061)
- **UCC:**
Public Health Sciences (CK706)
Medical and Health Sciences (CK707)
- **UL:**
Biological and Chemical Sciences (LM123)
Chemical & Biochemical Engineering (LM115)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this QQI award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Food Science (5M5267)

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Laura Cullen

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Kim Healy

I chose the Nutrition and Food Science course in BIFE as I have always loved food science and the nutritional aspects of food. This course has a nice balance between practical and theoretical learning. I found all of the modules interesting, however, I really enjoy the Food Processing module. During the course, I am gaining a lot of hands on experience whilst doing the experiments as well as a keen interest in food processing. I also love learning about the science behind these processes. My tutors are extremely helpful, supportive and approachable if ever I have questions. Overall, I would highly recommend BIFE and this course to anyone who wants to further extend their knowledge of food and the Food Industry. After this course, I hope to study either Human Nutrition or Food Science in UCD. I have also been considering studying Environmental Health in DIT.

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



PHARMACY ASSISTANT (JF)

QQI LEVEL 5 Award

This course is aimed at those interested in working in a community pharmacy or for those wishing to progress to our two year (part-time) Pharmacy Technician Course.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Community & Health Services (5M4468)

IPU (Irish Pharmacy Union) Certificate in Medical Counter Assistant

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Leah Dunne

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Over the Counter Medicines
- Retail Selling
- Nutrition
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Students completing this course can compete for employment in community Pharmacies as Pharmacy Assistants. Students will also have completed a QQI Level 5 award in Community and Health which allows students apply for related Degree courses in Institutes of Technology and Universities nationally. Successful

graduates may also progress to our two year (part-time) Pharmacy Technician course (see next page)

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities such as:

- **BIFE:**
Pharmacy Technician Level 6 (JJ)
- **DCU:**
Health & Society (DC209)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Pharmaceutical Science (TU763)
Pharmacy Technician Studies (TU876)

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN (JJ)

BTEC Diploma



This course is modular with continuous assessment over the two years. Students will develop medical knowledge to recognise common illnesses and communication skills to liaise with pharmacists and counsel patients on healthcare issues.

Students will gain experience in dispensing procedures and practices and be able to interpret prescriptions and prepare medicines for dispensing. They will be able to maintain patient records and operate pharmacy computer systems. They will also be able to supply non-prescription medicines in accordance with legislation and guidelines.

Programme of Study

- Provide an effective and responsive pharmacy service
- Process pharmaceutical queries
- Ensure your own actions reduce risks to healthy and safety
- Reflect on and develop your practice
- Receive prescription from individuals
- Confirm prescription validity
- Assemble prescribed items
- Issue prescribed items
- Prepare extemporaneous medicines for individual use
- Order pharmaceutical stock
- Receive pharmaceutical stock
- Maintain pharmaceutical stock
- Issue pharmaceutical stock
- Undertake an in-process accuracy check of assembled prescribed items, prior to the final accuracy check
- Provide advice on symptoms and actions and uses of medicines
- Provide an effective service in a setting outside the pharmacy
- Enable learning through demonstrations and instructions

Components subject to change

Career Opportunities

- Hospital Pharmacies
- Community Pharmacies

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Completed QQI Level 5 Pharmacy Assistant Award
- IPU Certificate in Medical Counter Assistant with at least 6 months pharmacy retail experience
- Applicants with at least 2 years' experience working in a pharmacy

NB The applicant must be working in the pharmacy for the duration of the course for a minimum of 14 hours a week.

Learners must source their own work experience.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **R.C.S.I. (ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, IRELAND) - Degree in pharmacy**

Certification:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Laura Cullen

Duration:

Two Years



APPLIED ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY STUDIES (HU) QQI Level 5 Award

The purpose of this course is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to independently and collaboratively analyse and report on the biological diversity within eco systems and the correct management of the earth's resources. Additionally, completion of this course will aid progression to further or higher education.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Applied Ecology Award (5M5028)

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Hilda Harty

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Ecological Field Methods
- Biological Diversity
- Sustainable Water Management
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Environmental Studies
- Applied Permaculture
- Permaculture Design
- Soil Science

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with at least one science subject and minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a distinction profile to include QQI level 4 Biology
- Full QQI Level 4 with a distinction profile and with a science subject
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy skills and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Energy Consultant
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Education Officer
- Nature Conservation Officer
- Waste Management Officer

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
Sustainability (DN240)
- **DCU:**
Climate and Environmental Sustainability (DC294)
- **Maynooth University:**
Arts - Geography (MH101)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this QQI award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.

BREWING AND DISTILLING TECHNOLOGY (L) QQI LEVEL 5 Award



The course will provide an introduction into the basic scientific background, the technical aspects and an understanding of the whole process of brewing and distilling. It will prepare Learners for work as a brewing and distilling technician in a micro-brewery. Additionally, this course enables entry into a first year of a degree course in food science or a science related field within higher education.

The course is aimed and designed for learners who may not have studied many science subject previously. It has a large emphasis on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills that cross both the food and drinks industries, for example, food and drink chemistry, processing, safety and general laboratory skills.

Programme of Study

- Brewing & Distilling Technology
- Food & Drink Processing
- Microbiology
- Food Safety and HACCP
- Food Chemistry
- Laboratory Skills
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Mathematics (learners may also have the opportunity to study Maths (5N1833) as an extra module)

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a distinction profile to include QQI level 4 Biology
- Full QQI Level 4 Award with a distinction profile and with a science subject
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Applicants should have good basic literacy and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

Employment in:

- The growing Irish Beer sector
- The Micro-Brewery Industry
- The Distilling Industry (28 Distilleries in Ireland)

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities such as:

- **SETU South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
BSc Level 8 in Brewery & Distilling (SE521)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSc Level 8 in Science with Nanotechnology (TU855)
Higher Certificate in Food Science and Management (TU645)
BSc Level 8 in Food Innovation (TU881)
BSc Level 8 in Science (TU854)

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other courses can be entered using this FETAC award, please visit www.careersportal.ie for more.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Food Science (5M5267)

FDQ Certificate in Brewing Industry Skills level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Laura Cullen

Course Co-ordinator:

Laura Cullen

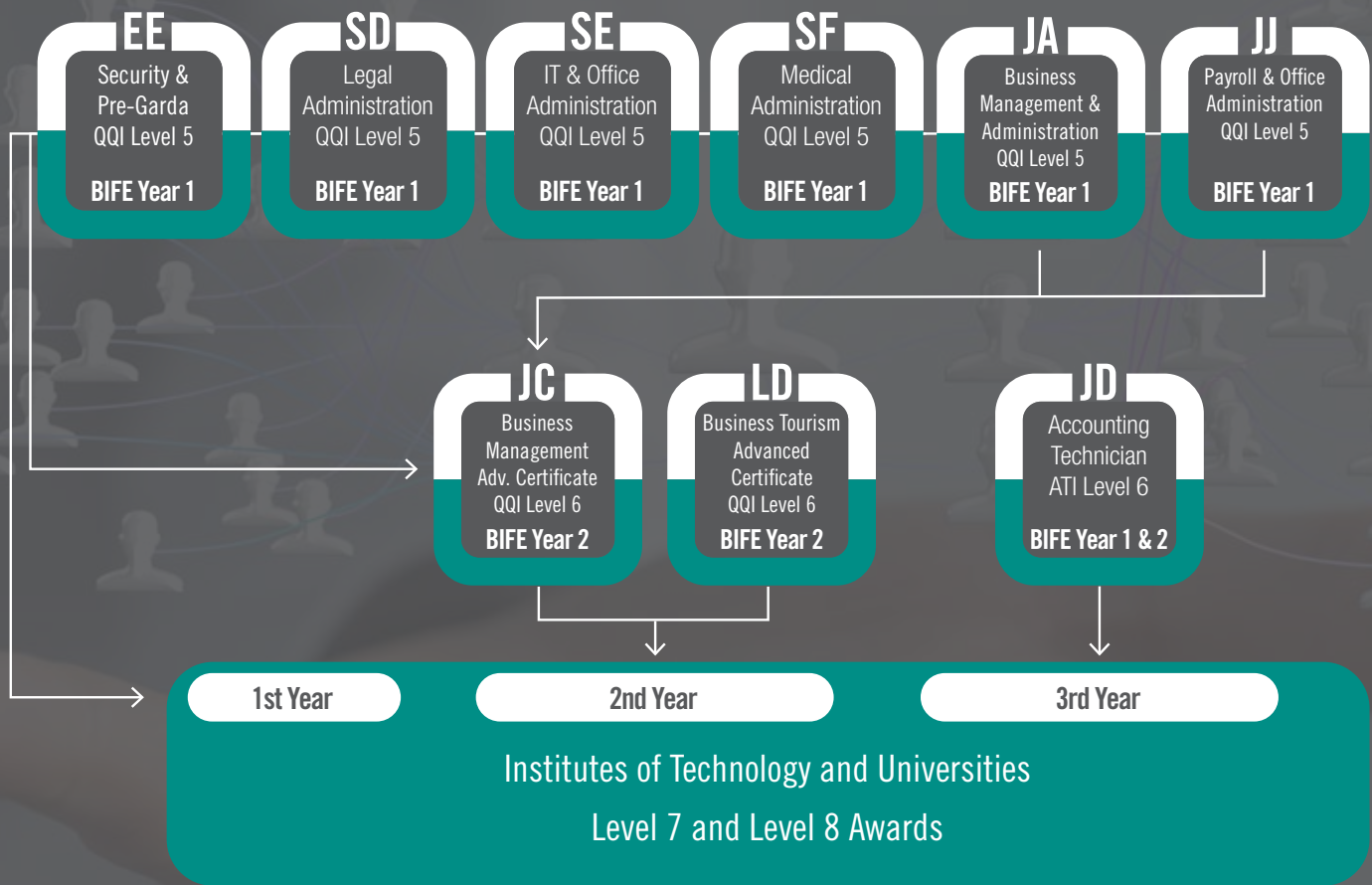
Duration:

One Year

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BUSINESS

PROGRESSION ROUTE



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION (JA) QQI Level 5 Award



This course combines a wide range of Business modules including Marketing, Entrepreneurial Skills, Statistics and Business Administration. It meets the increasing demand from employers for qualified workers who are proficient in a variety of business skills. Learners complete work placements in the business area and gain valuable experience in the sector leaving them ready for either employment or progression into further study at Level 6 or Third Level. Throughout the year students also develop practical skills in Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Skills and Market Research. They have the opportunity also to attend Events in Business and gain valuable knowledge from external speakers and industry specialists. Students on this course have the opportunity based on successful interviews to take part in our Erasmus link programme and gain valuable work experience and crucial life skills in a foreign country for three weeks during the academic year.

Programme of Study

- Bookkeeping – Manual & Computerised
- Business Administration Skills
- Communications
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Marketing Practice
- Statistics
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- *Digital Marketing**
- *eCommerce**

**Components subject to change*

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Employment within the following sectors:

- Business
- Finance
- Administration
- Marketing

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
QQI Level 6 course in Management (6M4587) (JC)
- **DCU:**
Business Studies (DC111)
Aviation Management (DC117)
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Business Studies (DT315)
International Hospitality Management (DT401)
Accounting and Finance (TA121)
Management (TA122)
Marketing (TA123)
- **Maynooth University:**
Arts Degree (Multiple Options)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Business Studies (5M2102)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Larry Coyle

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Ross Denton

I'm very lucky that I had the chance to study the QQI Level 5 business management & administration course in BIFE. As it has given me an opportunity that I thought I'd never be able to get. After I left school at 16, I was concerned that I might have lost my chance of getting into university or even getting a decent job. But after doing this course, it's definitely made it possible. The course is great and gives you a solid understanding into the different areas of business such as marketing, administration, communications and statistics. The staff are brilliant and do everything they can to help you succeed. Which from all of that, led me to where I am now, as I'm currently an undergraduate in Maynooth University studying Politics and Economics and hoping to then get my masters in International Relations to pursue a career in the European Commission. Overall I would advise anyone who is interested in this course to definitely give it a go as it can do great things for you as it did for me.



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT – ADVANCED CERTIFICATE (JC) QQI Level 6 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Management (6M4587)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Sarah King

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Alison Duff

“Choosing the Advanced Management FETAC Level 6 course at the Bray Institute was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I had completed a FETAC Level 5 course in Business and was determined to progress to the next level with the hope of realising a lifelong dream to attend college and obtain my degree. I came across the Institute's prospectus online and was amazed at the choice of courses now available to me. I cannot stress enough how beneficial it has been for me to attend the course in BIFE. Everything that was covered in the classes has been of huge benefit to me here at college and made the transition almost seamless for me. Course content is current, relevant and taught in a very professional manner, in a welcoming and friendly environment.” Alison Duff progressed from BIFE to a degree in Logistics and Supply Chain Management at DIT.

This course enables learners to develop their academic, practical and analytical skills in the area of business management. The course consists of academic study, practical workshops, field study visits and a range of assignments. There is a strong emphasis on entrepreneurship throughout the course. Graduates may proceed to employment, third level study or set up their own businesses. Guest speakers from the business sector visit the Institute and learners attend business presentations and seminars. Students will also have the opportunity to engage in the Erasmus+ Programme and travel abroad.

Programme of Study

- Business Management
- Consultative Selling
- Finance
- Personal and Professional Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Communications
- Event Management
- Human Resource Management

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Full QQI Level 5 award or equivalent.
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Graduates may set up their own Business Enterprise and there is a strong emphasis on Entrepreneurship within this course.

Employment within the following sectors:

- Business
- Finance
- Administration
- Customer Service
- Marketing

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **NUI Galway:**
Commerce(GY201)
- **Maynooth University:**
Business and Accounting (MH407)
- **UCD:**
Business and Law (DN610)
- **NCI:**
Business (NC009)

Direct entry links:

Progression to 2nd year of various third level Courses including courses at TU Dublin and IADT may also be available to JC Graduates. Places are allocated subject to availability and results at QQI Level 6.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN (JD - YR 1 / JE - YR 2) ATI Level 6 Award

(Mornings only)

The institute of accounting technicians is the leading accounting technician body in Ireland with over 10,000 members. The ATI qualification is internationally recognised and graduates are qualified to work in the accounting profession in Ireland or abroad. The Institute has achieved a high success rate in these exams. The ATI offers extensive learner support and advice. In recent years BIFE learners have achieved some of the highest grades in the country in the ATI examinations. In the 2016 Exams Sandra Colgan achieved Joint 1st Place and Niamh Heaney achieved 3rd place overall in Ireland in the 2nd ATI exams. Many other previous students have performed highly in the ATI Exam National Rankings. In recent years many BIFE students have progressed to Third level study gaining entry to Year 3 of the Finance Degree at TU Dublin Tallaght.

Programme of Study

Year One

- Law & Ethics
- Business Management
- Financial Accounting I
- Taxation I

Year Two

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Taxation
- Financial Data Management
- Management Accounting

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent (including a minimum O5 grade in English and either Maths or Accountancy). Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
- Leaving Certificate Applied Students should contact the ATI (01 649 8180 or 649 8100)
- Applications will be considered from mature learners who do not meet these requirements.

Career Opportunities

- Further Professional Study Graduates of this course can progress to higher

Accountancy professional qualification including Chartered Accountants Ireland, ACCA, Association of Tax Technicians, CIMA, CPA, Institute of Incorporated Public Accountants (IIPA).

- Accounting Practice
- Financial Services
- Taxation
- Accounting positions in both Private & Public Sectors

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TU Dublin:**
BA in Accounting & Finance 3rd Year (TU911)
- **Technological University of Shannon (TUS's), Athlone Campus:**
BA in Business & Law (US848)
- **South East Technological University (SETU) Waterford:**
BA in Accounting (WD084)
- **Cork Institute of Technology (CIT):**
Bachelor of Accounting (CR400)
- **Swansea Metropolitan University:**
BA in Accounting
BA in Business Studies
BA in Accounting & Finance (3rd Year)



Certification:

Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI)
Level 6 Award
Yr 1 Certificate and Yr 2 Diploma - NFQ
Level 6

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Jack Carroll

Duration:

Two Years (Morning Only Course)



PROFILE: Sandra Colgan

As a mature student and mum it was a big decision to return to full-time education after years in industry, but from the start I found the team at BIFE helpful and welcoming. The class sizes are small so you get to know everyone and make new friends. The teachers are really excellent and prepared us well for the ATI exams. Early in the course they gave us some good advice; to get into a study routine, use the library resource and form study groups to help and support each other. I have really enjoyed studying at BIFE and am thrilled with our ATI results – all the hard work paid off and the two years have flown by. Both ATI and BIFE have excellent higher education links with Institute of Technology Tallaght (ITT), and I have now entered third year of the Accounting & Finance degree course with my BIFE classmates. They say “education opens doors” and I couldn’t recommend BIFE highly enough to school leavers and mature students alike. Sandra Colgan achieved Joint 1st Place in Ireland in the ATI Year 2 exams in 2016.

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



BUSINESS TOURISM ADVANCED CERTIFICATE (LD) QQI Level 6 Award

This course combines a wide range of modules including Tourism Policy and practice, Entrepreneurship, Event Management and Business Management Skills. It meets the increasing demand from employers for qualified workers who are proficient in a wide range of business skills. Throughout the year students are involved in Entrepreneurial Activity, Market Research, events linked to the tourism industry and indeed benefit from exposure to external speakers and industry specialists. Students will also have the opportunity to engage in the Erasmus+ Programme and travel abroad.

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Tourism with Business (6M5012)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Sarah King

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Benny Deans

Having completed the Tourism, Reception and Event Management Level 5 course, I moved on to the Business Tourism/Advanced Management Level 6. Prior to completing Level 6 I gained advanced entry into Napier University, Edinburgh where I am studying for my dream career in International Festival and Event Management. I did have some new tutors who were as guiding and helpful as the previous year. I have never been in an environment such as BIFE where the tutors are genuinely passionate to see you progress in your chosen education/career. Although I am now studying an honours Level 8 degree, I honestly owe my gratitude to my tutors at BIFE for playing a huge part in the experiences, skills and knowledge gained there.

Programme of Study

- Tourism Policy and Practice
- Communications
- Personal and Professional Development
- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Consultative Selling
- Event Management
- Human Resource Management

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Full QQI Level 5 award or equivalent.
- Mature Applicants and those with industry skills or other qualifications.

Career Opportunities

- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Marketing
- Sales
- Transport Operators
- Hospitality Sector
- Event Management
- Hotel & Catering Operations

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
BA in Arts – Joint Honours (DN520)
- **Maynooth:**
International Business (MH404)
- **UCC (NUI):**
Arts - Archaeology (CK101)
Arts International (CK108)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Tourism Management (TU747)
International Hospitality and Tourism Management (TU746)
- **Shannon College of Hotel Management**
Business Studies in International Hotel Management (GY261)

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LEGAL ADMINISTRATION/ PRE-UNIVERSITY LAW (SD) QQI Level 5 Award



This one-year QQI Level 5 certificate course is designed to enable you to work in a legal environment or to prepare for a career in the legal profession by progressing to higher education. In addition to developing your technical skills in a range of office-related activities, you will have a specialist focus on legal practice. You will develop your Microsoft Office skills alongside fast and accurate keyboarding. In completing this course, you will feel confident about working in any general office or legal environment and have developed strong individual and team skills.

In addition, successful graduates of this course may also take the next step and progress to higher education or university to continue their studies to achieve a full law degree.

Programme of Study

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Text Production with Data Entry
- Audio Transcription
- Spreadsheets
- Word Processing

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- Full QQI Level 4 award with a merit profile
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Legal Executive
- Law Clerk
- Paralegal
- Legal Secretary
- Legal departments of government, insurance or banking
- Compliance departments of business

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Management – Advanced Certificate
QQI Level 6 (6M4587)
- **TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Law (DT532)
- **UCC (NUI):**
Law (CK301)
Criminology (CK113)
Law & Business (CK307)
Law (Pathways) (CK 301)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Legal Studies (5M3789)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Seán Cryan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Fiona Rooney

As a mature student, with no previous college experience, I chose BIFE to help me achieve my lifelong goal of becoming a Legal Secretary. The Legal Studies course opened up to me, a whole new world of skills and experience needed to work in a Legal working environment. The support and help from the teachers right from day 1 was second to none, and the excellent on-board college facilities made the transition for me as a mature student as smooth and easy as I could have hoped for. During my year at BIFE, I made lifelong friends and gained a new found confidence, helping me to pursue a career in a solicitor's office. I graduated the Legal Studies Course with Distinctions across the board and won Student of the Year. I have obtained a great job in a well-established firm and cannot thank BIFE enough for helping me to achieve this. I would highly recommend this course to school leavers and mature students alike.

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MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION (SF)

QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Office Administration (5M1997). Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Niamh Mccall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
Aisling Connick

I always had a customer or patient focused role throughout my career history, working in both a bar and then opticians for a combined 22 years, but felt that I wanted to concentrate more on the medical aspect of patient care. And so, I decided to broaden my skill set and re-train as a medical administrator. I felt this course really suited my needs.

The course itself offered a variety of modules covering various aspects of medical administration and equipped me with the skills needed to pursue my chosen career path. It catered for both new and mature college students. The tutors were supportive and passionate about helping students achieve their goals, which really helped me push myself to get the results I hoped for.

I am now working as a medical administrator, where I am also training to become a Primary Care Assistant, putting to use the skills I acquired from BIFE, and I couldn't be happier in my new position.

(Mornings only)

This one-year QQI Level 5 certificate course is designed to give you a nationally recognised vocational qualification that enables you to work in both the medical/dental and general administration environments. It provides learners with the knowledge and skills to meet the specialist administrative needs of a range of health care occupations as found in hospitals, community health, general and private practice, research, the pharmaceutical industry and complementary medicine. The course is based around general areas of administration and business, secretarial skills, key concepts of computing and its uses in the workplace. The course enables learners to progress directly into employment.

Programme of Study

- Audio Transcription
- Customer Services
- Information & Administration
- Medical Terminology
- Spreadsheets
- Text Production
- Word Processing
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- The HSE
- Clinics
- Private hospitals
- General medical / dental practices
- Opportunities exist to practice abroad for those with language skills

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Management – Advanced Certificate
QQI Level 6 (6M4587)
- **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Business (AL 850)
Business & Law (AL 851)
- **UCD:**
Arts (DN520)
History (DN530)
- **Marino Institute:**
Education Studies (CM010)

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IT & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION (SE)

QQI Level 5 Award



(Mornings only)

This one-year Level 5 Award course is designed to provide learners with a high level of proficiency in administrative, business and IT skills. It caters for those at entry level or those wishing to upskill and/or change career. You will develop your general office skills and become technically proficient in an administration / office environment. Ideally suited to those wishing to upskill and return to the workplace.

Programme of Study

- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Text Production
- Audio Transcription
- Spreadsheets
- Bookkeeping Computer and Manual
- Information & Administration

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Corporate Settings
- Government Agencies
- Legal and Medical Offices

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Management – Advanced Certificate
QQI Level 6 (6M4587)
- **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Business (AL850)
Business & Law (AL851)
- **UCD:**
Arts (DN520)
History (DN530)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Office Administration (5M1997)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Seán Cryan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
Katie Byrne

My name is Katie Byrne and I graduated in Office Administration QQI Level 5 in 2016. I found the course very helpful and interesting. It has enabled me to pursue a career in Clerical Administration. I got to meet and make new friends on the course with the same interests.



SECURITY & PRE-GARDA (EE)

QQI LEVEL 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Security Studies (5M2110)

- QQI Level 5 Award in Security Studies (5M2110)
- Door Licence Certificate (PSA)
- Retail Licence Certificate (PSA)
- Self Defence Certificate (FMA)
- Crisis Prevention (CPI)
- First Aid (BIFE)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Charlie Batt

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
**Eoin
Kenny**

Going to BIFE was the best thing I ever did. I learned all the skills needed to work in security in these hard times. The help and support I got from Charlie Batt and his expert team was second to none. I was long term unemployed. Now I enjoy the dignity of a full time job. I highly recommend it. Thanks to all at BIFE.

This course is designed to prepare learners for employment in the security industry. The course material introduces students to the relevant areas of the industry in Ireland. An integral part of the course is the work placement, giving learners on-the-job experience. This course can be a valuable addition to those who may apply to join An Garda Síochána, the Defence Forces or the Prison Services. It has been designed to meet the needs of the security industry. Under the Private Security Services Act 2004 all security personnel are required to register and obtain a licence. Learners who pass Basic Guarding, Security Industry Awareness and Door Security Procedures may apply for a Security licence under the Private Security Services Act 2004.

Programme of Study

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Security Industry Procedures
- Safety and Health at Work
- Work Experience
- Door Security Procedures
- Crisis Prevention
- Guarding Skills
- Communications
- First Aid
- Customer Service
- Conflict Resolution
- Self Defence

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Garda vetting is necessary prior to work experience placement

Career Opportunities

- Gardaí
- Armed Forces
- Prison Service
- Door Security
- Retail Security

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Technological University Dublin – Blanchardstown campus:**
Digital Forensics and Cyber Security (TU758)
Digital Forensics and Cyber Security (TU863)

PAYROLL & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION (JJ)

QQI Level 5 Award

This programme will provide students with a wide range of office, administrative and IT skills required to work in a modern office environment. As well as developing skills in the Office 365 software suite the course provides the learner with the skills provide Bookkeeping and Payroll services using Sage 50. On successful completion the student can avail of progression routes onto our Level 6 business or computing courses or alternatively may apply via the CAO onto an undergraduate degree programme in a range of third level institutions.

Programme of Study

- Payroll: Manual and Computerised
- Bookkeeping: Manual and Computerised
- Information and Communication Systems
- Database Methods
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Communications

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent with minimum entry requirement Ordinary Level Maths
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- QQI Level 4 Certificate with merit profile Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Business / Office Management
- Data Scientist / Data Analyst
- IT Management

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Business QQI L6 Management (6M4587)
Software Development QQI Level 6 (6M0691)
- **Dublin Business School**
BSc in Computing – Data analytics and Big Data (DB502)
BSc in Business (Information Systems) (DB524)
- **Dublin City University -DCU**
BSc Data Science (DC123)
- **Dundalk Institute of Technology**
BSc Business and Technology (DK711)
BSc Mathematics and Data Science (DK823)
- **MTU Cork Campus**
BSc Information Technology (MT705)
BSc IT Management MT805

Please note that the courses listed above are only a select few, many other options exist, see www.careersportal.ie for more.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award iAward Computer Information Processing (5M2067)

Head of Department:

Ruadhan Duggan

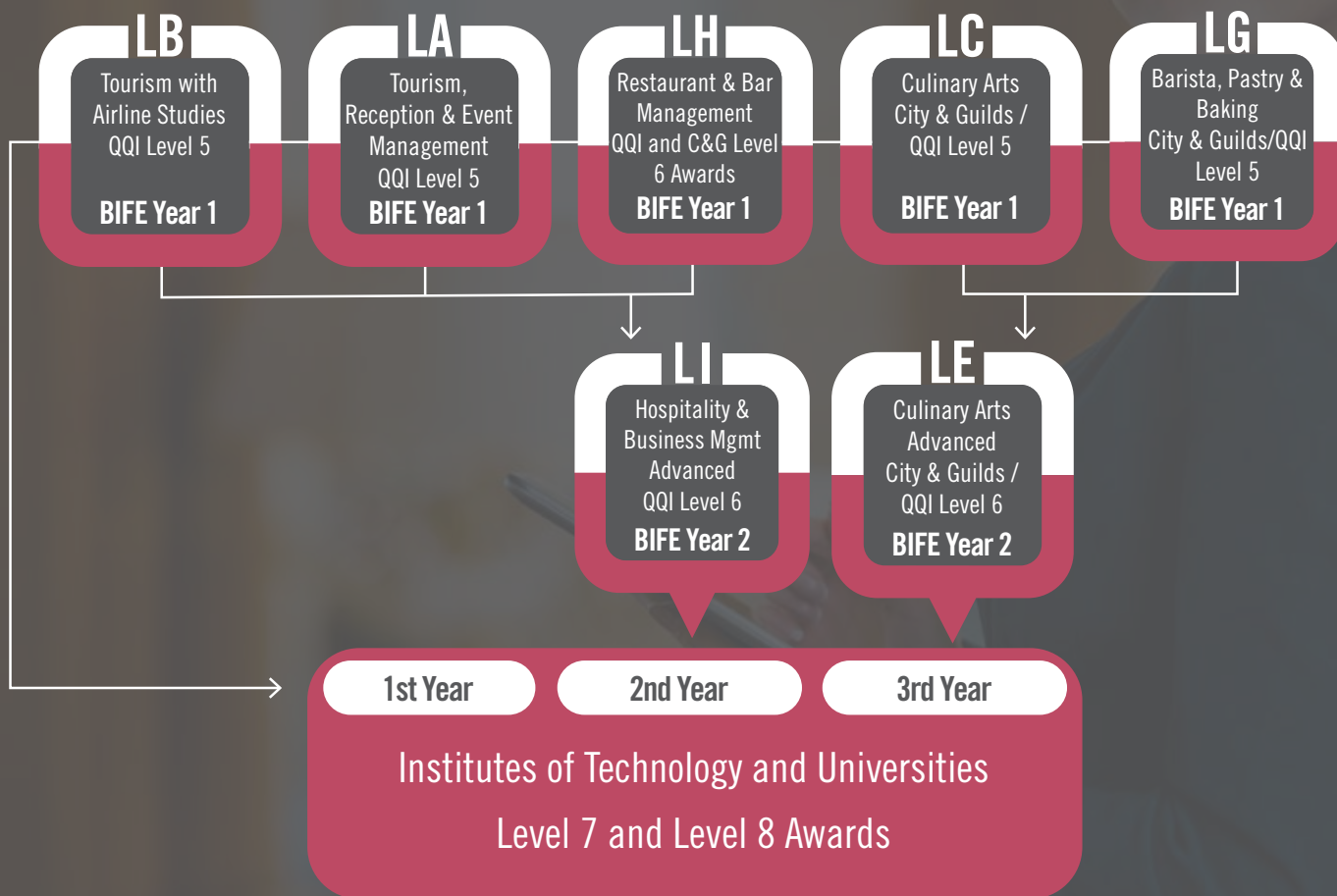
Course Co-ordinator:

David Connell

Duration:

One Year

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROGRESSION ROUTE



TOURISM, RECEPTION & EVENT MANAGEMENT (LA) QQI Level 5 Award

This course is aimed at learners who wish to gain a qualification in the Tourism industry. The Institute has built extensive links with the Tourism Industry and a work experience placement is also completed by learners. In addition to the QQI Award, this course offers practical Industry based Qualifications in Amadeus and HotelierHub Hotel Reservations softwares certified by The International Academy of Travel. Learners undertake a wide range of site visits and tours during the year. Guest speakers may visit the Institute. The Course offers a wide variety of modules and students have a range of potential career and further study options after successful completion of the course. Many of our recent students have progressed to degrees in Tourism, Event Management and Hospitality Management. Students may have the opportunity to apply for an Erasmus placement. Students on this course have the opportunity based on successful interviews to take part in our Erasmus link programme and gain valuable work experience and crucial life skills in a foreign country for three weeks during the academic year.

Programme of Study

- Tourism Principles and Practice
- Tourism Information and Administration
- Food Preparation
- Ecotourism
- Customer Service
- Event Production
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Marketing Practice
- Amadeus/Galileo GDS Ticketing System (IAOT) (in-house training)
- HotelierHub (IAOT)

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Exenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Travel Agents
- Tour Operators

- Tourism Information Centres
- Heritage Attractions
- Transport Operators
- Hospitality Sector
- Event Management
- Hotel & Catering Operations

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
QQI Level 6 course in Business Tourism and Event Management (6M5012) (LD)
- **TUD - Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
International Hospitality Management (DT401)
Event Management (DT413)
Tourism Marketing (DT412)
International Hospitality & Tourism Management (TU951)
- **UCC (NUI):**
Arts - Archaeology (CK101)
Law & Business (CK307)
- **NUI Galway:**
Business Studies in International Hotel Management (GY261)

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Tourism with Business 5M5011

Amadeus/Galileo GDS Training (IAOT)

HotelierHub Hotel Reservations (IAOT)

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Janice Walsh

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Bethany Deans

I can honestly say that my year completing Tourism Reception & Event Management was both the most challenging and fulfilling I have encountered. I left school many years ago and although I have studied various subjects over the years, this was my first time back in formal education. All I can say is, the help I received from my fellow students was incredible. My tutors encouraged and guided me constantly, they believed I was capable even when I didn't. Whenever I had a problem with an assignment or in understanding something, they made time to help me. Reflecting on the college in its entirety, all the staff were incredible. They cared for the overall welfare of the students and supported them in every way. The staff at reception always had a welcome smile, they were extremely efficient and had infinite patience. The atmosphere of the college was brilliant. I loved to see such a mixture of ages from school leavers to mature students, and I think all benefitted from that. I felt I was in a unique place. I could go on about how good BIFE is but I'll stop there. I have returned to BIFE to continue my studies, this time on gaining more skills in the area of Office Administration.



TOURISM WITH AIRLINE STUDIES (LB)

QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Tourism with Business 5M5011
Amadeus/Galileo GDS Training (IAOT)
HotelierHub Hotel Reservations (IAOT)
Ready for Takeoff

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Janice Walsh

Duration:

One Year

This course is aimed at learners who wish to gain a qualification in the Tourism industry. In addition to the QQI Award, this course offers practical Industry based Qualifications in Amadeus and HotelierHub Reservations software certified by The International Academy of Travel. This Course provides learners with the necessary skills to work as cabin crew and passenger service agents. Students will have the opportunity to apply to travel and work abroad through our EU Erasmus+ Programme in Europe. The Course offers a wide variety of modules and students have a range of potential career and further study options after successful completion of the course. Many of our recent students have progressed to degrees in Tourism, Event Management and Hospitality Management.

Programme of Study

- Airline Studies
- Ready for Takeoff
- Tourism Principles & Practice
- Tourism Information & Administration
- Food Preparation
- Global Distribution Systems
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Amadeus Airline Reservations (IAOT Certificate)
- Hotelier Hub (Hotel Reservations), IAOT Cert

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Airline Companies in the following roles:

- Cabin Crew
- Ground Staff
- Travel agents

- Tour Operators
- Tourism Information Centres
- Heritage Attractions
- Transport Operators
- Hospitality Sector
- Event Management
- Hotel & Catering Operations

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
QQI Level 6 course in Business Tourism and Event Management (6M5012) (LD)
- **TUD - Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
International Hospitality Management (DT401)
Event Management (DT413)
Tourism Marketing (DT412)
International Hospitality & Tourism Management (TU951)
- **UCC (NUI):**
Arts - Archaeology (CK101)
Law & Business (CK307)
- **NUI Galway:**
Business Studies in International Hotel Management (GY261)

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RESTAURANT & BAR MANAGEMENT (LH)

QQI Level 5 Award



This full-time course is designed to prepare learners for work in bars, restaurants and hotels. The course creates a learning environment, in which the emphasis is on the practical application of the skills necessary, to work in the dynamic and ever-changing sectors of food and beverage. Learners will learn barista skills, bar skills and restaurant service skills in a practical real-life bar and restaurant setting. Students will have the opportunity to apply for an Erasmus+ international work placement.

Programme of Study

- Mixology
- Cocktail Making
- Bartending
- Customer Service
- Restaurant Skills
- Barista Operations
- Food Preparation
- Event Production
- Work Experience
- Word Processing
- Tourism Information & Administration
- Tourism Principles and Practice
- Marketing Practice

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Exenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Certificate Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Cocktail Bars
- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Catering departments
- Cruise ships
- Airlines

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Technological Universities and Universities.

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TUD - Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Bar and Restaurant Management (TU641)
Hospitality Management (TU745)
International Hospitality and Tourism Management (TU951)
- **TUS - Technological University of The Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Bar Supervision (AL661)
Hotel & leisure Management (AL761)
- **MTU - Munster Technological University (Cork campus):**
Hospitality Management (CR042)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Tourism with Business (5M5011)

RSA Award in Responsible Service of Alcohol
City & Guilds Award in Professional Bartending Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ (7106-11)

City & Guilds Award in Professional Bartending (Cocktails with free pouring) (7106-01)

City & Guilds Award in International Barista Skills (7102-52)

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Gary O'Connell

In 2019, I enrolled into the level 5 Restaurant and Bar Management course and it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. In this course, I learned all about what is required to be really successful in the hospitality industry.

My overall experience in BIFE was amazing. Academically I did very well, and it helped me progress on further to study hospitality management in TUD. The other students in the course played a big part as to why the course was so enjoyable. All the lecturers in the college helped me along the way when I needed it. Everything was taught in a professional manner and everything was made very clear for us. All information was current and relatable to our studies which created a friendly and welcoming environment also.

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CULINARY ARTS (LC)

City & Guilds Diploma Award

The level 2 City & Guilds Diploma in Food Preparation and Culinary Arts is designed for candidates who are looking to start or develop a career in hospitality. They cover both transferable and job role specific skills, ensuring candidates become work ready not only for a specific role but for a career in the hospitality industry. By incorporating the latest industry trends and technology, this qualification prepares the graduates for international work, taking their first steps towards a successful career. It is aligned to the Global Hospitality Certification, developed in partnership with Worldchefs and employers around the world.

Certification:

City & Guilds Diploma in Food Preparation & Culinary Arts (8064-01)
QQI Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ
QQI Minor Award in Professional Cookery (5M2088)

Head of Department:
Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:
Martin Potts

Duration:
One Year



PROFILE: Paul Breslin

Having left school and starting a career in professional cookery I found that I needed to gain qualifications to further my career in the industry. BIFE gave me the opportunity to combine my working life and college to gain the skills needed in the real world whilst continuing to work. I found the City and Guilds professional cookery course challenging but it has left me with a skill set that I can continue with in both further education and industry. After completing the Professional Cookery Advanced course at BIFE, I have progressed directly into the 3rd year of the BA in Culinary Arts course in IT Tallaght.

Programme of Study

- Understand the hospitality industry
- Understand business success
- Provide guest service
- Awareness of sustainability in the hospitality industry
- Professional workplace standards
- Understand own role in self development
- Food safety
- Meet guest requirements through menu planning
- Mise en place
- Cooking methods, techniques and commodities: boiling, poaching and steaming
- Cooking methods, techniques and commodities: stewing and braising
- Cooking methods, techniques and commodities: baking, roasting and grilling
- Cooking methods, techniques and commodities: deep and shallow frying
- Understand food commodities

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- Professional Cookery
- Restaurant and Hospitality Sector
- Event Management
- Hotel & Catering Operations

Higher Education Progression*

Candidates can progress to third level colleges in the field of Culinary Arts subject to application and interview after completing Level 3 Adv Diploma

- **BIFE:**
Adv Diploma in Culinary Arts and Supervision
(8064-06)

PASTRY, BAKING & BARISTA (LG)

City & Guilds Diploma Award

The Diploma is for candidates who are looking to start or develop their careers in hospitality. They cover both transferable and job role specific skills, set out by employers, ensuring candidates become work ready for a career in the hospitality industry. Candidates will be required to display both practical skills and the associated knowledge in order to complete the assessments. This qualification provides learners with specialist skills and knowledge in one of the major growth areas of the hospitality industry – patisserie and the beverage sector. Students will have the opportunity to apply for an Erasmus+ international work placement.

Programme of Study

- The Barista, Pastry and Baking Industry
- Business success
- Customer service
- Awareness of sustainability in the barista pastry and baking industry
- Professional work standards
- Personnel effectiveness and self-development
- Food safety
- Menu planning
- Preparation of Barista style coffees such as espresso, americano, cappuccino, latte, teas, smoothies and many more.
- Presentation of Latte art for the perfect coffee
- Manage and run your own cafe and bakery within the college
- Mise en place (preparing the bakery and coffee service areas ready for service)
- Preparation of modern Cakes, Biscuits and Sponges from scratch
- Preparation a selection of traditional pastry and dough products from scratch
- Preparation of Hot and Cold desserts using classical recipes
- Couverture preparation and chocolate work for the modern Coffee house / patisserie

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent.
- Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award

- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- Coffee shops
- Bakery settings
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Catering Industries

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TUD - Technological University Dublin**
Higher Certificate in Culinary Arts TU643)
- **TUS - Technological University of The Shannon (Athlone Campus)**
Pastry Baking and Desserts NFQ level 6
Culinary Arts Higher Cert in Arts AL660/ NFQ level 6
- **ATU - Atlantic Technological University (Galway Campus)**
Certificate in Pastry and Baking skills GA_OPABG_N06/ 1 year/level 6
Higher Certificate in Arts in Culinary Arts AU429/2 years/level 6

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).



Certification:

City and Guilds Diploma in Food Preparation and Culinary Arts – Patisserie (8064-02)

City and Guilds Award in Barista Skills (7102-53)

Head of Department:

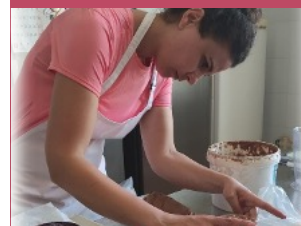
Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Ewelina Pajak

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
Maria Moreno Centenero

The warm atmosphere that I found during the course coming either from my classmates, making my days very inspiring and enjoyable and my teachers motivating or supporting me to handle tough moments such as assignments, theory or practical exams. After the baking and pastry course was finished, I was selected among BIFE students to go to Malaga (Spain) to attend an Erasmus+ training programme in a Cake shop called Candy's for three weeks which gave me the opportunity to learn loads of things and new recipes. A month later I was back in Dublin I applied for a job in one of the most prestigious and awarded patisserie producers in Dublin Le Pâtissier. I absolutely believe the knowledge gained in this BIFE course has brought a comprehensive set of valuable skills to manage the position in this work with the best manners I am able to do thanks to this baking course.

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CULINARY ARTS ADVANCED (LE)

City & Guilds Advanced Diploma Award

The Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Culinary Arts and Supervision is for candidates who have gained experience as a chef and wish to extend their knowledge of the planning and monitoring of operations and staff within the kitchen environment and broaden their overall knowledge of operating successfully within the wider hospitality industry. Candidates will be required to demonstrate their supervisory skills, both knowledge based and practically, in order to fulfil the requirements of the assessments.

Certification:

City & Guilds award Advanced Diploma in Culinary Arts and Supervision (8064-06)

QQI Level 6 Minor award in Professional Cookery (6M2099)

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Willie Rochford

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Sesilia Adamia

After completing the first year of the professional cookery at BIFE I returned to complete the 2nd year of the advanced diploma. I found the course to be both challenging and fulfilling and has enabled me to apply what I have learnt in my role in a professional kitchen immediately. I recommend any students wishing to progress in the field of professional cookery complete the 2 years at BIFE. After completing her 2nd year at BIFE, Sesilla gained advanced entry to the 3rd year of Culinary Arts in IT Tallaght.

Programme of Study

- Developing opportunities for progression in the culinary industry
- Supervise and monitor own section
- Contribute to business success
- Contribute to the guest experience
- Sustainability in professional kitchens
- Monitoring and supervision of food safety
- Produce and present advanced starters using standardised recipes
- Produce and present advanced main course dishes using standardised recipes
- Produce and present advanced desserts and dough products using standardised recipes

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- City & Guilds Diploma in Food Preparation & Culinary Arts (8065-01)
- QQI Level 5 Professional Cookery Award (5M2088)
- Mature Applicants - Industry experience may qualify for entrance onto the course based on individual assessment

Places are offered following a successful interview. Applicant should be in full-time employment.

Career Opportunities

Employment in the catering industry remains steady and graduates in this area are very much in demand. Graduates will be competent to take up employment in a wide range of professional cookery settings.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TU Dublin:**
BA in Culinary Arts
(Advanced entry to 3rd Year) (TU742)

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).

HOSPITALITY & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (LI)

QQI Level 6 Award

This course combines a wide range of modules which aims to get students ready for the fast-paced Hospitality industry. It meets the increasing demand from employers for workers who are qualified to work in high end Bars, restaurants and hotels. Throughout the year students are involved in Managing their own Bar and restaurant, Entrepreneurial Activity, Market Research and other events linked to the tourism industry. Students will also benefit from exposure to organising and welcoming guest speakers and industry specialists. Students will also have the opportunity to engage in the Erasmus+ Programme and travel abroad.

Programme of Study

- Professional bartending
- Restaurant management
- Culinary arts
- Tourism Policy and Practice
- Communications
- Personal and Professional Development
- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Consultative Selling
- Event Management
- Human Resources

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Full QQI Level 5 award or equivalent
- Mature Applicants and those with industry skills or other qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- Hotel/Bar/Restaurant Management
- Cocktail Bartending
- Customer Service
- Marketing
- Sales
- Event Management

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TUD - Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman campus)**
Bar and Restaurant Management (TU641)
Hospitality Management (TU745)
International Hospitality and Tourism Management (TU951)
- **TUS - Technological University of The Shannon (Athlone Campus)**
Bar Supervision (AL661)
Hotel & leisure Management (AL761)
- **MTU - Munster Technological University (Cork campus)**
Hospitality Management (CR042)

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).



Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Tourism with Business

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Benny Deans

Having completed the Tourism, Reception and Event Management Level 5 course, I moved on to the next level which was the Business Tourism/Advanced Management Level 6 QQI Award within BIFE. The key module which I could see myself specializing in was Event Management however, the other modules that you might think are not heavily linked with Event Management have come in extremely beneficial to me now. Prior to the completion of my level 6 I gained advanced entry into Napier University, Edinburgh where I am studying for my dream career in International Festival and Event Management. Although heading into my Level 6 I had already been familiar with BIFE from my previous year, I did have some new tutors who were no doubt as guiding and helpful as the previous year. Within two to three weeks of my Level 6 course starting, I had gained a bond with my classmates which made the whole experience extremely enjoyable.

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ADULT LEAVING CERTIFICATE (RB)

Leaving Certificate

This course offers those who have never taken the Leaving Certificate a chance to undertake this important examination. All learners can be assured of a friendly and supportive learning environment at Bray Institute of Further Education. Supervised Library Study facilities are provided for learners throughout the day. Advice and support is provided by the Guidance Counsellor.

Programme of Study

- Leaving Certificate classes are offered in a range of subjects.
- The choice of subjects offered will depend on demand.
- The course will have at least six subjects which will include Irish, English, Mathematics, Biology, Art, Geography and Business.

Entry Requirements

- No formal qualifications are required
- All applicants are required to attend an interview
- Mature learners are welcome
- Students must be over 18

Places are offered following successful interview.

Education Progression

Successfully passing the Leaving Certificate will enable students to access PLC Courses where the Leaving Certificate is a minimum entry requirement.



Certification:
Leaving Certificate

Head of Department:
Helen O Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:
Michael Galligan

Duration:
One Year



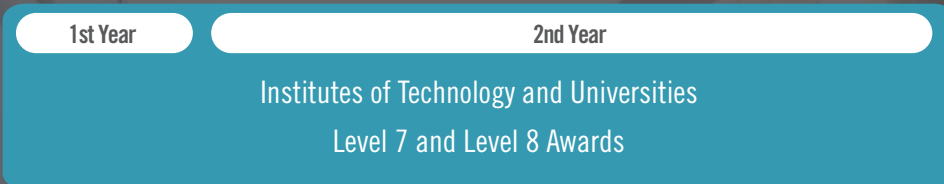
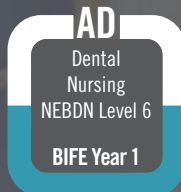
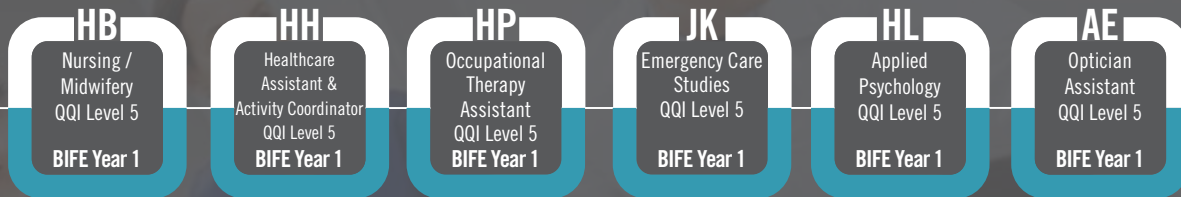
PROFILE:
Aoife
Maddock

Making the decision to return to education and completing my Leaving Certificate at BIFE was a great decision that I would never look back on negatively. The staff at BIFE made me so comfortable and relieved any stress I had throughout the year. In my opinion, the work you decide to put into your year of studying the Leaving Certificate, you will definitely come out with what you deserve.

Doing this gave me a great amount of confidence to continue on with other achievements in my life. I could not have been happier with my results, and cannot wait for my next steps in education with the help of my Leaving Certificate

HEALTH

PROGRESSION ROUTE



NURSING AND MIDWIFERY STUDIES - PRE UNIVERSITY (HB) QQI LEVEL 5 Award



This course introduces the learner to the role of the nurse and midwife and provides an understanding of the knowledge and skills required to pursue a career in the nursing/midwifery profession. Supporting the learner to progress towards nursing or midwifery at degree level is a priority, evidenced by a high success rate for progression. Experienced nurses who deliver the course, link the academic with the practical elements to enable the learner to gain hands-on experience and a real insight into the caring profession. This award provides a link to Nursing / Midwifery Degree programmes in Ireland and the United Kingdom through the CAO and UCAS systems.

Programme of Study

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Nursing Theory and Practice
- Human Growth & Development
- Care Skills
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Maternity Support
- Mathematics (optional)
- Certificates in
 - First Aid and CPR
 - Manual Handling & Patient Moving Techniques

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Exenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a distinction profile
- Full QQI Level 4 Award with a distinction profile
- Mature Applicants – experience and education will be considered

Learners must be Garda vetted prior to work experience placement. Learners are required to source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

- Recruitment in public and private sectors
- Nursing homes

- Hospitals
- Agencies
- Community care areas
- General Nursing
- Children & General Nursing (integrated)
- Intellectual Disability Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Midwifery

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
 - General Nursing (DN450)
 - Children's and General Integrated (DN451)
 - Mental Health Nursing (DN453)
 - Midwifery (DN452)
- **TCD:**
 - General Nursing (TR091 & TR093)
 - Midwifery (TR913)
- **DCU:**
 - General Nursing (DC 215)
 - Nursing (Intellectual Disability) (DC 217)
- **University of Ulster:**
 - Nursing (Adult) Bsc Hons(B740)
 - Mental Health Nursing (B760)
- **SETU - South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
 - General Nursing (WD116)
 - Psychiatric Nursing (WD117)
- **United Kingdom:**
 - Nursing and Midwifery Degrees through UCAS application.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Nursing Studies (5M4349)

- First Aid and CPR (BIFE)
- Manual Handling and Patient Moving Techniques (BIFE)

Head of Department:

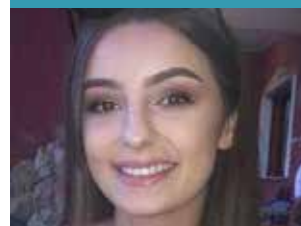
Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Emer Shortall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Fia Murphy

I completed the Pre-Nursing and Midwifery QQI level 5 in BIFE in 2018. I applied to two Universities in Scotland and got offered a place in both. I then received a third round offer to study Children's and General Nursing Integrated in UCD. I went with what I felt was right and chose to stay at home to study. I am loving every moment of my time in UCD and I am very excited to start placement in January. The Pre-Nursing and Midwifery course benefitted me significantly and gave me a greater insight into Nursing and what to expect. The knowledge and experience I gained from my time in BIFE has come to be extremely useful during my labs and lectures and I am that little bit more ahead of students that have come straight from secondary school. I undoubtedly would not have achieved what I have if I didn't work hard and was given the support and commitment from all the staff there. I enjoyed every minute of my year in BIFE and am indebted to the staff for their efforts in supporting me and helping me achieve my distinctions. I certainly wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for all their help throughout the year. I would highly recommend BIFE to anyone who is thinking of pursuing a career in nursing.

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HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT & ACTIVITY COORDINATOR (HH) QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Healthcare Support (5M4339)

First Aid and CPR

Manual Handling and Patient Moving

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Emer Shortall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Roshini Perera

I was initially recommended BIFE by a close friend who had previously completed two years there. I was interested in entering the area of care of the older person and to gain a better theoretical understanding.

I completed the Healthcare Assistant Course. This course was highly satisfactory with each subject equally well-taught by well-informed and efficient teachers. At BIFE, the teachers support their students to achieve their work goals during times of struggle that restrict a student from accomplishing what they anticipate. There is no sense of unfamiliarity as all staff and students are outgoing and approachable.

This course provides a recognised qualification necessary for working as a Health Care Assistant in a variety of settings, including hospitals, day and residential care, mental health, palliative care and the home. The content of the course focuses on preparing the learner for the workplace. It equips the carer with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in this rewarding role as a member of the care team. Two days per week are allocated to facilitate work experience in order to prepare well for employment. It is suitable for those wishing to embark on a career in caring and those already working in the sector who wish to gain a recognised qualification. Employers consistently seek to employ students directly from this course.

Programme of Study

- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Care of the Older Person
- Palliative Care Support
- Manual Handling & Patient Moving Techniques (one day course)
- First Aid & CPR
- Activity Co-ordinator

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners must be Garda vetted prior to work experience placement. Learners are required to source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

Employment as Healthcare Assistant in:

- Hospitals
- Residential Care
- Maternity Care
- Home Care
- Hospice Care
- Community and Day-Care Centres
- Activity Co-ordinator

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Health and Social Care (HC) Level 6
- **TU Dublin:**
Pharmacy Technician Studies (TU654) Level 6
Applied Social Care (TU997) Level 8
- **SETU – South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care (SE917) Level 8
Professional Social Care Practice (SE926) Level 7
- **Carlow College:**
Applied Social Studies (PC404) Level 7
Social, Political & Community Studies (PC405) Level 8
- **SETU – South East Technological university (Waterford Campus):**
Social Care Practice (SE919) Level 8
Applied Health Care (SE928) Level 7

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (HP)

QQI LEVEL 5 Award



This course is suitable for students who are considering a career as an occupational therapy assistant. The course will focus on developing an understanding of impaired mobility and its impact on human occupational performance and ability and the role of occupational therapy in current healthcare services. Students will obtain work experience in homes for the elderly, disability schools/homes, rehabilitation centres and respite care centres for a two-week period.

Students will develop an awareness of how to assist the OT in the implementation of therapeutic programmes. During their work placement, students will develop an understanding of how to plan for and engage the client in self-care activities and examine the components of the OT process, from assessment through treatment planning and implementation to treatment closing.

Programme of Study

- Care Support
- Infection Prevention Control
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Care Skills
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Practice
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Theory

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners must be Garda vetted prior to work experience placement. Learners are required to source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

Successful graduates of this course will be eligible to apply for a position as an Occupational Therapy Assistant in a variety of therapy/care settings.

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates are eligible to apply through the CAO and/or the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to year one of a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities. Options to study in the UK are also available.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Healthservice Skills (5M3782)

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Laura Cullen

Duration:

One Year

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EMERGENCY CARE STUDIES (PRE-PARAMEDIC, FIRE & AMBULANCE) (JK) QQI LEVEL 5 Award

This course is designed for students who wish to work in either the emergency care or fire and ambulance services. This course leads to a Level 5 award in Community Health Services with additional certification in Emergency First Responder, accredited by The Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC). Learners will train for Emergency First Responder incorporating Cardiac First Responder certification which is also PHECC accredited.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Community Health Services (5M4468), Emergency First Aid Responder (EFR) MAPA (Management of Actual & Potential Aggression)) Manual Handling and Patient Moving Techniques

HSE Certificates in

- Hand Hygiene
- Children First
- Putting on & taking off PPE in Acute Healthcare Settings
- Flu Vaccination - protect yourself & Others
- Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne Clarke

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Activities of Living Patient Care
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Care of the Older Person
- Care Support
- Emergency Department Care Skills
- Understanding Mental Health
- Communications
- Mathematics
- Occupational First Aid
- Work Experience
- Manual Handling and Patient Moving Techniques

HSE Certificates in

- Hand Hygiene
- Children First
- Putting on & taking off PPE in Acute Healthcare Settings
- Flu Vaccination - protect yourself & Others
- Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award

- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Careers in the Public Service as

- Fire Personnel
- Ambulance Personnel

Employment Opportunities with

- Private Ambulance
- Event Support Companies
- Care/Nursing Homes

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Student Paramedic Training with National Ambulance Service Ireland**
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
BA in Applied Social Studies in Social Care Level 7 (TU791)
BA Applied Social Care Level 8 (TU997)

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (HL)

QQI Level 5 Award

This one-year course is designed for those with an interest in psychology. It aims to give participants an introduction to the core theories and methodologies of this science and prepare for further study at third-level. In addition, this course lays the foundation for a wide variety of 'people-focused' careers such as social research, care work, environmental psychology, marketing and human resource management.

Programme of Study

- Human Growth & Development
- Psychology
- Addiction Studies
- Behavioural Studies
- Criminology
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Health and Safety

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a merit profile
- Full QQI Level 4 award with a merit profile
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

CV, References and Proof of Results required. Garda vetting necessary prior to work experience. Learners must source their own work experience.

Career Opportunities

- Careers in psychology via higher education entry
- Education
- Industry
- The Health Professions
- Management

- Advertising & Marketing
- Human Resources
- Research
- Counselling
- Social Services

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Maynooth university :**
BA in Arts- psychological studies (MH106) Level 8 NFQ
- **UCD:**
BSc (Hons) Psychology (DN720) level 8 NFQ
- **IADT, Dun Laoghaire:**
BSc (Hons) Applied psychology (DL825) level 8 PSI accredited
- **Dublin Business School:**
BA (Hons) Business with psychology (DB562) level 8 PSI accredited
- **TU Dublin:**
BA Applied Social Studies in Social Care (TU996 and TU997 level 8)
- **SETU – South East technological university (Carlow college):**
BA psychology (SE205)



Certification:

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

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Matt Way

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Isobel Killeen

I studied Applied Psychology from 2021-2022 in BIFE as a mature student. Even though the idea of returning to studying was daunting, the tutors made the process welcoming and encouraging from the very start. They connect with you as a person, as a student and have an overall investment into your success and how to achieve it.

There were very interesting modules covered such as Psychology, Addiction Studies, Human Growth and Development and Behavioural Studies. Since I work as a Children's Chaperone for Television and Film, I have found aspects covered in these modules to be hugely beneficial. I am also furthering my studies in Child Psychology and a Degree in Counselling in IICP which was made possible with my results from this course.

I highly recommend this course for anyone interested in Psychology and for those wishing to pursue a career in this field. It is an eye-opening, intensely interesting, gratifying course and I really enjoyed my time in BIFE.

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DENTAL NURSING (AD) DIPLOMA

This course is aimed at students wishing to gain a nationally recognised qualification in Dental Nursing. The course will provide learners with the necessary skills to support other members of the Dental Healthcare team across the full range of dental treatments.

Learners will undertake a range of specialist modules in dental nursing theory and practice to develop the knowledge and skills to provide chair side support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care

Programme of Study

- Record of Experience Portfolio
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Biology
- Patient Care and Management
- Medical Emergencies
- Oral Disease and Prevention
- Dental Materials and Equipment
- Local and General Anaesthesia
- Radiography
- Prosthodontics
- Minor Oral Surgery
- Introduction to Nursing
- Ethics
- OSCE Preparation
- Safety & Health at Work
- First Aid Response (PHECC)
- Communications
- People Handling

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances maybe considered
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- HSE clinics
- Private practices

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements). Examples of potential courses include:

- **TCD**
Diploma in Dental Hygiene TR802 (Level 7)
- **DCU**
BSc in Health & Society DC209 (Level 7)

Graduates of the NEBDN Diploma in Dental Nursing will be eligible to apply for entry to the Dental Council Register for Dental Nurses subject to final approval by the Dental Council of Ireland.

Graduates can also gain post graduate qualifications to advance to roles in the area of oral health education and promotion, dental radiography, orthodontic therapy and dental hygiene.

Head of Department:
Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:
Ray Tedders

Duration:
One Year

OPTICIAN ASSISTANT (AE)

QQI & C&G Level 5 Award



This course will enable learners to work as an ophthalmic assistant providing patient care, customer service and administration assistance while supporting the wider ophthalmology team with daily clinical tasks.

Graduates will acquire the knowledge and skills required to ensure a high standard of patient care and an efficient patient journey through the clinic.

Programme of Study

- Care Support
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Nutrition
- Biology
- Retail Selling
- Statistics
- Roles in Optical Practice
- Provision & Use of Spectacle Frames
- Sight Test & Low Vision Service
- Contact Lens Service & Practice
- Visual System Pathology
- Light Applied to Optics
- Optical Dispensing

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may progress directly into employment as an ophthalmic assistant under the supervision of a licensed ophthalmologist.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

Graduates may progress to a range of related courses in universities and technological universities as listed below.

- **TUD - TU Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSc (Ord) in Ophthalmic Dispensing, Optometry TU761
- **Glasgow Caledonian University**
BSc in Ophthalmic Dispensing Management B502

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services
Level 3 Certificate for Optometric Clinical Assistant
Level 3 Certificate for Ophthalmic Dispensing Assistant

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

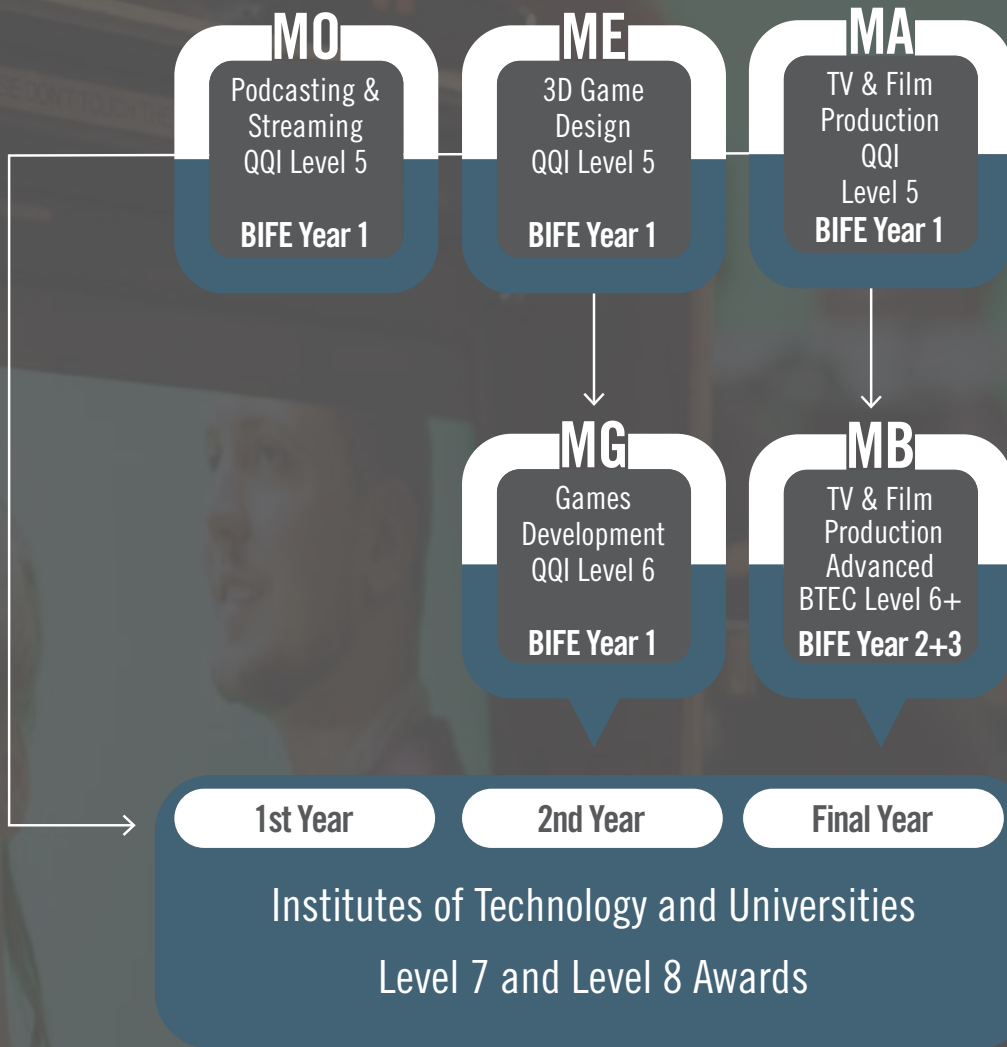
Ray Tedders

Duration:

One Year

FILM & COMPUTER GAMING

PROGRESSION ROUTE



TV & FILM PRODUCTION (MA)

QQI Level 5 Award

This one year course develops practical skills in television and film production, post production, lights, streaming, writing, media analysis and cinematography. Learners will work in a live multi-camera studio environment and also in production crews for short films and documentaries. Each learner will direct a short film and a short documentary film. Successful learners will have a portfolio of completed work and will be offered a place on BIFE's Higher National Diploma in TV & Film (Moving Image).

Programme of Study

- Cinematography Camera Operations
- Cinematography Lighting Skills
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Documentary Film Production
- Script Writing
- TV & Film Editing
- Film Production

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full FETAC Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

- Camera Operation
- Sound Operation
- Lighting
- Design
- Production
- Editing
- TV Studio Production
- Internet related video services

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
TV & Film (Moving Image) Higher National Diploma (MB)
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Film and Broadcasting (DT504)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TU982)
Advertising & Marketing Communications (TA014)
- **UCD:**
Arts - Film Studies - DN520

Many past pupils work in production roles in companies such as RTE, Virgin Media, TG4 and the BBC, and also on productions such as Vikings, Game of Thrones and Into the Badlands.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Film and Television Production (5M18519)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel MacAoidh

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Camila Gomes

After completing my HND in BIFE, I began working on "Vikings" I'm now fulfilling the dream I always had to work in movies. I am now the 2nd Assistant Camera Operator on "Valhalla" the spinoff TV show which is being shot in Ashford Film Studios. My journey has just begun.



TV & FILM PRODUCTION - ADVANCED (MB-YR 1 / MT-YR 2) BTEC Higher National Diploma Award

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Creative Media (Film) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ (603/2282/2)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel MacAoidh

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE: Richard Waters

Through skilled tutors and a supportive atmosphere, BIFE gave me the necessary real life and hands-on experience to further my abilities and achieve goals professionally. I studied TV & Film (Moving Image) for two years in BIFE and went on to complete my one-year top-up degree to graduate with BA (Hons) from Swansea Metropolitan University. I then went on to produce and direct award winning feature films and television. I worked a supervising editor in TV3. I have recently finished directing my second feature film. Richards second movie Bring Out The Fear was in FrightFest London, Screampfest LA, Horrorthon Dublin, Kerry Int. Film Fest and Just won Best feature at The Dark Hedges International Film Festival in Belfast.

This two year course develops advanced practical skills in all aspects of film and television production. Learners work to professional briefs to produce and direct films and documentary films. In conjunction with the "Performing Arts HND" learners will work with actors directing them in individual projects throughout both years of study. Learners will individually produce and direct a film, documentary film, promotion video and a television drama. Learners will have the opportunity to achieve an honours degree with one additional year of study.

Programme of Study

Year One

- Film Studies
- Individual Project
- TV Studio Production
- Principles of Photography
- Creative Media Industry
- Film Practice
- Editing
- Professional Practice

Year Two

- Sound for Media
- Drama
- Documentary
- Advanced Film Production
- Script Writing
- Personal Professional Development
- Collaborative Project

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Award in Creative Media (level 5)
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent with extensive experience in film or television production
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Past students are working in the following companies:

- RTE
- Virgin Media
- Windmill Lane
- Screenscene Observe
- Al Jazeera
- Game of Thrones
- Viking
- Badlands

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **University of Wales, Swansea:**
BA in Creative Digital Media (WG24) - Final Year
BA in Film & Television Production (W610) - Final Year
- **DCU:**
BA in Media Production Management - Final Year
- **Colaiste Dhulaigh:**
BA in Film (Wolverhampton University) One Year Top Up Degree
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Film and Broadcasting (DT504)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TA022)
Advertising & Marketing Communications (TA014)

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PODCASTING & STREAMING (MO)

QQI Level 5 Award

Many successful creatives use live streaming and podcasting to promote themselves and their products. This course will teach learners to create rich graphical video streams to Twitch, Facebook, TikTok, and Youtube. In addition, learners will learn how to record and distribute audio and podcasting material to promote themselves and their creative work.

Programme of Study

- Cinematography Camera Operations
- Sound Engineering & Production
- Digital Editing
- Vocal Performance
- Advertising
- Digital Marketing
- Work Experience
- Communications

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full FETAC Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications
- Places are offered following successful interview

Career Opportunities

- Camera operation
- Sound operation
- Television Editing
- Streaming Services
- Podcasting and Audio Book creation
- Online Marketing

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **Ballyfermot College:**
BA Honours in Visual Media (Final Year)
- **BIFE:**
TV & Film (Moving Image) Higher National Diploma (MB)
- **TU Dublin: (City Campus):**
Film and Broadcasting (DT504)
- **TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TA022); Advertising & Marketing Communications (TA014)
- **UCD:**
Arts - Film Studies - DN520



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel MacAoidh

Duration:

One Year

3D GAME DESIGN (ME)

QQI Level 5 Award

This course is an introduction to 2D and 3D computer game design and development. This course will examine all aspects of computer game production and development from concept to digital art, 3D Modelling and Sound Design. Successful learners will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of game design and development techniques and theory as well as an extensive portfolio of work including a number of individually crafted games.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Kenneth Harte

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Joshua Loveridge

The BIFE games course provided me with a comprehensive and invaluable knowledge base moving forward into a professional environment. The technical knowledge and techniques taught on the course are essential for anyone seeking a successful career within the gaming industry. I also would like to add that the tutors on the course are true professionals and are always willing to aid you whenever they can even after completing the course. If you are interested in a successful career in Game design & development then the BIFE games course is for you." Joshua has just released a new game "The one we Found" onto Xbox and PC(Stream). It's a new breed of horror. Check it out at www.theonewefound.com if you are brave enough. He is currently Managing Director of Loveridge Designs and Loveridge Designs & Development.

Programme of Study

- Games Analysis & Design
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Drawing
- Computer 3D Modelling & Animation
- 3D Computer Graphics
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Learners should have a good working knowledge of computers and some software (e.g. File Management, Internet, Email, MS Office, 3D software/Game engine experience a bonus).

Career Opportunities

- Game Designer
- Game Artist
- Game Programmer
- Game Development
- Sound Designer
- Game Tester
- Digital Media Roles

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Games Development Advanced QQI Level 6 (6M20496)
- **Dublin City University:**
BA (Hons) in Multimedia (DC133)
- **Dundalk IT:**
BSc in Augmented and Virtual Reality (DK722)
BSc (Hons) in Computing in Games Development (DK820)
- **Griffith College:**
Certificate in Music Production for Games (GC460)
- **Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (BA Honours) (MT 824)
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design (MT811)
- **NCAD Dublin:**
Interaction Design (AD222)
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TU796)
- **University of Limerick:**
Creative Media and Interactive Design (LM122)

QQI Graduates are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to Institutes of Technology and Universities.

GAMES DEVELOPMENT (MG)

QQI Level 6 Award



The Games Development course is designed to encourage the development of key games development skills especially in the areas of games software programming, design, graphics and project management. Learners will learn how to use and implement popular game engines like Unity 3D in the creation of their own games software titles while studying core development languages. Additionally, learners will create graphics, animations, sound and look at their implementation possibilities for modern technologies such as the web, mobile devices and gaming consoles. Learners will get hands on experience of exciting technologies such as motion capture, AR and VR. Successful learners will have an extensive knowledge of games software development as well as an extensive portfolio of work including individual games.

Programme of Study

- Computer Illustration Graphics
- Interactive Scripting
- Multimedia Sound
- Multimedia Technology
- Project Management
- Web Authoring
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Mathematics for IT
- Multimedia Authoring

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate (minimum of five O6/H7's or combination of five O6/H7's) with at least an O6 in Ordinary Maths or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Full QQI Level 5 Award
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Candidates are encouraged to bring a CV and portfolio of work to the interview.

Career Opportunities

- Game Development Roles - Programmer, Artist, Animator, Designer
- Indie Game Development
- Software & Web Development

- Digital Media Roles

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **SETU South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
BSc in Computer Games Development (CW208)
- **Dundalk IT:**
BSc (Hons) in Computing in Games Development (DK820)
BSc in Augmented and Virtual Reality (DK822)
BA in Creative Media (DK769)
- **Griffith College:**
Music Production for Games (GC460)
- **Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Software Development (MT800)
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design (MT811)
- **NCAD Dublin:**
Interactive Design (AD222)
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TU796)
Creative Industries and Visual Culture (TU978)
Media Production and Digital Arts (TU982)

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Digital Media Production (6M20496)

Head of Department:

Noel Macaoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Kenneth Harte

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Darragh Lynch

I'm currently enrolled in Game Design at Technological University Dublin.

Everything that I have learned at BIFE has been incredible. Going into Game Design at TUD, BIFE has allowed me to be ahead of the curve and provides an excellent baseline to further your life in Game Design.

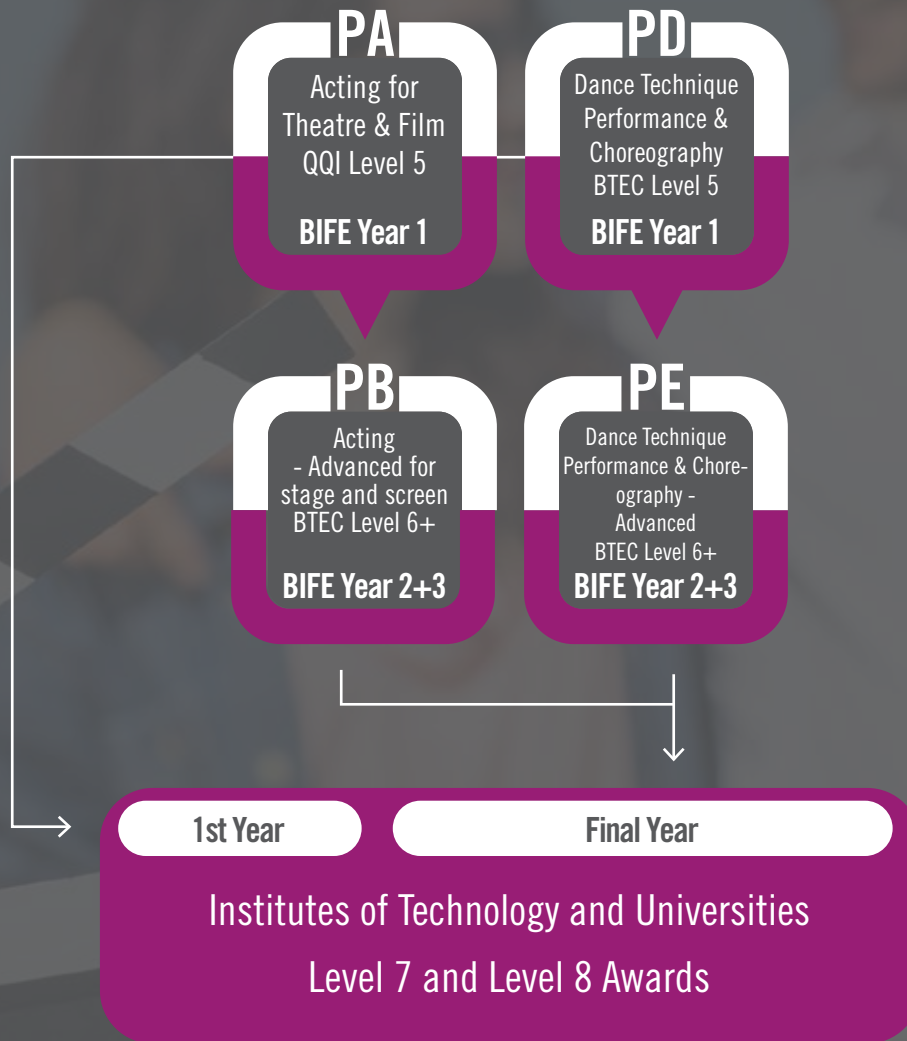
The tutors are best in class and are always willing to help you improve.

BIFE has been the best experience within education for me and I highly recommend this course to anyone thinking about getting into game design.

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ACTING & DANCE

PROGRESSION ROUTE



ACTING FOR THEATRE & FILM (PA)

QQI Level 5 Award

This intensive one year course provides a production-led study in film, TV and theatre performance. It enables learners to develop the personal qualities and performance skills essential to an actor - self-confidence, focus, flexibility, imagination and trust.

Training prepares students to perform in a range of Media with the creation of character through devising, physical exploration or improvisation at its core. The course will give a thorough foundation in the essentials of acting and production. The course will equip students with the confidence and skills needed for opening night on stage or screen.

Programme of Study

- Theatre Performance Skills
- Performance Craft
- Mime and Movement
- TV and Film Acting
- Acting Skills and Techniques
- Theatre Studies
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Certificate Applied Award
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature students – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and successful participation in a workshop/audition.

Career Opportunities

- Film Acting
- TV Acting
- Theatre Acting
- Radio Production
- Presenting
- Marketing in the Arts
- Casting

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Performing Arts – Acting (BTEC Higher National Diploma Level 6+) (PB)
- **TU Dublin (City Campus):**
Drama (Performance) (DT529)
- **TCD:**
Drama and Theatre Studies (TR025)
- **NUI Galway:**
Arts (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies) (GY118)



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Performing Arts (5M5151)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Neil Pearson

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Aoife Ní Dhonnchadha

My experience in BIFE has allowed me to further develop not only my acting but also enhance my theatre making skills with support from both students and faculty alike. The support given to me by lecturers was invaluable during my time here. They work with you in order for you to achieve your best, both academically and in performance. Since graduating from BIFE I have been awarded an Honours Bachelors Degree in Drama from the University of Wolverhampton along with an award for "Overall Best Performance". I am now teaching drama to children in the local Bray area. This has always been a dream of mine. I would recommend this course to anyone who wants to develop themselves as a performer and theatre maker. This course can be challenging at times, however the reward is well worth the challenge

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



ACTING FOR STAGE & SCREEN

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma (PB - YR 1 / PC - YR 2)

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts – (Acting) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 1 (603/2377/2)

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts – (Acting) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 2 (603/2375/9)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Neil Pearson

Duration:

One or Two Years (option of second year to achieve a Higher National Diploma)



PROFILE: Joanna Ryan-Purcell

This course gave me an all rounded knowledge of the theatre and its practices. Having an all round knowledge in any art form is both useful and important, especially if you want to create your own work. In this course we worked with film makers, dancers, costume designers and make-up artists which made my field of 'all round knowledge' more expansive. If one wants to develop a very strong foundation, I would fully recommend studying at BIFE. You can specialise afterwards but having that foundation is invaluable. It was invaluable to me as an independent artist who creates her own work.

This course is a performance-led exploration of acting styles required for working in the areas of Theatre, Film and Television. Training is provided by industry professionals in a comprehensive range of performance skills including Naturalistic Acting, Acting for Camera, Contemporary Performance Styles, Movement for the Actor, Voice and Speech, Audition Technique and Improvisation. Learners will perform to a live audience each term with performances taking place in our own Black Box Studio Theatre and the Mermaid Arts Centre. Opportunities to participate in film projects also feature as part of the performance experience for students.

Programme of Study

- Naturalistic Acting – Stanislavsky and Meisner Systems
- Audition Technique
- Theatre Acting
- Acting for TV and Film
- Movement for Actors
- Voice and Speech for Actors
- Contemporary Performance
- Devising Theatre and Performance
- Physical Theatre
- Professional Development
- Creative Research Skills

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- QQI Level 5 Award in Performing Arts
- Mature students – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and successful participation in a workshop/audition.

Career Opportunities

- Actor
- Director
- Writer
- Production Management
- Stage Management
- Set and Lighting Design
- Arts Administration
- Teaching
- TV and Film Production
- Drama Therapy
- Event Management and Tourism

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **University of Wales, Swansea:**
B.A. Hons Degree in Performing Arts - Performance Theatre (Final year)
- **Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE, Dublin:**
Top-up (BA Hons) Degree in Drama – Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE, accredited by The University of Wolverhampton
- **NUI Galway:**
Arts (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies) (GY118)
- **ATU (Atlantic Technological University) (Sligo Campus) :**
BA Hons Degree in Performing Arts (SG241)

Advanced entry to UK colleges through UCAS and Irish colleges.

DANCE TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY (PD) BTEC National Diploma Award



This exciting new programme skills the dance practitioner/learner and prepares them for entry into today's industry of dance. It provides the learner with an understanding of the skills and knowledge required to pursue a career in dance. The emphasis is on performance, technique and choreography. The one year course gives the learner a comprehensive knowledge of various dance styles and related subjects and allows them the opportunity to develop his/her potential. The course aims to provide a foundation for further studies in dance. It offers a direct route to the Higher National Diploma which will enable learners to proceed to a top up year at University to achieve a B.A. Honours in Dance.

Programme of Study

- Choreography
- Classical Ballet
- Contemporary
- Dance Performance
- Dance Research
- Jazz Dance
- Performing to an Audience
- Performance Workshops

Also included are

- Injury Prevention
- Improvisation
- Nutrition for the Dancer
- Pointe Work
- Rehearsal and Live Performance Skills

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Full QQI level 4 or equivalent in dance
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and audition. Learners should have some previous experience in dance.

Career Opportunities

- Professional Performance
- Teacher
- Dance in the Community
- Arts Administration
- Dance Therapy

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:** Performing Arts – Dance (BTEC Higher National Diploma)

Certification:

BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance Pathway) Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ (500/6919/6)

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Eimear Byrne

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Nicole Maguire

Prior to attending Bife I had no real experience of dance technique, however, BIFE taught me the foundations of techniques across all dance styles which has taken me to where I am today. I could not have asked for a better head start to my dancing career. It was there that I found my true love and appreciation for dance. The tutors take immense pride and care in each one of their students and without their faith and support, I would not be where I am today.

*Places are not guaranteed in these Institutes and are subject to students meeting certain criteria. Please consult the individual college websites for more information on application. Information available also at www.cao.ie



DANCE TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY - ADVANCED

BTEC Higher National Certificate (PE - YR 1)

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts – (Dance) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 1

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Eimear Byrne

Duration:

One year for HNC



PROFILE: Emily Kilkenny Roddy

I studied at BIFE from 2012 until May of 2015. I completed Foundation Level Dance and Advanced Dance years 1 and 2 with a distinction profile and then went on to complete my final Top-up year in Dance at the University of Chichester. I just graduated in October 2016 receiving a 1st class BA (hons) degree in Dance Studies and can reflect on the four years of training and confidently say they will be four of the best years of my life. Since finishing my final year in June I was accepted into Step Up: Dance Project 2016. After completing that I went on to create and perform an original solo which was performed at Electric Picnic 2016 on the Hazel Wood Stage. BIFE is the absolute backbone of my career's route.

The emphasis of the course is on live performance and teaching experience forms part of the course in Year 2. In Choreography and Physical Theatre students explore their creative talents developing original concepts and ideas. Dance Research and Analysis gives the student an insight into the development of dance. In Contemporary Dance, Graham, Cunningham, Limon and Release techniques are explored this preparing students for auditions within top up years and later for industry. Classical Ballet and Jazz dance are also core components of the course and there is an emphasis on professional practice within the course overall. The Higher National Diploma provides a clear pathway following to a top up year at university in the UK leading to a B.A. (Hons) in Dance. Former students have gone on to the University of Bath Spa, Middlesex, Chichester, Chester, Sunderland, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA), Stella Mann College of Performing Arts, De Montfort, Edinburgh College, Doncaster and Winchester. BIFE is the only institute to offer the HND route to a degree in dance in Ireland both North and South.

Programme of Study

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Devising Theatre and Performance
- Singing
- Choreography
- The Performing Arts Industry
- Professional Development
- Investigation of a Specialism
- Fitness Training for the Performing Arts

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- QQI Level 5 award or equivalent in dance
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and audition.

Career Opportunities

- Professional Performance
- Teacher
- Dance in the Community
- Arts Administration
- Choreographer
- Dance Therapy

- Dance Science
- Dance Research

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **University of Sunderland:**
BA Hons. in Dance (W501) Top-up year
- **University of Bath Spa:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up year
- **University of Middlesex:**
BA Hons. in Dance Performance (W500) Top-up year
- **De Montfort University:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up year
BA Hons in Dance Studies (W501) Top-up year
- **University of Chester:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up year
- **University of Chichester:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up year
- **University of Doncaster:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up Year
- **University of Winchester:**
BA Hons in Dance
- **Edinburgh College:**
BA Hons in Dance
- **Stella Mann College of Performing Arts**

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DANCE TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY - ADVANCED

BTEC Higher National Diploma (PF - YR 2)

The emphasis of the course is on live performance and teaching experience forms part of the course in Year 2. In Choreography and Physical Theatre students explore their creative talents developing original concepts and ideas. Dance Research and Analysis gives the student an insight into the development of dance. In Contemporary Dance, Graham, Cunningham, Limon and Release techniques are explored this preparing students for auditions within top up years and later for industry. Classical Ballet and Jazz dance are also core components of the course and there is an emphasis on professional practice within the course overall. The Higher National Diploma provides a clear pathway following to a top up year at university in the UK leading to a B.A. (Hons) in Dance. Former students have gone on to the University of Bath Spa, Middlesex, Chichester, Chester, Sunderland, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA), Stella Mann College of Performing Arts, De Montfort, Edinburgh College, Doncaster and Winchester. BIFE is the only Institute to offer the HND route to a degree in dance in Ireland both North and South.

Programme of Study

- Ballet 2
- Jazz 2
- Contemporary 2
- Choreography 2
- Teaching in Creative Education
- Creative Research Project
- Working in the Performing Arts Industry
- Fitness Training for the Performing Arts

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- DANCE TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY - HNC
- Mature applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following successful interview and audition.

Career Opportunities

- Professional Performance
- Teacher
- Dance in the Community
- Arts Administration
- Choreographer
- Dance Therapy
- Dance Science
- Dance Research

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **University of Sunderland:**
BA Hons. in Dance (W501) Top-up year
- **University of Bath Spa:**
BA Hons in Dance (W500) Top-up year
- **University of Middlesex:**
BA Hons. in Dance Performance (W500) Top-up year
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Certification:

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts – (Dance) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ achieved after year 2 (603/2375/9)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Eimear Byrne

Duration:

One Year for HND

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

PROGRESSION ROUTE

AA

English Language
and IT Skills for
Int. Students
QQI Level 5

BIFE Year 1

AB

English Language
and Business for
Int. Students
QQI Level 5

BIFE Year 1

1st Year

Institutes of Technology and Universities
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (AA) QQI Level 5

This course provides International students the opportunity to improve their skills in English Language and at the same time gain some IT and Customer Service Skills and qualifications? Fluency in the English is the main focus of this course

Programme of Study

- *English as a Second Language*
- *Communications*
- *Digital Presentations*
- *Customer Service*
- *Spreadsheets*
- *Word Processing*
- *Work Experience*
- *Contact Centre Skills*

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview

Career Opportunities

- Contact / Call Centre Industry
- Administration
- Retail
- Customer service contact/call centres
- Receptionists

Higher Education Progression*

Graduates of this course are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).

Certification:

QQI level 5 award in Contact Centre Operations 5M2071

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Gabriel Allen

Duration:

One Years

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND BUSINESS

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (AB) QQI Level 5 Award

This course is intended for students whose first language is not English. It provides a full award at QQI level 5 in Business Studies. Students will have the opportunity to attend 8 hours of intensive English language classes which will be accredited at QQI level 5

Certification:

QQI level 5 award in General Studies
5M3114

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Gabriel Allen

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- English as a Second Language
- Digital Presentations
- Customer Service
- Spreadsheets
- Word Processing
- Personal & Professional Development
- Creative Writing
- Intercultural Studies

Components subject to change

Higher Education Progression*

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Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Full QQI Level 4 Award
- Mature Applicants – experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview

Career Opportunities

- Administration
- Retail
- Customer service
- Receptionists

ENGLISH



APPRENTICESHIPS

JG/JH

Accounting
Technician
Apprenticeship
Level 6

BIFE Year 1&2

Employment

Accounting Practice
Financial Services
Taxation
Accounting Positions

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP (JG-JH - YR 1 / JE - YR 2) ATI Level 6 Award

Bray Institute of Further Education is one of the colleges nationwide which will offer the National Accounting Technician Apprenticeship.

The Accounting Technician Apprenticeship is a practical route to a rewarding career in accountancy where participants put their learning into practice, mentored in both college and the workplace. They get paid at least €22,035 a year and tuition costs are fully funded and with three weeks paid study leave.

This programme will suit:

- School-leavers (18-22 years old) who prefer practical training to full-time academic study.
- Mature learners (aged 23 or above) who are looking to change career or move into a finance role.
- Employees who are already working with a participating employer.

Accounting Technicians Ireland is managing the recruitment process for the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship. Interested applicants should first visit www.accountingtechnicianapprenticeship.ie, where they will find programme information, eligibility requirements, the application form and tips and advice on completing it. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements are forwarded to prospective employers for consideration, and successful applicants will commence with a two-year Apprenticeship contract in September 2023.

Programme of Study

Apprentices will work at their employer's office four days a week, and attend classes at BIFE one day a week. They are also given three weeks' study leave each year. The Diploma for Accounting Technicians is awarded upon successful completion of the programme. Programme modules include:

- Bookkeeping and accounting systems
- Accounts preparation
- Conceptual and regulatory frameworks
- How to prepare financial statements
- Business functions and management
- Business ethics, CSR, Law and Corporate Governance
- Tax Administration, Tax Management, Personal Taxation, PAYE, VAT
- Payroll, spreadsheets and budgeting

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

Apprentices will be recent school-leavers who have completed the Leaving Certificate, or employees who wish to work in a finance role. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age on or before the 1st of September in the year of entry to the programme.

Career Opportunities

- Accounting Practice
- Financial Services
- Taxation
- Accounting positions in both Private & Public Sectors

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- Higher Accountancy professional qualification including Chartered Accountants Ireland
- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Association of Tax Technicians
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland (CPA)
- Institute of Incorporated Public Accountants (IIPA)



Certification:

Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI), Yr 1 Certificate and Yr 2 Diploma - NFQ Level 6

Head of Department:

Ruadhán Duggan

Course Co-ordinator:

Jack Carroll

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE: Jessica Adams

I would highly recommend the ATI course in BIFE. The course itself is challenging but with the help of the lecturers and the college you will never be stuck. The exam prep is great and will ensure that you are 100% ready. The level of support offered is fantastic and the small class sizes ensure that everyone can receive the help they need.

I started the ATI course with no prior experience and was anxious about how I would do, however two years later I am finished, I am working in O'Regan & Co and have started the Chartered Accountants course. For anyone who is unsure of what to do or where to do, I would definitely consider the ATI course in BIFE.

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