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Bray Institute of Further Education

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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 forty-one 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 thirteen hundred 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 ten-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 should have completed and passed one of the following: the Leaving Certificate (minimum of 5 O6/H7's or combination of O6/H7's) or its equivalent, Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) at a merit Level, or its equivalent, a full QQI Level 4 at a merit level, unless otherwise stated. Equivalent qualifications must be approved by the College. Extenuating circumstances may be considered. Learners without the above formal qualifications must be 18 years of age by the 31st December 2025 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.



2024 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 Friday 29th August 2025. 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 26th September 2025. 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 or on-line 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 €150** for learner services*, paid annually.

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*

Diversity & Equality

Bife is an institute that celebrates diversity and equality. We endeavour to provide a safe environment by creating a fair and equitable workplace for both students and staff. It is important for us to offer an encouraging, positive environment so our students have the ability to flourish no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Bife strives to promote a safe inclusive culture so each member of the college community can thrive and be valued for who they are.

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 Freshers Week

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 & Childcare, Health and Sports Departments.

Police clearance is required where a person has lived in a country other than Ireland for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months

Maintenance Grant

Learners on full-time approved courses at the Institute are entitled to apply for Maintenance Grants. 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 (BTEI)

Funding from BTEI offers the chance of free courses to eligible students. Payments from INTREO usually qualify. Medical Cards also qualify. BTEI offers free courses to people who did not complete secondary school also. These part-time courses are a significant addition to the opportunities this college offers. For more information, talk to rayfinucane@kwetb.ie. People who are not eligible for the courses free of charge may participate as fee-payers.

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.

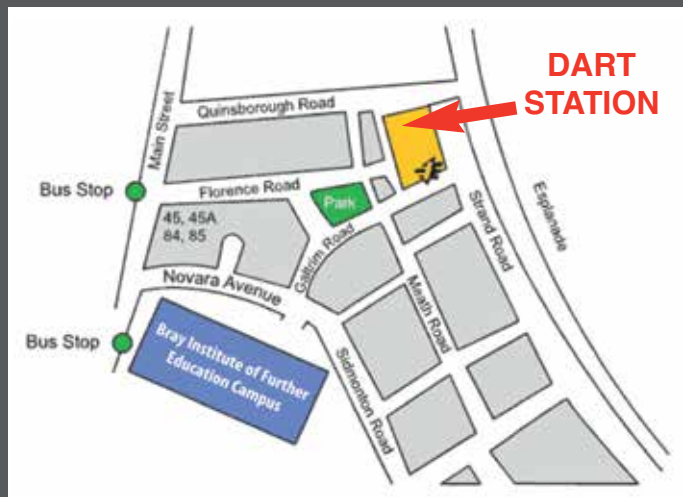


Chair of BIFE Board and member of KWETB Board, Cllr. Tom Fortune, David O'Gorman, Deputy Principal Gabriel Allen, Principal Ray Tedders, CEO of KWETB Deirdre Keyes, Chairman of the KWETB Board Paul O'Brien, Tracey O'Brien, Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy, Ross Lee and Louise Fortune at the BIFE Graduation ceremony

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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.



Event Management Students with their teacher Sarah King at the Graduation Ceremony

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 in Bologna, Italy

Progression

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

In addition, BIFE graduates can progress through the further education links scheme to a variety of 3rd level programmes.

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.

Students can now enrol in one of the new Tertiary Degree Programmes



in a further education institution before progressing to a higher education institution to complete their fully accredited degree.

BIFE run the following Tertiary Degree Programmes:

- Business & Psychology BBus (Hons)
- Virtual Film & Immersive Media Production BA (Hons)

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
- Chess
- LGBT+
- Monday of Meaning
- Music Society
- Women's Boxercise
- Table Tennis
- Theatre Society
- Rugby 7's
- Strength & Conditioning
- Calisthenics & Rock Climbing
- Gym

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BIFE Culinary Students providing some Culinary Delights

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. Tickets are subsidised and are available on the TFI Go App.



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

Canteen

The canteen is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm 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

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.

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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.

Taoiseach Simon Harris announces Major Funding for BIFE

college campus at the Bife site.

The Taoiseach announced that the green light has been given for Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) to proceed to the next stage in developing a College of The Future at Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE).

Government funding worth tens of millions of euro will drive the development of Bife College of Further Education and Training at the existing Bray campus site into a modern, state-of-the-art facility. The redeveloped college will eventually accommodate more than 1,500 learners on-site and cater for up to 5,000 full-time, blended, and part-time equivalent learners.

Speaking in Bray the Taoiseach said: "This is an incredibly proud and exciting day for Wicklow. This campus is now set to benefit from a major investment as it transforms into a state-of-the-art education and training campus that will deliver apprenticeship programmes, and pre-apprenticeship courses, and establish a Centre of Excellence in Film, TV and Media.

"The investment will mean that existing FET provision, which is dispersed across several leased buildings in the Bray and North Wicklow area, will instead be delivered in one single sustainable, developed building. This is what we mean when we speak about

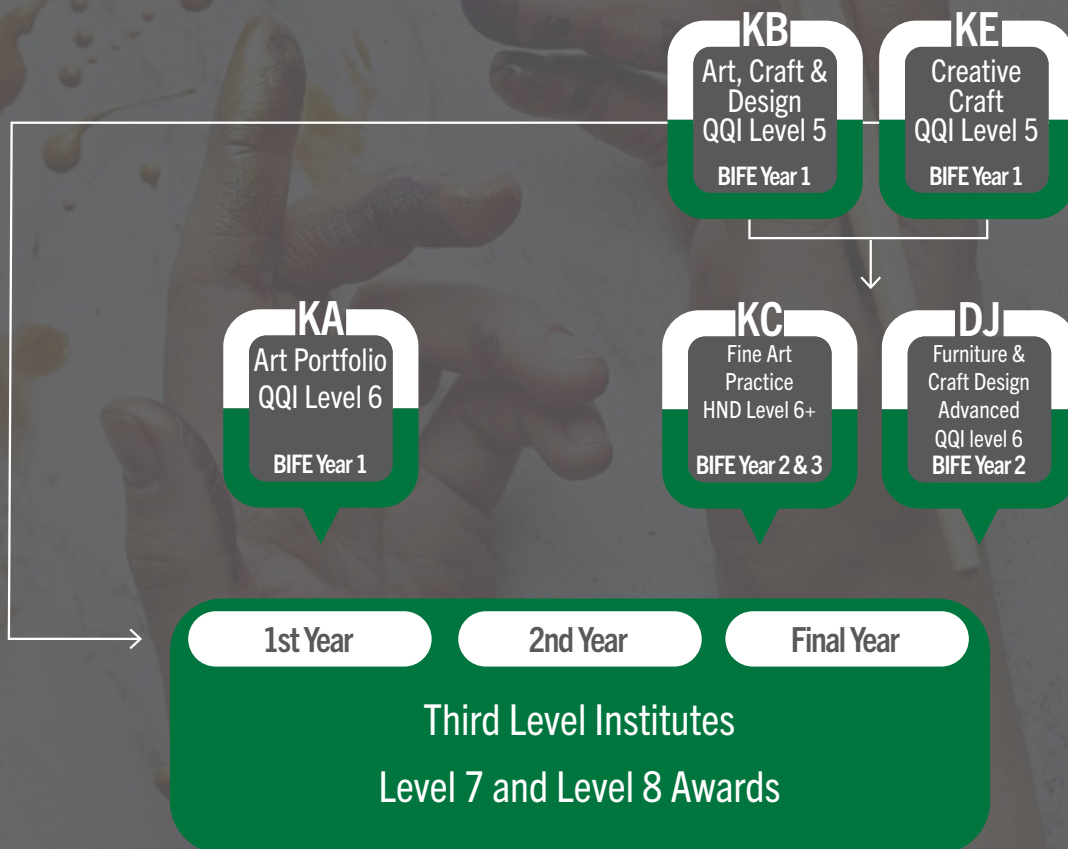
equality across the tertiary sector, it shouldn't matter where you're from, or what path you choose in education. Everyone should have the same opportunity to reach their potential."

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation, and Science Patrick O'Donovan TD said: "Back in 2022, my predecessor Simon Harris announced that Bray had been chosen as one of a number of locations across the country to develop a further education College of the Future. And today we take another significant step forward in realising our ambition for FET in Wicklow, a move that has the potential to transform the lives of learners, staff and the wider community here.

Ray Tedders (Principal) stated "This is a landmark day for Further & Higher education in Bray. I express my gratitude to the many people who have contributed to this development over the years. This will create great opportunities for learners in Wicklow and South County Dublin."

ART

PROGRESSION ROUTE



ART PORTFOLIO PREPARATION (KA)

QQI Level 6 Minor 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/ Graphic and Interior 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)
 - Graphic Design (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)
 - **TUD Technological University Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
 - Visual Communication (DT545)
 - Fine Art (DT546)
 - **TUS Technological University of the Shannon (Limerick Campus):**
 - Art & Design (Common entry) (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 Minor Award in Art (6M4029)
Portfolio Preparation Cert. /Precursor for 3rd level University Degrees

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. 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: Jim O'Neill

As I entered my sixties, I figured the time had come to fulfill a long-held ambition to really learn about art instead of just dabbling as I had done for years. Having been a self-employed sole trader for three decades, I was nervous about returning to school and enrolled in the KB Art, Craft and Design course at BIFE. I cannot speak highly enough of the academic staff. Our tutors took a broadly diverse class, ranging in age from their late teens to their early seventies, through the various disciplines of the course. Their gentle but insistent prodding and challenging meant that I learned to think about art in completely new ways. The knowledge I gained helped me in my own art practice and gave me the confidence to try new things instead of repeatedly sticking to the familiar. My social experience at BIFE has been extremely rewarding and I have forged lasting friendships.

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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Fine Art (TU974)
Interior Design (TU975)
Design - Visual Communication (TU973)

*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

FINE ART (KC)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

The BTEC Fine Art 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 self-directed approach whilst engaging with tutors. This provides the opportunity to specialise in and explore their fine art practice.

Programme of Study

HNC- Year One

- Professional Development
- Contextual Knowledge
- Drawing
- 3D Material Practices
- Photography
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Ceramics

HND- Year Two

- Professional Practice
- Advanced 3D studies
- Advanced 2D studies

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- QQI Level 5 award in in the art 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 / Ceramics
- 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)



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!

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CREATIVE CRAFT (KE)

QQI Level 5 Award

A full-time course in art and craft with a strong emphasis on industry and the economic dimension of creativity. Learners, through active involvement, further their understanding and appreciation of art, craft, and design in all its forms, while at the same time learning to place their work in a cultural and historic context. The course aims to offer each learner a wide ranging experience in Art and Craft Design. A vast and exciting study that culminates in a portfolio of coursework, the chance to exhibit and gain knowledge of how to promote and market artwork.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Craft
(5M1981)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Joanna Brennan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: James Kennedy

Working in carpentry for many years, I went back to education in order to follow a dream of studying and training in art and design. Completing the Level 5 Creative Craft course in Bray has proven to be one of the best decisions I have made in my life. After this I went on to complete the Level 6 in art, followed by acceptance into NCAD, where I am currently studying the Joint Honours Degree in Fine Art and Art Education, also one of only 60 students on the island of Ireland to be awarded the Uversity scholarship fund last year. The Level 5 Creative Craft course is incredible training in a wide variety of art and design modules, with highly skilled, talented and knowledgeable tutors. It gave me all the tools and skills I needed to move forwards to where I am now, and showed me skills that I didn't even realise I had.

Programme of Study

- Drawing
- Design Skills
- Painting
- Woven Textiles
- Sculpture (to include ceramics),
- Combined Materials, (2D and 3D Mixed Media)
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- 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

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

Career Opportunities

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

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

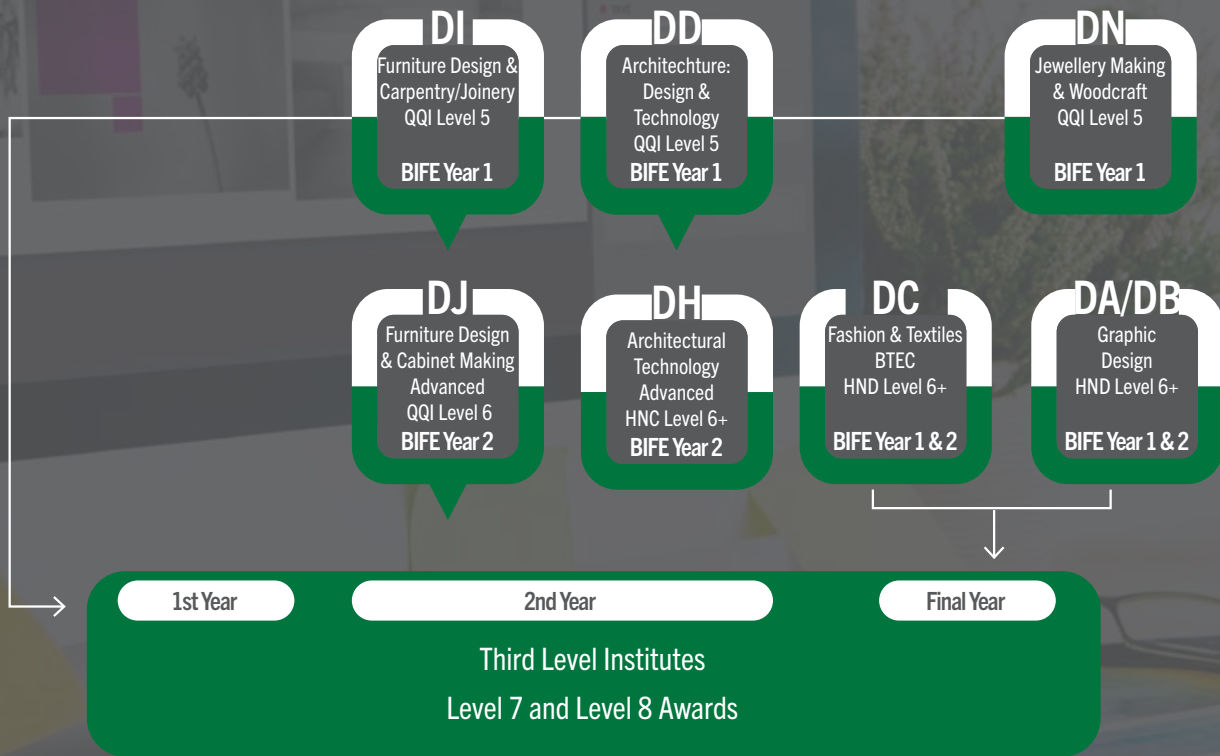
- **BIFE:**
Fine Art Practice (BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma)
Art Portfolio Preparation (KA)
Advanced Craft Design
- **IADT:**
Graphic Design (DL826)
Art (DL827)
Photography and Visual Media (DL833)
Design for Film (DL845)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Contemporary Applied Art (Ceramics, Glass and 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:**
Education and Art or Design (Second Level Teaching) (AD202)
Textile and Surface Design and Jewellery and Objects (AD103)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Fine Art (TU974)
Interior Design (TU975)
Design - Visual Communication (TU973)

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DESIGN

PROGRESSION ROUTE



GRAPHIC DESIGN (DA)

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
- Techniques and Processes
- Ideas Generation
- Typography
- Digital Graphics
- Print Graphics
- Printmaking
- Photography

HND - Year Two

- Professional Practice
- Advanced Contextual Studies
- Ideas Generation
- Typography & Packaging Design
- Multimedia Design
- User Based Design & Development
- Digital Animation & Illustration

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:** Graphic 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
 - **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):** 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 5+ 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

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Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Emma Deering

Duration:

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



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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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY(DD) QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Design (5M2208)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Karen Ryan

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Amadeusz Kasprzak

My time at BIFE significantly enhanced my design, technical, and communication skills. Aided by talented teachers, the course helped me create an exceptional portfolio for College. The challenging BIFE course allowed me to refine my skills and ultimately secure a spot in my dream Architecture course at Technological University Dublin (TUD). The skills I gained at BIFE are now invaluable in improving the quality of my projects and assignments in college.

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.

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:

- **TUD Technological University 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 Third Level Institutes.

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ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY ADVANCED HNC (DH) BTEC Higher National Certificate Award

Architectural Technologists work with Architects and Engineers to produce detailed building construction information. This one-year Higher National Certificate will cover construction fundamentals including Design, Materials, CAD, Surveying and Construction Technology. Studio work will be based on realistic construction projects from inception to completion. Using the latest software, the projects will be fully visualised. The learner will be expected to attend study trips to various buildings of interest.

Programme of Study

- Construction Technology
- Science & Materials
- Construction Design Project
- Legal & Statutory Requirements in Construction
- The Construction Environment
- Digital Applications for Construction Information
- Building Information Modelling
- Principles of Alternative Energy

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate (minimum of five 06/H7's or combination of five 06/H7's) or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances may be considered
- QQI Level 5 award in a related discipline
- Mature Applicants - experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Places are offered following a successful interview. Learners should be computer literate. Applicants must bring a portfolio/ collection of work to the interview

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.

**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:

BTEC Higher National Certificate in Architectural Technology Advanced) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ (610/0930/1)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Karen Ryan

Duration:

One Year

Career Opportunities

- Construction Management
- Architectural Technology
- Building Conservation & Restoration

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

Progression to 2nd year of various third level Courses including courses at TUD, SETU and IADT. Places are available subject to availability and results.



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 GMIT 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
- **TUD Technological University Dublin:**
Sustainable Timber Technology (TU838)
- **SETU – South-East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
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

Places are offered following successful interview.

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:

- **TUD Technological University Dublin:**
Sustainable Timber Technology (TU838)
- **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)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**
Product Design Innovation (SE202)
- **TUS - Technological University of the Shannon (Athlone Campus):**
Animation and Illustration (US802)
- **UCD:**
Joint Honours - Art History (DN520)
Creative and Cultural Industries - Humanities (DN530)



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

I attended BIFE in 2003, 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 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, Shane Tubrid - Furniture by Design

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FASHION & TEXTILES HND (DC)

BTEC Higher National Certificate

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:

Lisa Marron

Duration:

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



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)
- **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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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.

*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

Career Opportunities

- Jewellery making
- Craft industry

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Advanced Craft Design (Level 6) BIFE:

Graduates are eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to Third Level Institutes.



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Craft (5M1981)

Head of Department:

Karen Ryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel Sweeney

Duration:

One Year

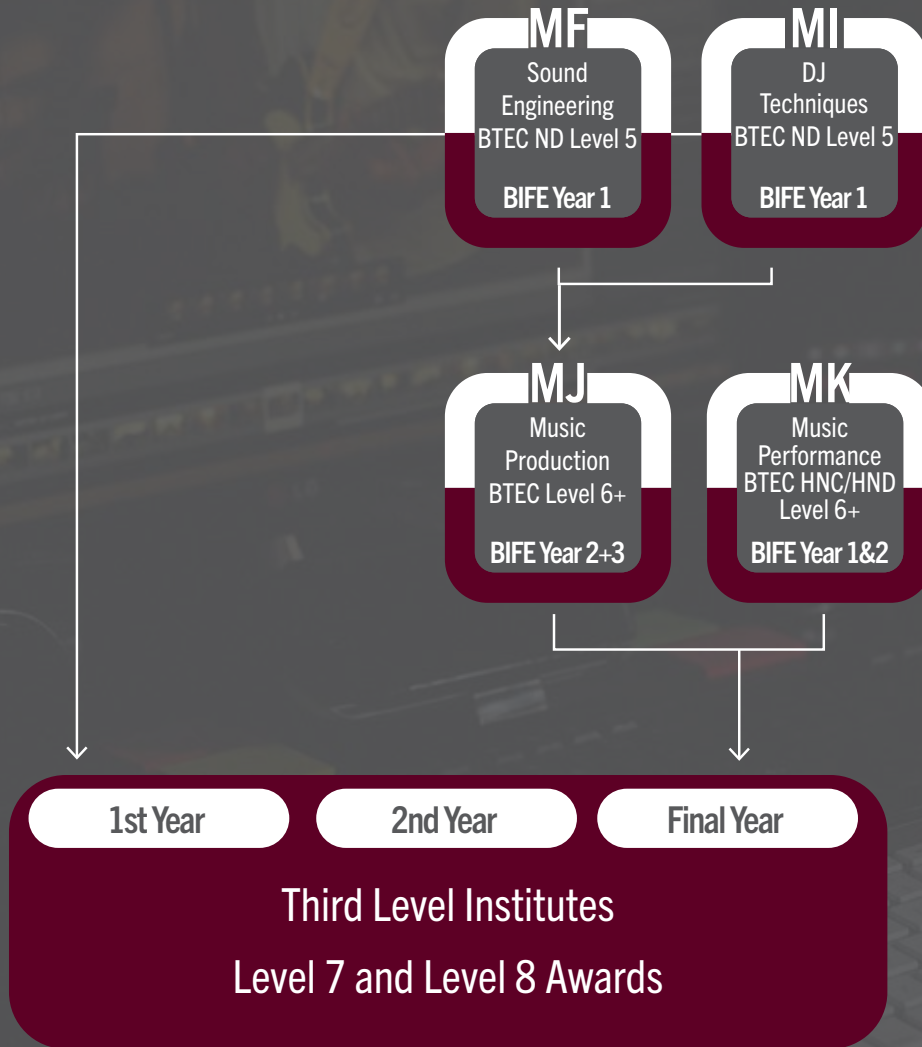


PROFILE: Caitríona Kelly

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!

MUSIC

PROGRESSION ROUTE



DJ TECHNIQUES & MUSIC PRODUCTION (MI) BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PRODUCTION (DJ)



Achieve your goals. Join us today and unlock your potential as a music professional.

BIFE DJ Techniques & Music Production is the only course of its kind in the country, training DJs and Music Producers for over 20 years. BIFE DJ has become known locally, nationally, and even internationally as a center of excellence for electronic music, with past students working and performing all over the globe.

BIFE DJ is known for giving students the space, knowledge, educational support, and access to high end technology they need to learn the skills needed in such a competitive career. The DJ course coach's students in DJ Techniques, Music Production, Music Performance, and Career training.

This is the only course of its kind in the country. If you want to learn to be a DJ Producer or you want to learn how to make a start in the night life industry – this is the course for you!

Programme of Study

- Live Event Production
- Recording Skills
- Mixing Skills
- DAW Productions Skills
- Music Creation Skills
- Planning a Career in Industry
- Graphics Design

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 Foundation Diploma in Music Production (DJ) Level 5 equivalence on NFQ DBDY3

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Kenneth Harte

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Shannen Blessing

Doing this course was one of the best decisions I have made in my music career so far. I have learned so much about the music industry in Ireland and have picked up many techniques from doing this course. Realistically, I wouldn't have picked up producing by myself, so doing this course really gave me the push I needed. Right now, I'm releasing my own tracks and finally, I'm at a stage where I'm happy with the tracks I'm releasing, this wouldn't have been possible without doing this course. I can't credit the teachers enough for their positive attitudes towards music and the knowledge they have within the industry. Most of the knowledge I have now comes from them! I'm now playing gigs around Ireland and releasing my own tracks consistently.

*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



SOUND ENGINEERING (MF)

BTEC Foundation Diploma in Music Production

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

- The Recording Studio
- Recording Skills
- Mixing Skills
- DAW Production Skills
- Music Creation Skills
- Live Event Production
- 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 Production Sound for TV & Film
- Broadcasting (Radio & TV)
- Film/Video Game Sound Design

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 Third Level Institutes.

*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)

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 TUD Technological University 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:

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



PROFILE: Tim Cullen

I completed the HND in Music Performance in BIFE. The course has made me a better musician and musical director and has made me a way better performer, arranger, and composer. It has given me a better scope of the music industry and provided me with a clear vision of how to market my music efficiently. This course has made me competent in music theory; I can read and write sheet music, I'm currently co-producing and co-mixing an album for my band DOGPOND, and I'm also helping to produce works for other up and coming artists, something which I wouldn't have been able to do before this course. I have also done some live sound at festivals since finishing the course. I loved every moment of the course. I made some great friends, and I will always look back on my time in BIFE fondly.

*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 PRODUCTION (MJ)

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:

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



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:

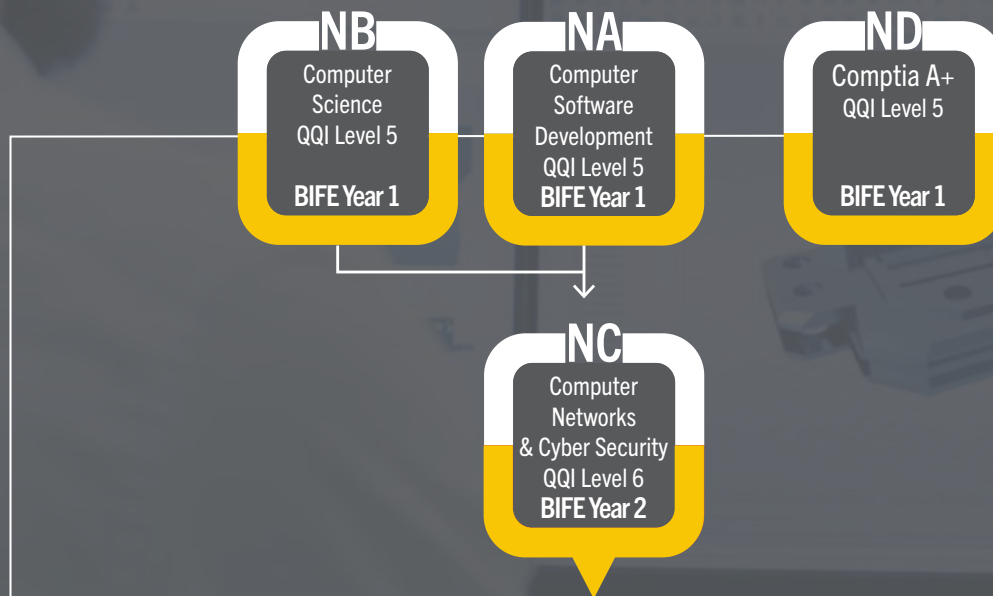
- **Queens University Belfast:**
BA in Music and Audio Production
UCAS: W374 (Second Year)
- **Griffith College/Pulse College Dublin:**
BA Hons in Music Production (Final Year)
Apply directly to Griffith College
- **IADT:**
Creative Music Production (Second Year) DL838
- **Manchester Metropolitan University:**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

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COMPUTING

PROGRESSION ROUTE



1st Year

2nd Year

Third Level Institutes
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards

COMPUTER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT WITH A.I. (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
- A.I.

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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSc in Computer Science (TU856)
BSc in Games Design (TU984)
BSc Data Science and AI (TU850)
- **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)
- **TUD Technological University 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:

Paul Shortall

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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin:**
BSc in Computer Science (TU856)
BSc in Networking Technologies (TU716)
- **Maynooth University:**
Computer Science/Multimedia, Mobile and Web (MH601)

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 & AI 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:

- **TUD Technological University 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, Networks & AI (6M0695)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Paul Shortall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Reyanna Ausente

I recently graduated from BIFE in Computer Network and Cyber Security FETAC LEVEL 6. Choosing this course marked a pivotal moment in my career transition to the IT industry. I found the subjects invaluable, providing a solid foundation despite having no prior IT knowledge. I highly appreciated the support of dedicated tutors and teachers who catered to the diverse learning needs of students. I had the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus+ program in Malaga, a thrilling and enriching experience. The atmosphere in BIFE is vibrant. I would highly recommend BIFE to others for its excellent educational environment. I successfully navigated a transformative journey from healthcare to a more technical career path. I am delighted to share that I am now a Community Operation Analyst for a prominent company. I am grateful for the opportunities provided by the course, facilitating a seamless career shift.



CompTIA A+ (ND)

QQI Level 5 Award

This course leads to the CompTIA A+ certification, which has very wide recognition nationally and internationally. The programme teaches computer maintenance and software support skills as well as networking skills. In addition to the A+, some vital QQI components are also certified on this programme.

Certification:

CompTIA A+ and QQI Level 5
Component Award in Computer
Systems & Networks (5M0536)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Roger Kavanagh

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- CompTIA A+
- 5N2929 Networking Essentials
- 5N2928 Operating Systems
- 5N0548 Computer systems Hardware
- 5N18396 Maths for Computing

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 with a Merit profile
- QQI Level 4 Certificate with Merit profile

Career Opportunities

- Computer and networks maintenance
- Programming,
- App development
- Operating systems

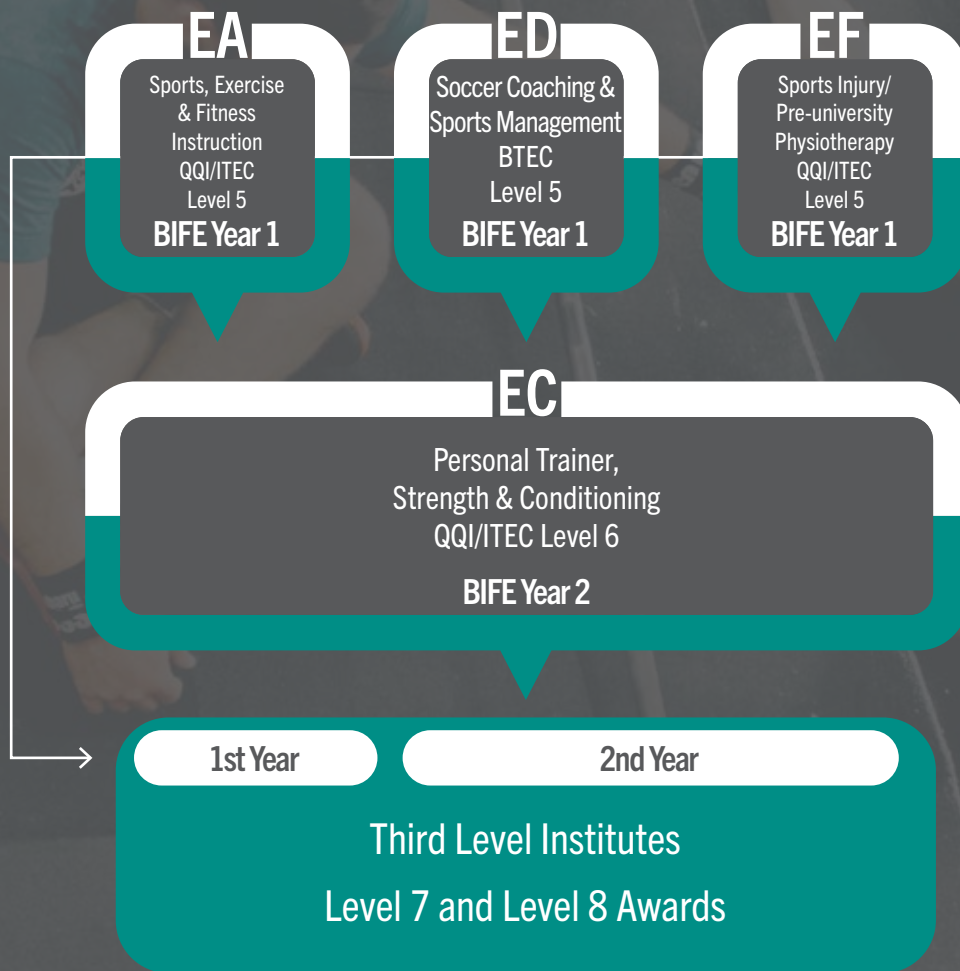
Higher Education Progression*

Most degrees in computer science and related fields will become accessible to this course's graduates. Qualified and accurate guidance on how to move to HE is available.

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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. This is a REPs Ireland accredited course.

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
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
- Garda vetting may be 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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA(H)Sports Management and Coaching(TU935)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSC Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSC Sports Studies (TU737)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSC Sports and Leisure Management (TU955)
- **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 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.

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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: Christopher Nicolson

I currently work at The Fitness Tailor gym as a personal trainer. I completed the personal trainer, strength and conditioning course at BIFE. I had a very positive time, making friends in my course, and I also received a great amount of help from the staff including my teachers who went above and beyond for me and the lunch ladies who were always so kind and friendly. With the work I was studying, BIFE's teachers had first-hand experience. During the course they were able to expose me to a variety of different clients that I would be expected to train, and different ways of training and dealing with these clients. As a big lover of Jui Jitsu it is my plan to eventually open up my own academy with a personal training aspect to it.

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. This is a REPs Ireland accredited course.

Programme of Study

QQI

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

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

Garda vetting may be necessary prior to work experience placement.

Career Opportunities

- Sports Development Officer
- Personal Trainer
- Sports Centre Management
- Strength and conditioning coach

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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA (H) Sports Management and Coaching (TU935)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSC Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSC Sports Studies (TU737)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
BSC Sports and Leisure Management (TU955)
- **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)

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SOCCER COACHING & SPORTS MANAGEMENT (ED)

in collaboration with Liverpool FC - BTEC, QQI & FAI AWARDS



This course focuses on taking your football skills and knowledge to a higher level "The Liverpool Way", with all newly laid out modules that are solely focused on and around football and football coaching, from an ex-professional footballer with over 20 years experience. Learn the history of sport from one of our most prestigious teachers in sports recreation. Understand the importance of nutrition and gain coaching skills "The Liverpool Way" from our UEFA-licensed expert in football coaching. Students on this course will gain pathways into higher education and the football and fitness industries, with coaching badges including FAI PDP1, PDP2 and PDP3 which will give the students employment opportunities as a football coach and referee in Ireland. This course is 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 with the 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.

Programme of Study

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

- BTEC**
- BTEC Level 3 Award Specialist Award in collaboration with Liverpool Football Club Coaching Skills & Practice
 - Health, Wellbeing and Sport
 - Technical and Tactical Skills in Sport
 - Coaching Football the Liverpool Way

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 East 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)
Sport, Business and Coaching (SE910)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Blanchardstown Campus):**
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU735)
BA Sports Management and Coaching (TU935)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSc Sports Science and Health (TU736)
BSc Sports Studies (TU737)
- **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 International Award in Sport, level 5 equivalence on the NFQ
- FAI PDP1, PDP2 & PDP3
- First Aid

Head of Department:
Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:
Emeka Onwubiko

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.

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

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 Technological Universities 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.

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.

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)

*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 AND SPORTS COACHING ADVANCED (EG) QQI & FAI AWARDS

Our advanced soccer coaching course is designed for aspiring coaches seeking to elevate their skills to a professional level. This comprehensive program covers the intricacies of 9v9 gameplay, emphasizing tactical awareness, advanced training methodologies, and player development strategies. Participants will also prepare for and obtain the FAI D Licence, a certification that validates their proficiency in coaching principles and practices. Through hands-on sessions, expert-led workshops, and real-world coaching scenarios, attendees will gain invaluable insights and experience. This course is ideal for those committed to fostering talent and achieving excellence in soccer coaching

Programme of Study

FAI

- FAI 9v9
- FAI National D Licence

QQI

- Health Promotion
- Sports Psychology
- Soccer Coaching
- Exercise & Fitness
- Team Leadership
- Coaching Football

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Soccer Award at Level 5 or equivalent
- FAI PDP 3
- Mature Applicants with Soccer Experience

Places are offered following successful interview.

Career Opportunities

- Soccer Coach
- Sports Coach
- Youth Worker
- Fitness Instruction

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **SETU South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Sports Coaching (SE904)
BSc in Sport and Exercise Science



Certification:

- QQI Level 6 Minor Award in Sports, Exercise & Recreation (6M5147)
- FAI 9v9
- FAI National D Licence

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

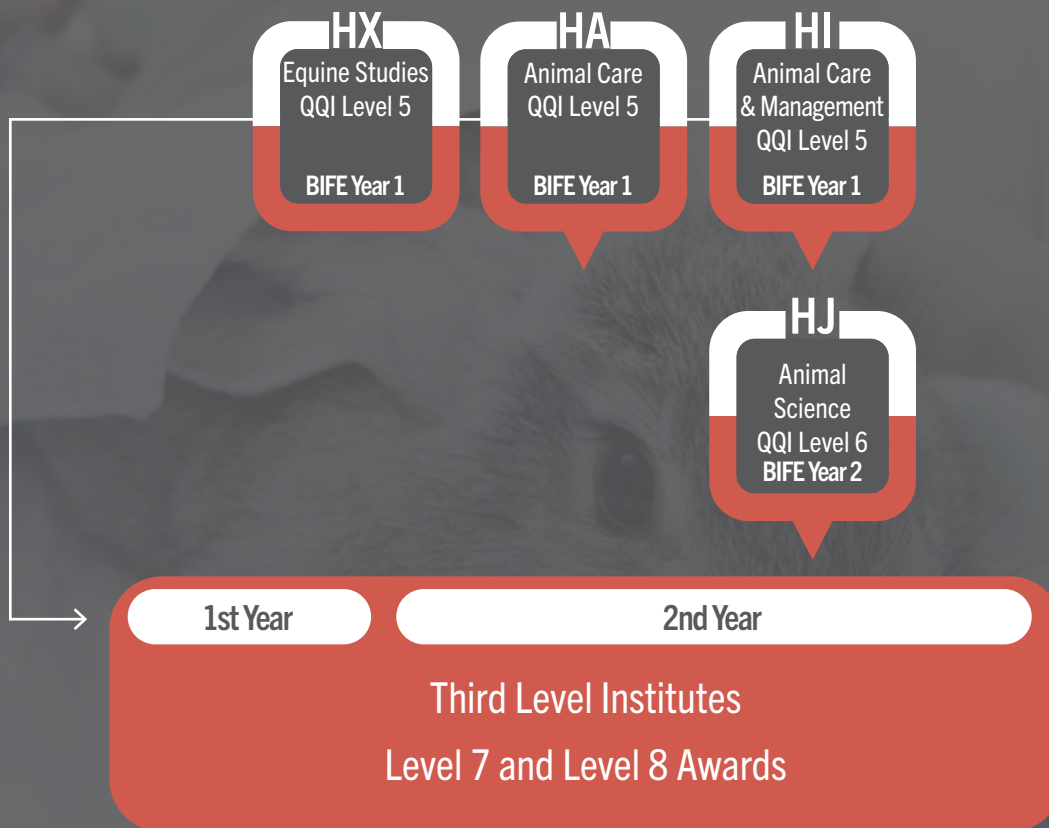
Emeka Onwubiko

Duration:

One Year

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ANIMAL CARE PROGRESSION ROUTE



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

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.



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

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: Naoise Cluskey

Last year I completed the level 5 animal care and management course and I strongly believe that this was one of the best decisions I have ever made, after completing my leaving cert and not getting the chance to progress straight into the level 8 course, I chose to attend BIFE with the hope of having another chance to get where I wanted to be. BIFE provided me with so much more as it allowed me to meet new people and gain lifelong friendships, the modules that I completed were in areas of great interest to me and gave me a really strong base of knowledge which stands to me today and it also provided me with the opportunity to go and get hands on experience in a veterinary practice. This allowed me to meet loads of people in the world of veterinary and also provided me with my current job, all of which I never would have had if I had not attended BIFE. I am now currently studying veterinary nursing in UCD and hopefully eventually progress into veterinary medicine.

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.

Programme of Study

QQI

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

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)

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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



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: Amandine Carmoy

I am a French girl who arrived two years ago in Ireland, I finally found the studies that interested me. I have just graduated from level 6 in Animal Science but started last year with level 5 in Animal Care. This course helped me to learn about animals in a professional way. The lessons are varied, from grooming to canine obedience and others, you can find what you prefer for your job. Teachers are friendly, help their students and lead them to success. I am very proud to have been part of this school. The lessons are well made, really interactive and allow us to gain confidence for our work experiences. I could thrive in dog grooming last year and this year in a vet clinic. Right after my internship, I've been offered a job in this clinic. I can only recommend this college to anyone who wants to devote their career to animal welfare. A big thank you to all the teaching staff.



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)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Horsemanship (5M3371)

Head of Department:

Paul Shortall

Course Co-ordinator:

Lynne Duffy

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Ciara Cooney

I had previous experience with horses but never a formal education or qualification. Everything I knew was 'learned on the job' but the course gave me an in-depth understanding of the horse as an animal, not just the individuals I worked with. I particularly enjoyed anatomy & physiology, nutrition, and veterinary assistance. I have used these modules the most in my daily work, and I still find myself going back to my notes from BIFE. The biggest advantage of the course is having such an experienced, supportive, and knowledgeable tutor. There was never a fear of asking questions about the modules, or for career advice. I have since continued to work in the thoroughbred industry alongside consigners, breeders, and trainers. I have also been involved in different programmes for young people in the Racing & Breeding industry. Due to my course experience and qualifications, I now feel confident enough to take on new experiences, such as my next aim which is working with stallions and in a foaling unit.

Programme of Study

- Stable and Yard Routine
- Work Experience
- Customer Service
- Equine Anatomy and Physiology
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Equine Nutrition
- Animal Welfare
- Sport Horse Riding
- 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:

- **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)

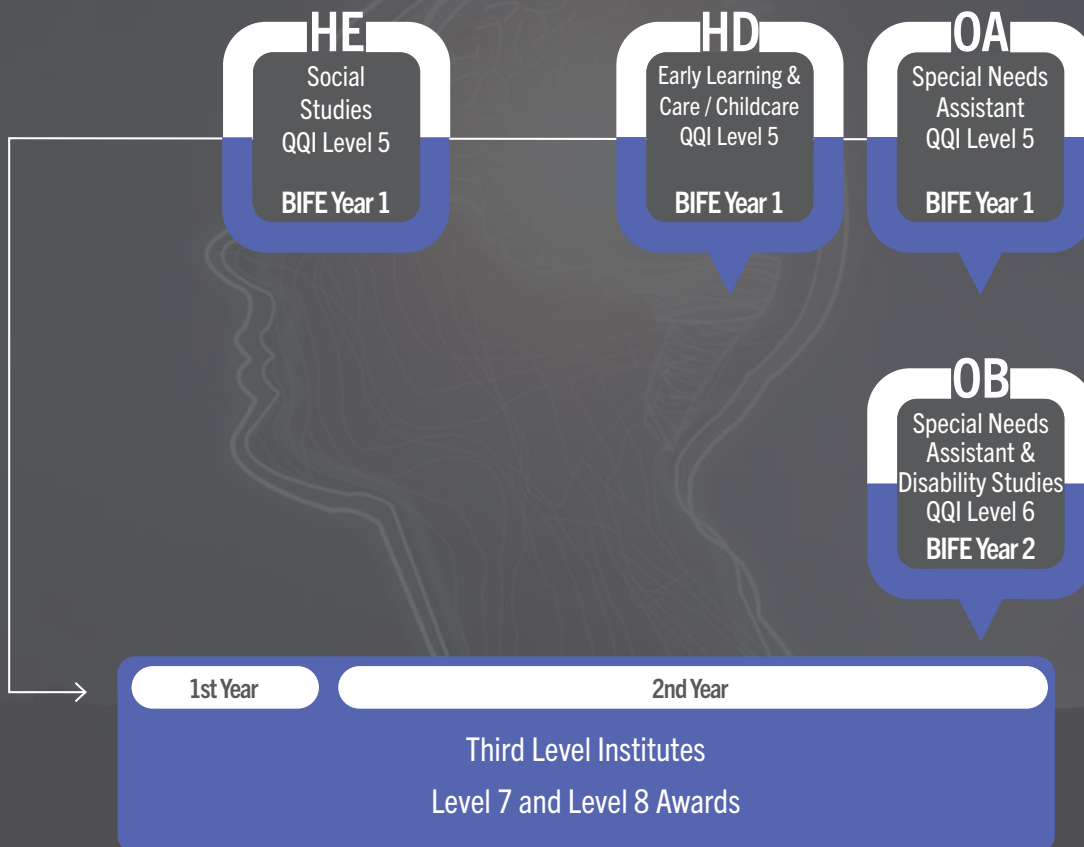
This course may also be used by students to progress to a variety of equine courses in UK colleges and universities.

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SOCIAL STUDIES & CHILDCARE

PROGRESSION ROUTE



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



Start your career as an Early Childhood Educator with BIFE. This course will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to work in a range of childcare and early years services for children aged 0-6 years. Successful learners are awarded a nationally and internationally recognised certificate in the theory and practice of Early Learning and Care. Learners who successfully complete this award can progress to the Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care.

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

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

Additional Course requirements:

- Applicants whose first language is not English require proficiency at B2 in writing, reading, listening and speaking (CEFRL)
- 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 / Childminder

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Special Needs Assistant & Disability Studies (QQI Level 6)
- **DCU:**
Early Childhood Education (DC001)

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

Certification:

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

First Aid (BIFE)

Manual Handling (BIFE)

Child Protection (TUSLA)

Head of Department:

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne O'Malley

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
**Aimee
Fane**

I studied at BIFE 2022/23. I really enjoyed my time in BIFE both academically and socially I felt that BIFE had a lot to offer. This course provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and practical skills in early childhood education, which is necessary when working with children aged 0-6 years. Socially, I met some amazing people who shared the same passion for working with children. We all worked together and helped each other when needed, these friendships have continued on after graduating. The support services at BIFE were really helpful too, providing guidance and resources to ensure my success in the course. BIFE played a crucial role in my career development by providing me with the necessary qualifications and practical experience to work in the childcare Sector.



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.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Care (5M2786)

First Aid

(BIFE) People Handling (BIFE) Child Protection (TUSLA)

Head of Department:

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne O'Malley

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Yordanka Smyth

My name is Yordanka Smyth. I completed level 5 Community Care, SNA for primary and post primary schools. I really enjoyed my year at BIFE and the course was beyond my expectations.

The support BIFE gave me was so helpful and motivating. The knowledge and skills that I learned in the space of one year is incredible. BIFE really helped to improve my IT skills and my English. I had such a successful year in BIFE and I can definitely see myself going back to learn more

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 for example:
 - SNA in Primary or Post Primary School

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Advanced Special Needs Assistant & Disability Studies (QQI Level 6)
- **Trinity College Dublin:**
Deaf Studies level 8 (TR016)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin - (Grangegorman Campus):**
Social Care level 8 (TU996)

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

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT & DISABILITY STUDIES (OB) QQI LEVEL 6 Award



The SNA role has become a vital part of Irish education. Special Needs Assistants are now found in most classrooms in Primary Education and often in Secondary too. This course concentrates on specific special needs, both physical and intellectual, and teaches how to get the best for the client out of the education system in spite of any disadvantage experienced. The approach encompasses practical solutions as well as a thorough understanding of the issues. For people interested in dedicating themselves to this vital role in our society, this course is invaluable.

Programme of Study

- Inclusive Education Practice
- Disability Awareness
- Differentiated Learning & Instruction
- Special Needs Assisting
- Boundary Management
- Assistive Technology
- Communications
- Work Experience

Components subject to change

Work Placement in Primary or Secondary School (80 hours)

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- A Level 5 qualification in a relevant area [e.g. SNA/Disability studies].
- Mature learners – 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

- The national policy is to increase very substantially the number of SNAs in the education system. This will mean recruiting a lot of new people, and jobs for suitably qualified graduates should be plentiful. These are likely to be stable jobs, secure enough to sustain long-term careers

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.

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 6 Award in Inclusive Education & Training (6M2263)

Head of Department:

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Anne O'Malley

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Louise Connolly

I would highly recommend the Inclusive Education and Training course to anyone interested in working in the area of education and special educational needs. It was thoroughly enjoyable and the knowledge I gained through the course was invaluable for my journey going forward. One of the most valuable parts of this course is the work experience module. This helped me shape my educational journey moving forward and I'm hopeful to begin a masters next year and work towards a career in educational psychology.



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

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.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Community Care
(5M2786)

First Aid

Head of Department:

Charlie Batty

Course Co-ordinator:

Neil Pearson

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.

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 (Waterford Campus):**
BA Applied Social Care Level 8 (SE927)
BA Social Care Practice Level 8 (SE919)
- **TUD Technological University 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 TSC)

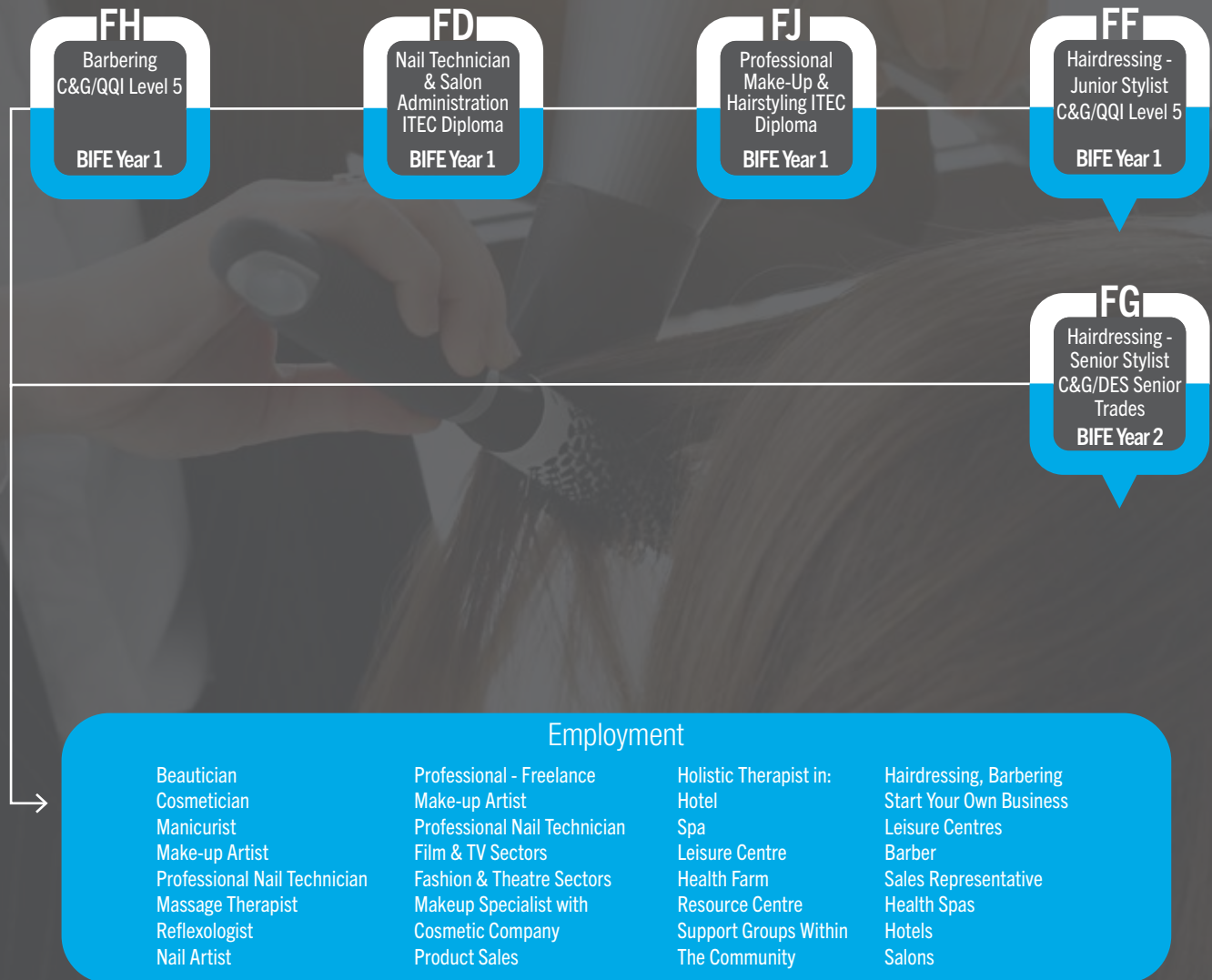
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HAIR, BEAUTY & WELLNESS

PROGRESSION ROUTE



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

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 Component Award in hairdressing (5M3351)

Head of Department:

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Amanda Jane O'Donnell

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.



HAIRDRESSING - JUNIOR STYLIST (FF)

City & Guilds / QQI Award / DES Junior Trades

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

This one-year course is designed for students who are serious about a hairdressing career. Students will study the practical skills of hairdressing, and the underpinning theoretical knowledge that will enable them to pursue a career in the hairdressing industry as a junior stylist.

Training is provided in the Institute's fully equipped hairdressing salon

Certification:

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

Department of Education and Skills Junior Trade Hairdressing.

QQI Level 5 Component Award in Hairdressing (5M3351)

Head of Department:

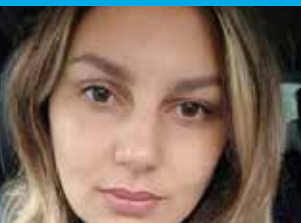
Charlie Batt

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.

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

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

*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

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.

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

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- NVQ Level 2 award in Hairdressing (City and Guilds or ITEC (International Therapy Examining Council))
- 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

Learners must source their own work placement.

Career Opportunities

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



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

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Louise O'Brien

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
**Amy
Gray**

I started in 2021 as a Junior Stylist and I have now completed my second year as a Senior Stylist. I came across the hair stylist course and thought I'll give it a go, doing these courses really was like a light bulb moment and unlocked my love for everything to do with hair. Not only did this course give me the tools, knowledge and experience to get started but it gave me new friends, and most important of all CONFIDENCE, to do things and trust in myself. The modules I did in this course have taught me things I use every day and have given me good habits and practices to bring into a salon, even when things got difficult my tutors and other classmates were always there to help. Fast forward to now I have my own little hair page, clients and I'm doing the barbering course in BIFE.



PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP, NAILS & HAIRSTYLING (FJ) ITEC Diploma Award

The Professional Make-up, Hair Styling and Nail course is designed for students who want to pursue a career as a make-up artist and hair designer or Nail Technician. 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 the student for future employment.

Certification:

ITEC Certificates/Awards Level 5 equivalence on the NFQ in:

- Award in Gel Polish Techniques (iUBT2A10)
- Certificate in Bridal Make Up (iUBT2C9)
- Award in Photographic Make-Up (iUBT2A8)
- Certificate in Manicure & Pedicure (iUBT2C14)

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

City & Guilds level 2 The Art of Hair Dressing (3002-61)

Head of Department:

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator:

Amanda Jane O'Donnell

Duration:

One Year

Programme of Study

- Bridal Make Up
- Bridal Hairstyling
- Creative Hairstyling
- Upstyling
- Gel Polish Techniques
- 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

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.

Programme of Study

ITEC Diploma in Nail Technology incorporating:

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

ITEC Award in Gel Polish Techniques incorporating:

- Gel Polish Techniques

QQI Certification in:

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

Career Opportunities

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



Certification:

ITEC Diplomas/Certificates Level 5 equivalence on the QQI in

- Nail Technology (603/4040/X – iBT3D10)
- ITEC Award in Gel Polish Techniques (iUBT2A10)

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

Head of Department

Charlie Batt

Course Co-ordinator

Amanda Jane O'Donnell

Duration:

One Year

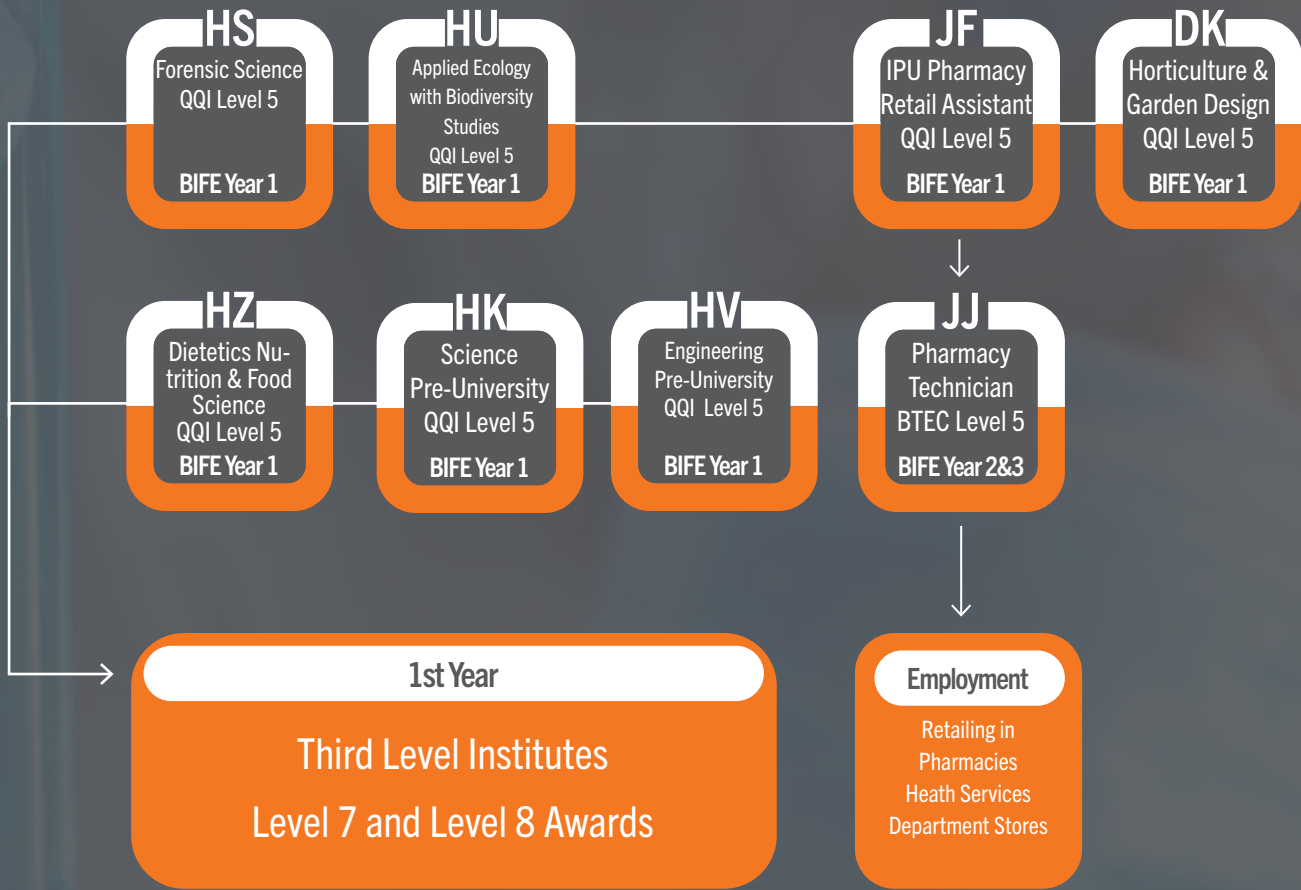


PROFILE: Honey Higgins

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.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

PROGRESSION ROUTE



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.

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*

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 Universities such as:

- **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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
 - Science (TU755)
 - Environmental Health (TU869))
 - Food Innovation (TU881)
 - Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences (TU762)
- **DCU:**
 - Physics General Entry (DC175)
 - Biotechnology (DC181)
 - Genetics and Cell Biology (DC168)
 - Chemical Sciences General Entry (DC163)
 - Sport Science and Health (DC202)
- **UCC:**
 - Public Health Sciences (CK706)
 - Medical and Health Sciences (CK707)
- **TCD:**
 - Biological and Biomedical Sciences (TR060)
 - Chemical Sciences (TR061)
 - Physical Sciences (TR063)

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:

Janice Walsh

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Laura Stephens

My year at BIFE studying Pre-University Science served as a fantastic foundation for college life, both personally and academically. The course content was well rounded, so I had plenty of options when it came time to fill out my CAO application. The teaching staff in the science department are passionate and immensely dedicated; Nothing quite sucks the joy out of a subject like a dull teacher and I'm glad to say that this was not the case at BIFE! The laboratory skills project at the end of the first term demystified the process of academic writing and presenting, which has made my current workload seem much more approachable. Academics aside, I met so many utterly lovely people during my time at BIFE, many of whom I am still in contact with. I am currently studying Biological and Biomedical Sciences at Maynooth University and hope to one day pursue biomedical research.



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

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.

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 Siochana, 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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Science (TU856)
Bio-Science (TU751)
Analytical Chemistry (TU851)
- **UCC:**
Chemistry with Forensic Science (CK402)
Criminology (CK113)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
DNA and Forensic Analysis (TA326)

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

To respond to the current needs of the food industry this Food Science and Dietetics 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 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 and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Self Employed in the Food Industry
- Food production and management
- Quality assurance
- Food research
- 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 Universities such as:

- **TUD Technological University 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)

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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.

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PHARMACY RETAIL ASSISTANT (JF)

IPU & 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.

Participants will be provided with a broad knowledge of over the counter (OTC) pharmaceuticals, retail selling and working within the community. Participants will develop useful skills through hands-on work placement within the pharmacy. Students will also develop key skills in technology, organisation, team work and effective communication.

This is a dual qualification course in which students will gain both a QQI Level 5 in Community Health Services and an IPU (Irish Pharmacy Union) Certificate in Medical Counter Assistant.

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



PROFILE: Charuni Sulakkana

When I decided to pursue the Pharmacy Assistant QQI Level 5 course at BIFE, I was drawn by the practical and career-focused curriculum it offered. I had always been interested in healthcare and the essential role that pharmacy plays in community well-being and this course seemed like the perfect first step toward a rewarding career in the sector. The course exceeded my expectations in every way. The lecturers were knowledgeable and supportive, creating a dynamic learning environment that combined theoretical knowledge with hands-on practical experience. I particularly appreciated the focus on customer service, Retail Selling and medication knowledge, all of which prepared me to excel in a professional pharmacy setting. The course not only equipped me with the technical skills required but also boosted my confidence to thrive in a professional environment. I highly recommend this course to anyone looking to start a career in pharmacy or healthcare. It opened doors for me and gave me the foundation I needed to take the next steps in my career.

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.

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 Third Level Institutes such as:

- **BIFE:**
Pharmacy Technician Level 5 (JJ)
- **DCU:**
Health & Society (DC209)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Pharmaceutical Science (TU763)
Pharmacy Technician Studies (TU876)

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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 council 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 health 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.



Certification:

Pearson BTEC 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



PROFILE: Yvonne Byrne-Nevin

My experience at BIFE has been exceptionally positive. This Pharmacy Technician course was intense and interesting with rewarding qualifications and much self-growth. After initially meeting with the course co-ordinator during the college Open-Day, I already felt reassured I had made the correct decision to further my education here. This positive encouragement continued through Bife's Team of teachers, administration and all staff over the following two years. Returning to school as a mature student seemed daunting at first but ironically became something I looked forward to every week. I made some great friends in class and the vibrant, supportive energy of the teachers and school community continuously motivated me to work through the study, assignments and exams. I highly recommend this course to anyone of any age interested in pharmacy, health and well-being. Sincere Thank You to Bife and our teachers who continue to motivate and inspire students of all ages. Great experience.



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 ecosystems 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:

Matthew Curtis

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Keith Gordon

Having previously graduated from another course at BIFE many years ago, I was confident that enrolling in the QQI Level 5 Applied Ecology Award course would once again prove invaluable and open up incredible opportunities. My growing passion for nature led me to seek a career change into this field. The modules offered a comprehensive understanding of the diverse aspects of ecology, blending theoretical knowledge with practical learning. Personal highlights included fieldwork assignments such as a bird survey at Glendalough, macroinvertebrate sampling in the Glencullen River at Knocksink Woods, and constructing a biodiversity pond on campus. Every aspect of the course at BIFE has contributed to my success in my current role as Aquarist at Malta National Aquarium. BIFE was instrumental in launching my career, not only by equipping me with essential knowledge and skills but also by selecting me for the Erasmus+ programme.

Programme of Study

- Ecological Field Methods
- Biological Diversity
- Sustainable Water Management
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Environmental Studies
- Applied Permaculture
- Plant Protection

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

Applicants should have good basic literacy skills and mathematical skills.

Career Opportunities

- Energy Consultant
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Education Officer
- Nature Conservation Officer
- Catchment Scientist
- Waste Management Officer
- Climate Action Officer

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **UCD:**
Sustainability (DN240)
Arts – Geography (DN520)
- **DCU:**
Climate and Environmental Sustainability (DC294)
- **Maynooth University:**
Arts - Geography (MH101)
- **ATU Atlantic Technological University (Sligo Campus):**
Environmental Science with Ecology (AU966)
Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology (AU655)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Kerry Campus):**
Wildlife Biology (MT880)

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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HORTICULTURE & 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
- Biodiversity and the Natural Environment
- 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. Exenuating 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:

- **College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin (in collaboration with SETU (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Horticulture QQI level 7 (SE507)
- **Kildalton Agricultural College, Piltown, Co.Kilkenny (in collaboration with SETU (Waterford Campus):**
BSc in Horticulture QQI level 7 (SE506)
- **TUD Technological University 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:

Janice Walsh

Course Co-ordinator:

Matthew Curtis

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.



ENGINEERING PRE-UNIVERSITY (HV)

QQI Level 5 Award (in conjunction with TUD (Tallaght Campus))

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Engineering Technology (5M2061)

Head of Department:

Janice Walsh

Course Co-ordinator:

David Connell

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Cian O Hara

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.

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.

Programme of Study

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

Components subject to change

** These Modules are taught in TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght campus). Bus service provided.*

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

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

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:

- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**

BEng Mechanical Engineering Level 7 (TU726)

BEng in Electronic Engineering and Engineering Software Level 7 (TU726)

BEng (Hons) in Sustainable Energy Engineering (TU801)

- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman/Bolton Street/Blanchardstown Campus):**

Civil Engineering (TU704)

BSc in Engineering (Common Entry TU709)

BEngTech Electronic and

Communications Engineering (TU714)

Maynooth:

BSc in Robotics and Intelligent devices (MH306)

BSc in Product Design (MH305)

- **SETU – South East Technological University (Carlow Campus):**

BEng Aircraft Systems (SE729)

BEng (Hons) Biomedical Electronics (SE709)

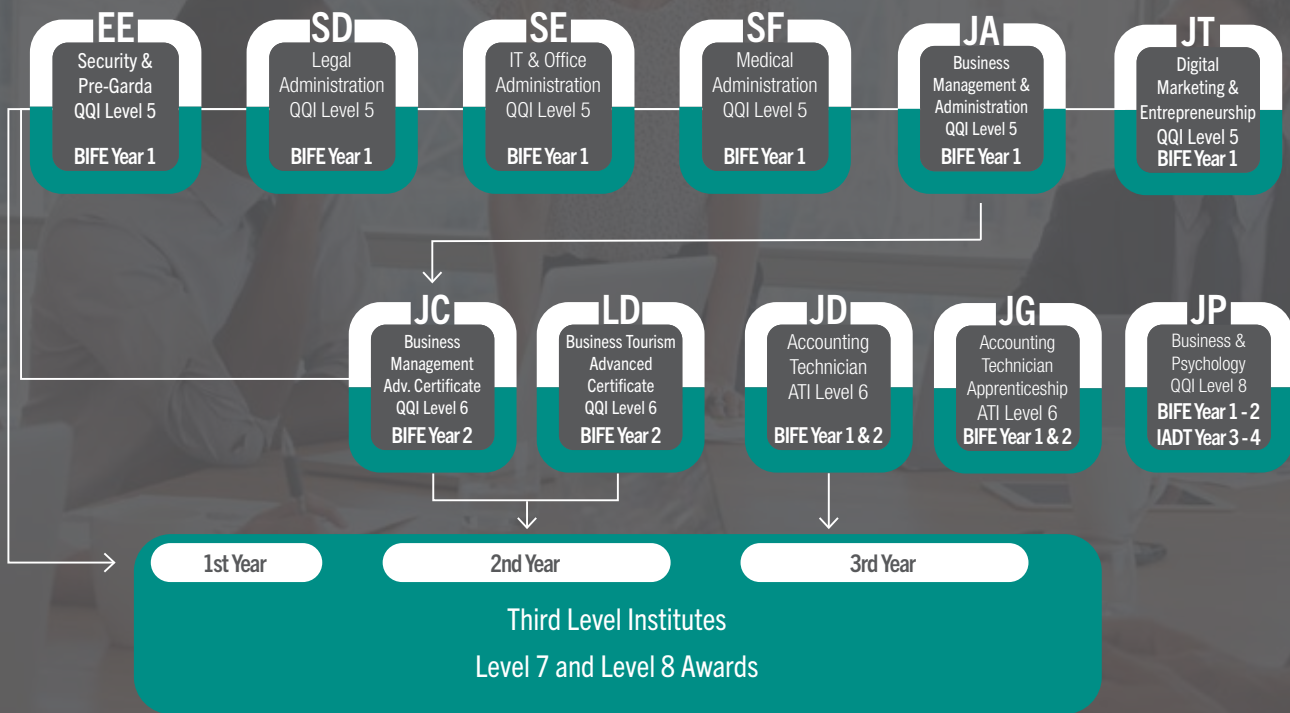
BEng Mechanical Engineering (SE724)

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BUSINESS PROGRESSION ROUTE



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION (JA) QQI Level 5 Award

This dynamic and comprehensive Business Studies course is designed to develop versatile professionals equipped with a broad range of essential business skills. By combining core disciplines such as Marketing, Enterprise, and Business Administration with cutting-edge digital strategies, this programme prepares learners to excel in a modern and ever-evolving business landscape.

Why Choose This Course?

- **Industry-Driven Curriculum:** Learn the skills that employers value most, including foundational business principles and advanced digital techniques.
- **Practical Experience:** Gain hands-on knowledge through work placements in the business sector, bridging the gap between academic theory and professional practice.
- **Career Progression:** Build a strong foundation for immediate employment or further studies at Level 6 or Third Level education.
- **Future-Focused Learning:** Explore traditional and digital business strategies, ensuring you are prepared for success in today's fast-changing industries.

This programme offers a well-rounded education that combines practical experience with theoretical learning. Graduates are empowered with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive in their careers and stay ahead in a competitive and changing global business environment.

Programme of Study

- Bookkeeping – Manual & Computerised
- Business Administration Skills
- Communications
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Marketing Practice
- Statistics
- 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

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Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Business Studies (5M2102)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

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.



DIGITAL MARKETING & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (JT) QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Marketing
(5M2069)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Larry Coyle

Duration:

One Year

The Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship course is an all-encompassing program designed to equip participants with the tools, knowledge, and strategies essential for success in today's fast-paced digital economy. By merging the core principles of digital marketing with an in-depth exploration of entrepreneurial practices, this course offers a transformative learning experience tailored to the demands of a constantly evolving business landscape.

Why Choose This Course?

- **Comprehensive Skillset:** Master the key elements of digital marketing, including SEO, social media strategies, and content creation, while gaining a strong foundation in entrepreneurial principles like business planning and innovation.
- **Future-Focused:** Develop a mind-set of adaptability, preparing to navigate and influence the ever-changing digital economy.
- **Practical Learning:** Engage with real-world scenarios, projects, and case studies that foster critical thinking and problem-solving in digital business contexts.
- **Empowerment Through Innovation:** Learn to identify opportunities, build sustainable business models, and leverage digital platforms to turn innovative ideas into actionable ventures.

By completing the Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship course, participants will not only acquire technical proficiency but also develop a proactive and innovative mind-set. This unique combination ensures graduates are not just ready to thrive in the digital economy—they are prepared to shape its future.

Programme of Study

- Bookkeeping – Manual & Computerised
- Communications
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Marketing Practice
- Statistics
- Work Experience
- Digital Marketing
- Applied Economics
- Behavioural Studies
- Teamworking
- Social Media for Entrepreneurs

Modules subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Extenuating circumstances maybe considered
- Leaving Cert 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

- Business
- Finance
- Entrepreneur/Start-up Founder
- Digital Marketing Specialist
- Marketing

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
QQI Level 6 In Management (6M4587)
- **DCU:**
BA (Hons) Business Studies (DC111)
BSc (Hons) Marketing, Innovation and Technology (DC240)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (City Campus):**
BA (Ord) Advertising and Marketing Communications (TU919)
BBus (Ord) in Marketing (TU922)
- **IADT, Dun Laoghaire:**
BA (Hons) Digital Marketing and Sales (DL805)
- **Technological University of Dublin (Blanchardstown campus):**
BA (Hons) Digital Marketing (TU920)
BA (Hons) Digital Business Innovation (DC241) DCU

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



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
- Customer Service
- 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 TUD, IADT and SETU may also be available to JC Graduates. Places are allocated subject to availability and results at QQI Level 6.

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Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Management (6M4587)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Martha Mtuwana

As a mature student returning to college after several years in the workforce, I am proud to have completed Level 6 Business Management course. Throughout my studies, I received outstanding support from my teachers, whose encouragement was instrumental to my success, particularly as English is my second language.

During my time at BIFE, I developed a strong interest in Finance, Event Management, and HR Management. One highlight of my course was organizing a highly successful event for Pieta House as part of a team. This experience significantly enhanced my leadership and organizational skills. In addition, I gained practical experience as an Accounts Assistant at Powerscourt Hotel Resort and Spa, where I acquired valuable hands-on knowledge in accounting and finance.

I am now excited to continue my academic journey, having received an offer to pursue a BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance at Griffith College. I am deeply grateful to the management and staff at BIFE for their consistent support and for fostering such a positive learning environment.



BUSINESS TOURISM ADVANCED CERTIFICATE (LD) QQI Level 6 Award

Certification:

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

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Leticia Ballesteros

Enrolling in and completing the FETAC Level 6 Business with Tourism Advanced course at Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE) was a transformative experience for me. As a mature student returning to education after several years in the workforce, I was honoured to be awarded Student of the Year, a recognition that reflects my dedication throughout the academic year. The incredible support and guidance from my lecturers, combined with my own hard work, inspired me to pursue higher education. During my time at BIFE, I also had the incredible opportunity to participate in an Erasmus program in Málaga, where I worked in a hotel setting. This experience was pivotal in shaping my career goals, as I discovered my passion for creating content for the hotel's social media channels not only that but design new formats for emails and the hotel signs that later were applied to the new rebranding. It allowed me to combine creativity with strategy, sparking my interest in digital marketing and providing practical experience in a professional environment.

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.

Programme of Study

- Tourism Policy and Practice
- Customer Service
- 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:

- **SETU – South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management (SE921)
Bachelor of Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services (SE924)
- **UCD:**
BA in Arts – Joint Honours (DN520)
- **Maynooth:**
International Business (MH404)
- **UCC (NUI):**
Arts - Archaeology (CK101)
Arts International (CK108)
- **TUD Technological University 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
- Full QQI Level 4 award 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)
- **TUD Technological University 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:

Emma Deering

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)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Niamh Mccall

Duration:

One Year

(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

Career Opportunities

- The HSE
- Clinics
- Private hospitals
- General medical / dental practices
- Any office Administration position
- 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)
- **Maynooth University:**
Entrepreneurship (MH411)
Finance (MH401)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Aungier Street Campus):**
Human Resource Management (TU906)
- **UCD:**
Arts (DN520)
History (DN530)
- **Marino Institute:**
Education Studies (CM010)

PROFILE: Samantha Byrne

I had chosen to go back to college to study QQI level 5 medical administration after working in a similar industry without any qualification. I felt at this stage in my life I needed a qualification to go hand in hand with my experience. I cannot tell you how amazing BIFE was as a mature student. On completion of my course, I was hired straight away. The college and the tutors are just truly amazing. The company I worked with, for more than 10 years shut its doors during covid and never reopened. I realised when applying for medical administration jobs they are looking for that qualification on paper. I will be forever thankful and extremely grateful for where I am now in life. I now happily work in my dream job locally as a medical administrator, my dream come true!

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.

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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
- Customer Service
- 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
- Accountancy Firms
- Government Agencies
- Legal and Medical Offices

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Management – Advanced Certificate
QQI Level 6 (6M4587)
- **Maynooth University:**
Entrepreneurship (MH411)
Finance (MH401)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Aungier Street Campus):**
Human Resource Management (TU906)
- **UCD:**
Arts (DN520)
History (DN530)

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Office Administration (5M1997)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Niamh Mccall

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: **Noelle Sutton**

Taking the IT and office administration course was a key factor in helping me re-enter the workforce after a career break to focus on being a stay-at-home parent. The skills I gained from the course gave me the confidence and qualifications to transition back into my career, enabling me to apply modern tools and practices effectively. It provided me with the technical expertise and communication skills necessary to adapt to the evolving demands of the job market. I'm currently working as a part-time Office Administrator

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SECURITY & PRE-GARDA (EE)

QQI Level 5 and PSA Awards

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.

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Security Studies (5M2110)

- QQI Level 5 Award in Security Studies (5M2110)
- Door Security Skills 4N20611 (PSA)
- Security Guarding Skills 4N20604 (PSA)
- Self Defence Certificate (FMA)
- Crisis Prevention (CPI)
- First Aid (BIFE)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

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.

Programme of Study

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Security Industry Procedures
- Safety and Health at Work
- Work Experience
- Crisis Prevention
- Door Security Skills (4N20611)
- Security Guarding Skills (4N20604)
- 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:

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

B. BUS (HONS) BUSINESS & PSYCHOLOGY (JP) B. Bus (Hons) Level 8 Award

This degree is a cutting-edge programme that merges two complementary fields to prepare students for dynamic and rewarding careers. By integrating the principles of business and psychology, this degree develops independent learners, critical thinkers, and confident leaders equipped to navigate today's complex workplace environments. Students gain both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, exploring how psychology enhances communication, leadership, and organisational behavior. The programme combines core business disciplines such as marketing, finance, and management with psychological insights into behavior, collaboration, and conflict resolution, fostering a well-rounded and versatile skill set. This programme places a strong emphasis on leadership, teamwork, and adaptability, equipping students to tackle real-world challenges in business and organisational settings. By applying a psychological lens to the dynamics of the workplace, students gain the ability to foster collaboration, resolve conflicts, and inspire innovation.

Programme Structure

This is a new tertiary-level programme taught across 4 years. There will be the option to do either an Erasmus Term, Work Placement, or Industry-linked project in Yr 3.

The programme providers are Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design + Technology (IADT), and Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE).

The providers have designed the programme together with a delivery model of:

- Years 1 + 2 will be based in BIFE
- Years 3 + 4 will be based in IADT

Course Content

Year 1

- Introduction to Marketing
- Finance 1
- Introduction to Psychology
- Digital Skills
- Introduction to Management
- Personality and Individual Differences
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Learning to Learn/Personal Effectiveness

Year 2

- Introduction to Digital Marketing
- Finance 2
- Social Psychology
- Positive Psychology and Wellbeing
- Intercultural Studies
- Responsible AI
- Organisational Behavior
- Social Entrepreneurship

Year 3 & 4

See IADT website

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for this programme are one of the following:

- Leaving Certificate – Grade O6/H7 or better in five Leaving Certificate subjects. Leaving Certificate must include English and Mathematics. Maths at F2 is acceptable to meet the minimum Maths entry requirement.
- A Full level 5/6 QQI award
- Mature applicants – (aged 23 on or before 1st January of the course commencement year). These applicants do not have to meet the minimum entry requirements listed here and are considered on an individual basis (previous education, work experience, and demonstration of competence to undertake the programme)

Applicants may be called to an Interview.

Career Opportunities

- Human Resources
- Marketing Specialist
- Corporate Trainer
- Organisational Psychologist
- Sales Management

Higher Educational Progression*

Level 8 graduates may wish to apply to a masters or PhD programmes in related areas of study.

Certification:
B Bus (Hons) Business & Psychology (DL853)

Head of Department:
Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:
Larry Coyle

Duration:
Four Years

*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



ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP (JG) 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 €24,765 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 2025.

Certification:

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

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Jack Carroll

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE: Lauren Hill

I would highly recommend the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship course in BIFE. Throughout my two years on the course, I have gained invaluable hands-on experience that truly enhanced my understanding of the accounting profession. Working alongside experienced mentors and lectures, I was able to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations and vice versa. The level of support offered, and the small class sizes are extremely beneficial.

The opportunity to work whilst learning was a key reason I choose to pursue the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship course. It allowed for a greater understanding of the material and greatly helped when it came to exam time. This course is suitable to anyone wishing to start a career in accounting from school leavers to career changers.

Programme of Study

Apprentices will work at their employer's office four days a week, and attend classes at BIFE one day a week. Outside term time the, the Apprentice will work on a full-time basis 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)

*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

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN (JD)

ATI Level 6 Award

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. Each year, our students perform well in both Year 1 & 2 examinations, with the majority exceeding the ATI Exam National Rankings. Through our strong links with many colleges each year, many of our BIFE students take the option after successful completion of Year 2 to progress to Third level study gaining entry to Year 3 of the Finance Degree at TU Dublin Tallaght depending on final exam results.

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 (including a minimum O5 grade in English and either Maths or Accountancy).
- Leaving Certificate Applied Students or a Leaving Cert equivalent should contact the ATI directly after applying to BIFE on (01-6498180) as Final Decision on this will rest with them. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.
- Applications will be considered from mature learners ie (23 and above) who do not meet these requirements.

Career Opportunities

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

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of potential courses include:

- **TUD Technological University Dublin:**
BA in Accounting & Finance 3rd Year (TU911)
- **Technological University of Shannon (TUS's), Athlone Campus:**
BA in Business & Law (US848)
- **SETU South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
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:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Jack Carroll

Duration:

Two Years (Morning Only Course)

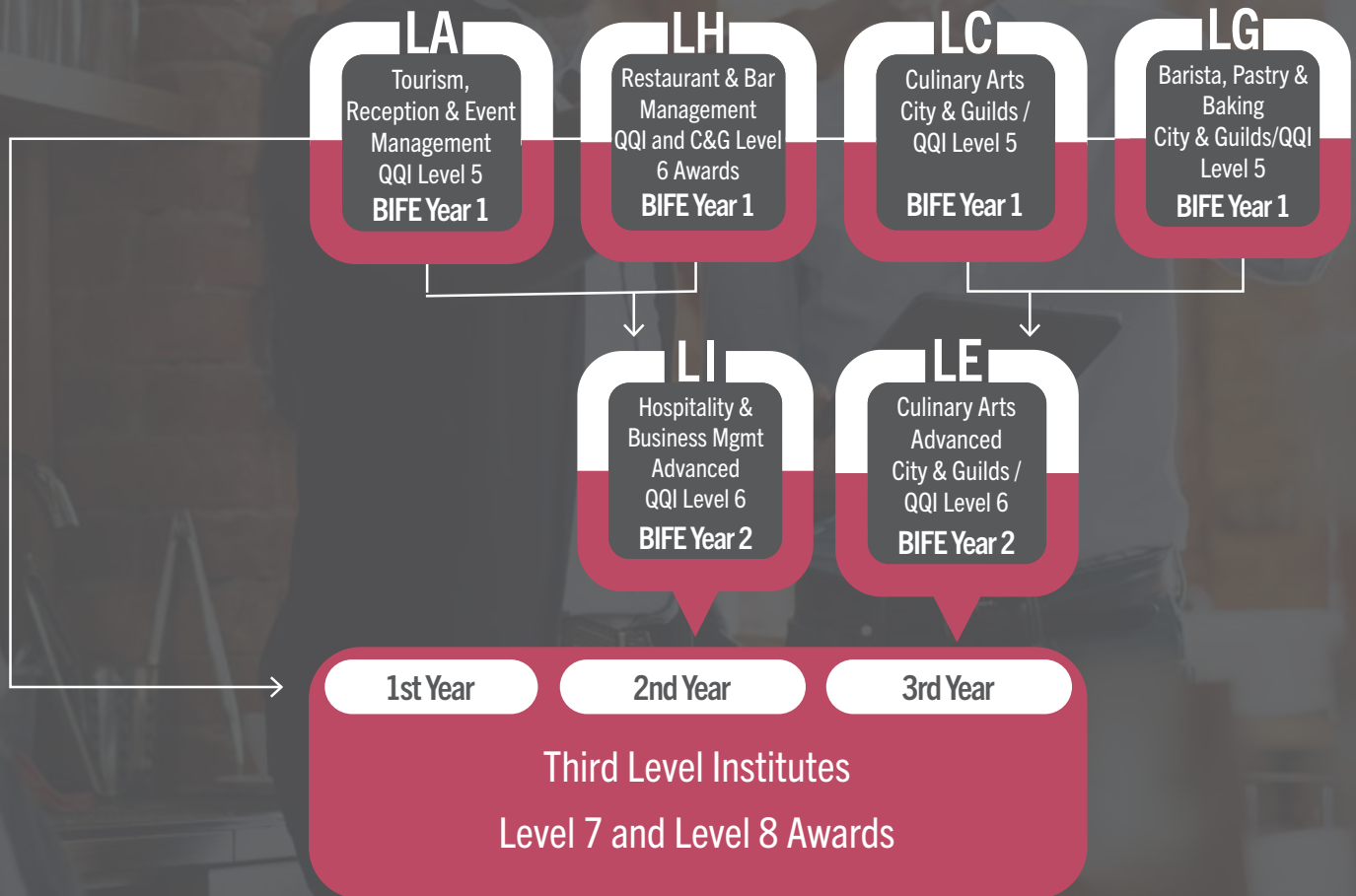


PROFILE:
Sandra Colgan

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.

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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 software 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 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 Info and Administration
- Food Preparation
- Customer Service
- Event Production
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Marketing Practice
- Amadeus/GDS Ticketing System (IAOT)
- Global Distribution Systems

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

- 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)



Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Tourism with Business 5M5011

Amadeus Training (IAOT)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Janice Walsh

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Iunia Dimitrenco

I was a student in BIFE in 2023-2024. Currently I am a full-time employee in the travel industry. I am working at The Travel Boutique, in Bray, Co. Wicklow. I completed the Tourism, Reception & Event Management Course. My one-year experience studying Tourism in college was very inspiring. It provided me with a strong foundation in the principles of the tourism industry, including hospitality management, destination marketing, and customer service. I gained insights through a mix of theoretical learning and practical activities. Those are the most valuable insights, that helps you to function in this industry and develop a deep appreciation for cultural sensitivity and the need for adaptability in this dynamic field. This year was crucial in shaping my skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm for a career in tourism. This opportunity allowed me to apply the knowledge I gained in my studies, further develop my skills in planning and organizing trips, and deepen my understanding of the travel industry's day-to-day operations. BIFE has opened the door of possibilities for me. I was able to apply for work experience, where I was accepted as a full time Travel Agent, and since then my journey starts.

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CULINARY ARTS (LC)

City & Guilds Diploma Award

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:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Willie Rochford

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.

The 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.

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 Chef
- 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 at BIFE

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

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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

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

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 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.

Advanced Entry into year 2 of some technological universities can also be discussed

Examples of potential courses include:

- **BIFE:**
Hospitality & Business Management Level 6
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Bar and Restaurant Management (TU641)
Hospitality Management (TU745)
International Hospitality and Tourism Management (TU951)
- **SETU – Southeast Technological University (Waterford campus):**
BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management (SE921)
Bachelor of Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services (SE924)
- **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 International Barista Skills (7102-52)

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Alexandru Gutul

The Restaurant & Bar Management course has been an incredibly important and transformative experience for me. It provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the hospitality industry, covering both the strategic and operational aspects of managing a successful bar or restaurant. The lessons were practical and directly applicable to my goals, giving me tools and knowledge that I can immediately use in my work. Beyond the technical skills, the course emphasized the importance of delivering exceptional customer service and creating memorable experiences for guests.

My studies played a critical role in preparing me for my current position. After BIFE, I applied for the bar assistant position in The Shelbourne Hotel. I got the chance to apply all the practical skills and knowledge I learned in BIFE in real life. I have just been promoted to the position of Bar Supervisor. I can truly say that the Restaurant and Bar management course in BIFE has changed my life forever.

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CULINARY ARTS ADVANCED (LE)

City & Guilds Advanced Diploma Award

Certification:

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

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Martin Potts

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, Sesilia gained advanced entry to the 3rd year of Culinary Arts in IT Tallaght.

The 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.

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:

- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
BSc in Culinary Arts (Advanced entry to 2nd 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 Third Level Institutes (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).

PASTRY, BAKING & BARISTA (LG)

City & Guilds Diploma Award

These qualifications cover transferable as well as job role specific skills using a holistic approach to training learners will cover all the skills necessary to be work ready for the barista pastry and baking industry. Sustainability awareness is now a key part of the offering, and addresses critical challenges facing the barista pastry and baking industry on a global level.

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 (Tallaght Campus):**
Baking & Pastry Arts Management (TU741)
Higher Certificate in Arts in Culinary Arts (Professional Cookery Practice) (TU608)
- **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):**
Pastry Baking and Desserts NFQ level 6/ only 3 months
Culinary Arts Higher Cert in Arts level 6 (US630)

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 Third Level Institutes (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:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Ewelina Pajak

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
Emma Fitzsimons

I found out about this course in BIFE from a friend who said it sounded perfect for me, they weren't wrong! I stepped into the college full of anticipation and nerves for the year ahead but that was put at ease instantly by the amazing staff. We soon got to work in the kitchen and flourished with the help of our outstanding teacher Ewelina. We learned the basics of the kitchen, how they run, health and safety, code of conduct and everything else needed to make us qualified patisserie chefs. We covered every pastry section, including chocolate work and sugar work. We learned how to plate desserts elegantly and how to combine flavours. I was lucky enough to be awarded a place on the Erasmus programme and I travelled to Perpignan, France. I made connections with award winning patisserie chefs, lifelong friendships and memories I will never forget! I highly recommend this course for anyone who has a passion or love for baking.

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Certification:

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

Head of Department:

Emma Deering

Course Co-ordinator:

Richard Stephens

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.

HOSPITALITY & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MANAGEMENT ADVANCED (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
- Customer Service
- 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)
- **SETU – Southeast Technological University (Waterford campus):**
BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management (SE921)
Bachelor of Business in Tourism & Hospitality Services (SE924)
- **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 Third Level Institutes (please check with the particular institution regarding local eligibility requirements).

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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 English, Mathematics, Biology, Art, Geography and Business.

Entry Requirements

- No formal qualifications are required
- Mature learners are welcome
- Students must be over 18

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:
Helen O Mahony

Duration:
One Year

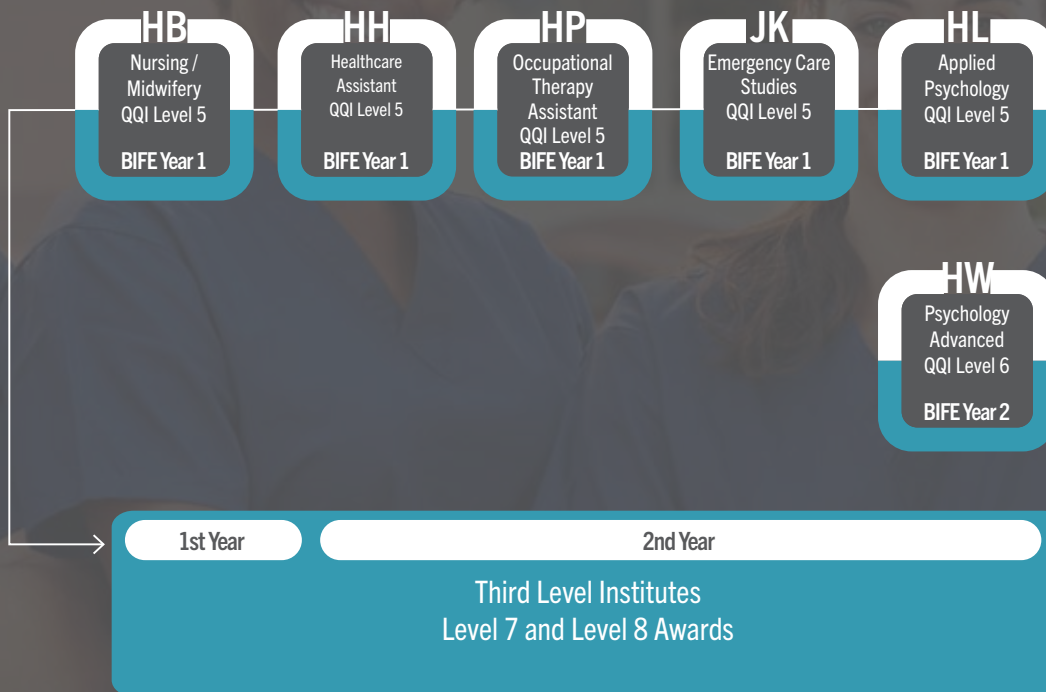


PROFILE:
**Aoife
Maddock**

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 and midwives 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, Northern 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. Extenuating 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 health 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 UCAS Code)
Mental Health Nursing (B760 UCAS Code)
- **SETU - South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
General Nursing (SE915)
Psychiatric Nursing (SE914)
- **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: Agustina Rivera

Completing my QQI Level 5-Nursing Studies at Bray Institute of Further Education (BIFE) gave me a great opportunity to pursue my career in nursing. The learning experience is of a high standard and all students are encouraged to reach their potential by learning through active teaching and participation. In addition, students gain practical knowledge in developing their skills through a person-centred and holistic approach to dealing with the care needs of the individual.

I learned that I could achieve my expectations as I am now a 3rd-year student studying a Bachelor of Mental Health Nursing at the University College Dublin. I got a part-time job as a nursing assistant at St. Vincent's Private Hospital after finishing my QQI 5. I learned a lesson in life that there are no hindrances if you want to achieve your goals and ambitions. Dedication, determination and motivation are the keys to achieving what you want to be! So, I started and did it here in BIFE as my foundation ladder towards success.

I plan to finish my degree, work as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse for a few years and then study towards working as a community mental health nurse.

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HEALTH CARE SUPPORT (HH)

QQI Level 5 Award

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.

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:

Anne Clarke

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.

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
- Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse
- Hand Hygiene

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:

- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Pharmacy Technician Studies (TU654) Level 6
Applied Social Care (TU997) Level 8
- **SETU – South East Technological University (Wexford 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
- **SETU – South East Technological University (Waterford Campus):**
Social Care Practice (SE919) Level 8
Applied Health Care (SE928) Level 7

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 Third Level Institutes. 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:

Helen O'Mahony

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE:
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Neres
Borges

Occupational Therapy has been a lifelong dream of mine, and BIFE made it achievable. After completing my QQI Level 5 in Occupational Therapy Assistant at BIFE in 2024, I am now pursuing a BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy at Ulster University. Having completed my first semester in UU, I can confidently say that completing the OTA course was the best decision for me. The constant support and dedication of the staff were invaluable. They offered not only academic guidance but also crucial career advice that helped me navigate my path towards studying Occupational Therapy. The career guidance I received, along with the continuous encouragement and access to resources, empowered me to believe in myself and my abilities.

Through BIFE I had the opportunity to undertake work experience abroad in Malta, an incredible experience that allowed me to enhance my interpersonal skills, broaden my perspective and boost my level of independence. The friendships I formed and the experiences I gained have shaped my journey, and I will carry these lessons with me as I continue my studies. I truly believe I would not have achieved my goals without BIFE.

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EMERGENCY CARE STUDIES (PRE-PARAMED-IC, 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

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Care of the Older Person
- Emergency Department Care Skills
- Understanding Mental Health
- Communications
- Mathematics (Optional)
- Occupational First Aid
- Work Experience
- Manual Handling and Patient Moving Techniques
- Safety Health at Work
- Infection Prevention and Control

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**
www.hse.ie
- www.publicjobs.ie Tallaght
- **UL University of Limerick**, Paramedic Studies, (LM103)
- **TUD Technological University 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:

- **BIFE :**
Psychology Advanced Level 6
- **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
- **TUD Technological University 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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PSYCHOLOGY IN THE COMMUNITY ADVANCED (HW) QQI Level 6 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 6 Award in Social & Vocational Integration (6M2218)

Head of Department:

Helen O'Mahony

Course Co-ordinator:

Matt Way

Duration:

One Year

The study of Psychology builds our understanding of ourselves and others, and develops our capacity to support those in our communities who are marginalised, disadvantaged or face other life challenges. This advanced course explores social issues of marginalisation such as disability, mental health and addiction. You will gain an understanding of the government and charitable services in our communities and the psychological interventions that support wellbeing and rehabilitation. The focus of this course is developing the student's self-awareness and interpersonal skills as well as practical skills around working with social systems and team dynamics in community workspaces. BIFE's Advanced Psychology course supports progression for those who are interested in pursuing Psychology or related fields in higher education as well as people-focussed careers in the community and voluntary sectors. The applications of Psychology, its concepts and theories form the centre of this stimulating and innovative course.

Programme of Study

- The Psychology of People
- Mental Health Awareness
- Disability Awareness
- Work Experience
- Person Centred Planning
- Rehabilitation Practice
- Team Leadership
- Boundary Management
- Mathematics (Optional)

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Completed a QQI level 5 award in a related field
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent with extensive experience in psychology, counselling, community care or healthcare related work.
- Mature applicants- experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications

Career Opportunities

Graduates may enter employment in a range of care settings working with:

- People with disabilities,
- The homeless,
- Older people or those with alcohol/ drug dependency.
- Professional careers in a wide range of fields including Psychology, Education, The Health Professions, Social Care, Management, Human Resources, Academic Research, Counselling and Social Services via higher education entry.

Higher Education Progression*

Examples of Potential courses include:

- **SETU South East Technical University (Waterford Campus):**
BA (Hons) Arts- Psychology SE205
- **UCD:**
BA (Hons) Psychology (Yr 1)- DN720
BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Yr 1) -DN700
BA (Hons) Criminology with Psychology (Yr 1) - DN620
BA (Hons) Social science (Yr 1)- DN700
TSC (3 yrs)
- **IADT:**
BA (Hons) Applied Psychology (Yr 1)- DL825
- **Maynooth University:**
BA (Hons) Psychology- Yr 1- MH106
Arts (Psychological Studies)- Yr 1- MH101
- **Trinity College, Dublin:**
Deaf Studies- Yr 1- TR016
- **Dublin Business School:**
BA (Hons) Psychology (Yr 1) – DB562
• BA (Hons) Counselling and Psychotherapy (Yr 1)
- **Carlow College**
BA (Hons) Psychology (Yr 1) – PC414
- **TUS Technology University of the Shannon (Midlands Campus):**
BA (Hons) Psychology (Year 1)- US925
- **TUD Technological University Dublin:**
BA (Hons) Social Care (Year 1)- TU997

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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)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Grangegorman Campus):**
Film and Broadcasting (TU983)
Journalism (TU985)
- **Maynooth University :**
Media Studies (MH109)
Arts & Media, Film and Cultural Studies (MH101)
- **UG - University of Galway:**
Arts (Global Media) (GY135)
Arts (Film and Digital Media) (GY127)
Arts (Journalism) (GY119)
- **UCD - University College Dublin:**
Joint Honours, Information and Communication Studies (DN520)
Music, Film and Drama – Humanities (DN530)
- **UCC - University College Cork:**
Film and Screen Media (CK105)

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:

Kristian O'Neill

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.



3D GAME DESIGN (ME)

QQI Level 5 Award

Certification:

QQI Level 5 Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Michael Ó Donnchadha

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.

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.

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)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (BA Honours) (MT 824)
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design (MT811)
- **NCAD Dublin:**
Interaction Design (AD222)
- **TUD Technological University 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 Third Level Institutes.

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 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

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)
- **MTU Munster Technological University (Cork Campus):**
Software Development (MT800)
Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design (MT811)
- **NCAD Dublin:**
Interactive Design (AD222)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (City Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TU976)
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:

Michael Ó Donnchadha

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.



TV & FILM PRODUCTION - ADVANCED (MB)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma Award

Certification:

BTEC Higher National Diploma in Creative Media (Film) Level 6+ equivalence on the NFQ (QN): 610/1792/9

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Michael Ó Donnchadha

Duration:

Two Years



PROFILE: Michael Donnelly

Michael studied for four years in BIFE. He produced the documentary Christy as his graduation film which won awards at Galway Film Fleadh, Cork Film Festival and Belfast Film Festival. Michael went onto more success with the short films Rockmount (IFTA Award for Best Short Drama 2015) and Heartbreak (IFTA Award for Best Short Drama 2017). Over the past decade he has produced many high profile music videos including Kodakline - All I Want (UK Music Video Award - Best Rock/Indie Video). His first feature film as a producer Dublin Oldschool was released nationwide in 2018 to rave reviews." Michael has just finished producing 4 episodes of the TV series McGregor Forever (2023), and an episode of Storyland for RTE (2023) -

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 honors degree with one additional year of study.

Programme of Study

HNC

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

HND

- 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
- 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:

- **Ulster University:**
BA in Cinematic Arts (1 year top up)
lv8 Hons Degree
- **DCU:**
BA in Media Production Management
- Final Year
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (City Campus):**
Film and Broadcasting (DT504)
- **TUD Technological University Dublin (Tallaght Campus):**
Creative Digital Media (TA022)
Advertising & Marketing
Communications (TA014)

BA (HONS) IMMERSIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (MX) BA (Hons) Level 8 Award



Embark on a cutting-edge journey into the future of storytelling with our Immersive Media and Virtual Film Production degree. This innovative program is designed for aspiring creators eager to master the latest technologies in mixed reality and film, pushing the boundaries of visual storytelling. Students will gain hands-on experience with state-of-the-art tools in virtual production, augmented reality (AR), and virtual reality (VR), developing the skills to craft immersive narratives that captivate modern audiences. From creating breathtaking virtual sets to integrating AR elements into cinematic experiences, you'll learn to merge traditional filmmaking techniques with groundbreaking technologies to produce content that redefines storytelling. The curriculum combines creative exploration with technical mastery. Core modules include virtual cinematography, motion capture, immersive storytelling and AR-enhanced media design. Collaborative projects with industry partners and expert mentorship will prepare you to tackle real-world challenges in the film, entertainment, advertising and gaming industries. Graduate equipped to lead the evolution of digital storytelling as a filmmaker, immersive media designer, or creative director. Whether you dream of crafting stunning films in virtual environments or designing interactive AR experiences, this degree opens the door to endless creative possibilities in the ever-expanding realm of immersive media.

Programme Structure

This is a new tertiary-level programme taught across 4 years. There will be the option to do either an Erasmus Term, Work Placement, or Industry-linked project in Term 2 of Year 3.

- Years 1 + 2 will be based in BIFE
- Years 3 + 4 will be based in IADT

Round 1 portfolio submission deadline is the 11th of March.

Applicants are required to submit a portfolio of work – in digital format – which should demonstrate their enthusiasm for the course as well as their interests and strengths. Further information on bife.ie.

Course Content

Year One Module Title:

- Technical Skills
- Storytelling Through Media
- Media Management
- Intro to Immersive Media Production 1
- IADT Connect
- IADT Skills Workshop
- Broadcast
- Media Production Project
- Postproduction Video and Audio
- Intro to Immersive Media Production 2

Year Two Module Title:

- Production Sprint
- Project Management and Workflows
- 3D Modelling + Asset Creation

- Creative Coding
- Society + Media
- IADT Elective
- Virtual Preproduction
- Virtual Production
- Game Engines + Motion Tracking
- Personal Professional Development

Year 3 & 4:

- See BIFE or IADT Website

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for this programme are as follows:

- Leaving Certificate with 2 x H5 plus 4 x O6 / H7, or its equivalent. Learners without O6 / H7 Leaving Cert Maths (or equivalent) will be required to complete an appropriate QQI Special Purpose Award in Maths.
- A Full NFQ level 5 award, or its equivalent.

Applicants must also pass a portfolio assessment.

Offers will be made on a first come first served basis.

Career Opportunities

Immersive Media Production for:

- TV
- Feature Films
- Games,
- VFX,
- VR, AR and Virtual Film Production
- Freelance

Higher Education Progression*

Level 8 graduates may wish to apply to masters or PhD programmes in related areas of study.

Certification:

BA (Hons) Immersive Media Production

Head of Department:

Noel MacAoidh

Course Co-ordinator:

Noel MacAoidh

Duration:

4 Years

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ACTING & DANCE

PROGRESSION ROUTE

PE

Dance Technique
Performance &
Choreography
BTEC Level 6

BIFE Year 1 & 2

PB

Acting
- Advanced for
stage and screen
BTEC Level 6+

BIFE Year 1 & 2

1st Year

2nd/3rd Year

**Third Level Institutes
Level 7 and Level 8 Awards**

DANCE TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY - ADVANCED

BTEC Higher National Certificate (PE - YR 1)



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. Exenuating 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**

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.

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ACTING FOR STAGE & SCREEN (PB)

BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma

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 subject to numbers)



PROFILE: Tudor Stefan

Coming from Romania to train in Ireland was daunting. But all that quickly changed as the group bonded in class and even more so started to all hang out, which is essential in acting where you need to be comfortable with those you work with. The teachers were a big part of this. They are some of the best I have ever experienced. They have a unique way of teaching and an ability to see each student's inner problems. Honestly, I probably wouldn't have gotten far without their commitment and patience. I never thought I would be brave enough to step on the stage after just a few weeks, but with their help, it was possible. And I can say I am proud of myself and my classmates for that. I even have an agent now!

This course is a practical exploration of acting styles required for Theatre, Film and Television. Training is provided in a comprehensive range of skills including acting techniques for both Theatre and Film such as Stanislavsky, Meisner and Hagen. Physical Movement, Voice & Speech, Devising and Improvisation. Opportunities to participate in local film projects also feature as part of the performance experience for students. This course provides a foundation for pathways into further training and education, as well as honing audition skills for Irish and international drama schools such as The LIR, Gaiety School of Acting and RADA

Programme of Study

- Stanislavsky and Meisner Systems
- Audition Technique
- Acting techniques for Camera
- Movement for Actors
- Voice and Speech for Actors
- Devising Theatre and Performance
- Professional Development
- Performing Arts Industry

Components subject to change

Entry Requirements

One of the following:

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

Places will only be offered following successful Audition and Interview.

Career Opportunities

- Actor
- Director
- Writer
- Production Management
- Stage Management
- Set and Lighting Designers
- 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)
- **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.



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QQI Level 4 & 5

BIFE Year 1

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GENERAL STUDIES (AX) FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS QQI LEVEL 5

English for speakers of other languages. A full-time course. The English language skills needed to make it possible to get a good job. English, Business English and Communications are all on the course. Every other part of the course is taught as applied English. This is a chance to become very comfortable in the English language.

Programme of Study

A number of the following modules:

- English as a Second Language
- Business English
- Communications
- Customer Service
- Work Experience
- Information & Communications Technology
- Work Processing
- Digital Skills

Entry Requirements

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

Career Opportunities

A lot of jobs depend heavily on fluency in English. At the end of this course, a student will have English suitable for the workplace. Having no certificate is a barrier to many jobs. The course involves a lot of workplace role plays. The most essential workplace situations are included; the language needed is taught and learnt.

*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 General Studies (5M4339)

Head of Department:

Seán Cryan

Course Co-ordinator:

Colleen Dollard

Duration:

One Year



PROFILE: Roman Petrenko

I had the opportunity to take the English language and general studies course at BIFE. The course was well-organized, combining intensive English lessons with practical modules that were designed to help us in both our academic and professional lives.

The teachers made sure we didn't just learn English, but also gained practical skills we could use in real-life situations. The course was packed with everything we needed to move forward with confidence.

The assignments were interesting and challenging, and we had the chance to work on group projects, which helped us build teamwork skills.

Another great feature was the chance to pick from additional modules based on our interests. e.g .IT, music, and exercise, massage and so on.

I chose the IT modules, and in the end of the year I built my own website using HTML and CSS, which felt like a huge accomplishment!

Overall, this course wasn't just about learning English – it gave us the skills and knowledge needed for so many different career paths and further studies.



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