

Leaving Certificate 2023-2024

Welcome



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 Session will be recorded and posted on our Guidance website

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Questions in the Chat box

Purpose of tonight's presentation-Options after post-primary school

CAO including HEAR & DARE Schemes

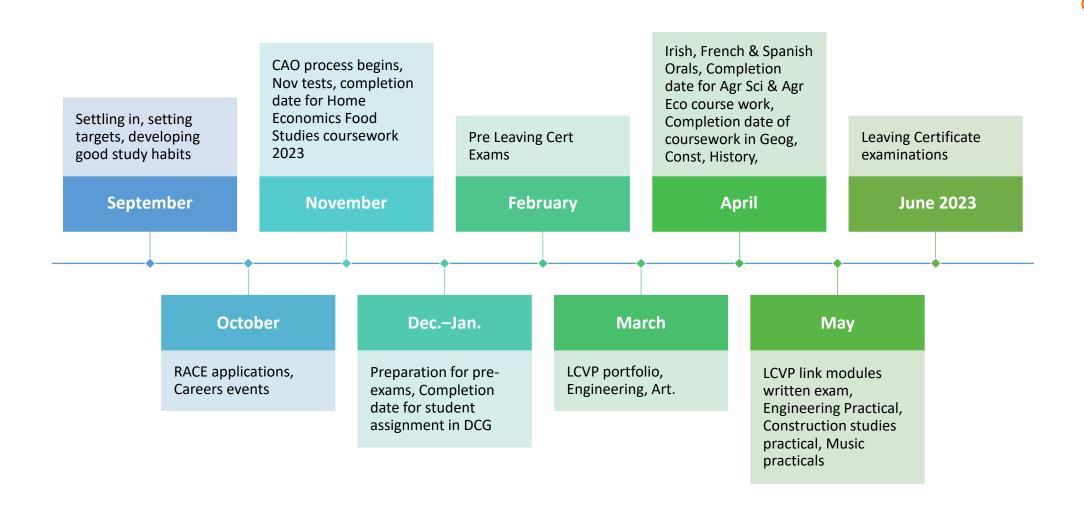
Apprenticeships

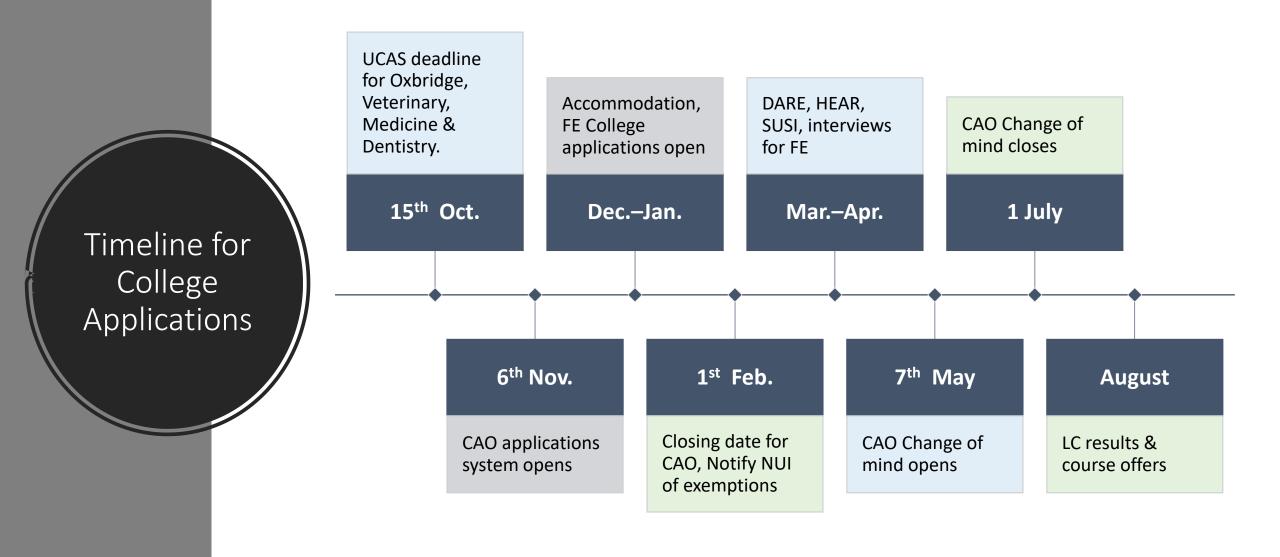
Further Education (PLC)

Grants/Scholarships, Accommodation

Importance of good research

Timeline for 6th year





Options after post primary school

College options

- Higher Education Institutes (HEI) CAO application Level
 6/7/8
- UCAS, Eunicas, USA
- Further Education and training colleges QQI Level 5/6

Training options

- Solas : <u>www.apprenticeship.ie</u>
- Clonakilty Agricultural College/ Teagasc
- Airlines, BIM, HSE, private training eg. Ballymaloe
- Retail Management (LIDL & DBS)
- Defence Forces, Army, Navy, Air Corps, Gardai
- Year out/ Gap year

College Applications



CAO

- Level 6/7/8 courses
- Minimum/specific subjects and points
- Apply on line
- 1st February closing date
- Restricted courses
- Disability/ DARE/HEAR/NUI Exemptions
- Very strict deadlines throughout the year
- www.cao.ie

UCAS/ EUNICAS

- Both separate applications for study abroad.
- UCAS UK, Scotland, Wales & NI
- Eunicas-Netherlands, Italy,
- Very different application systems to CAO and require a lot of research
- www.ucas.com
- www.eunicas.ie

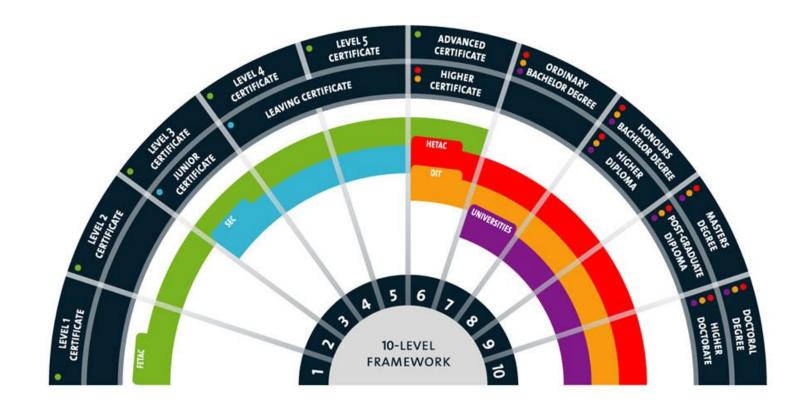


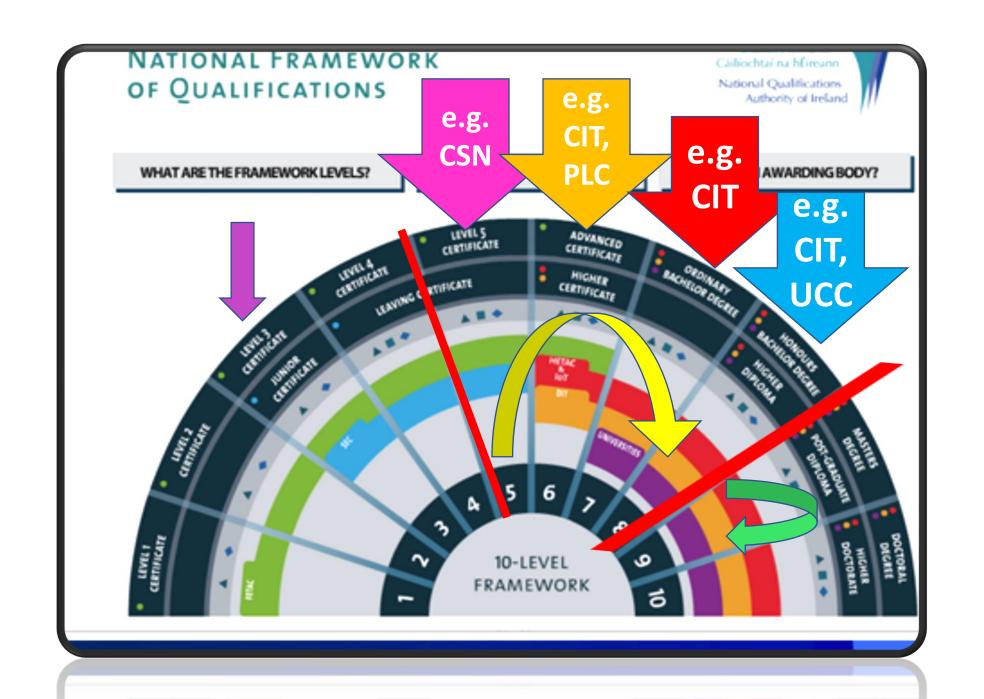
National Framework of Qualifications

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

KEY

- FETAC Further Education and Training Awards Council
 - SEC State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Science)
- HETAC Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities
- new Framework awards







Every course/study option will have Entry Requirements. What do you need to get into this course?

There are exceptions to all of these example categories

Post Leaving Cert Colleges (FE/PLCs)

Any 5 subjects
 at Higher or
 Ordinary (most,
 not all)

Institutes of Technologies (ITs)

- Level 8's
- 6 subjects
- Irish OR English, Maths
- 2 H5s and 4 more at O6s or H7s (most, not all)

ITs

- Level 7/6's
- 5 subjects
- H7s/O6s in Irish OR English, Maths (most, not all)

Colleges, Universities

- Level 8's
- 6 subjects
- 2 H5s + 4 06/H7s
- Irish? English? Maths? A Language?







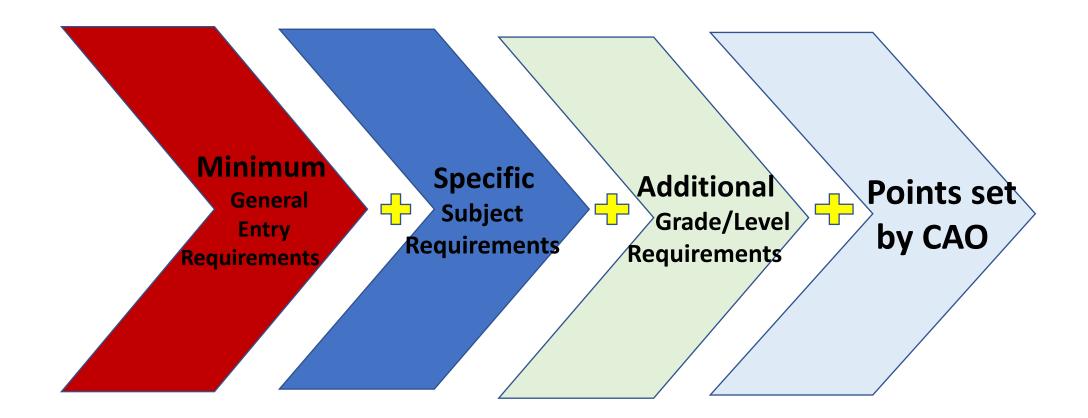
Common CAO Points Scale

Higher Grade		Points	Ordinary Grade	Points
H1	90-100%	100	O1 90-100%	56
H2	80<90%	88	O2 80<90%	46
Н3	70<80%	77	O3 70<80%	37
Н4	60<70%	66	O4 60<70%	28
H5	50<60%	56	O5 50<60%	20
Н6	40<50%	46	O6 40<50%	12
H7	30<40%	37	O7 30<40%	0
Н8	0<30%	0	08	0

25 bonus points for H6 & above for Higher Maths

LCVP Distinction 66, Merit 46, Pass 28

CK705: O6/H7 IN Eng, Iri, Maths, H4 in a third Lang, a science. (2H5 & 4 O6/H7) (515 POINTS)



See www.qualifax.ie or college website/prospectus

CAO Application

- CAO Handbook online
- Application is online and opens on th Nov
- Students register at www.cao.ie and set up individual account that is Password protected
- Costs €30.00 before 20th Jan
- Closing Date for normal applications is 1st Feb (€45.00)
- Supply & Demand system based around points
- Change of mind Facility runs from May 5th to 1st July
- Order of Preference is key!
- Check Statement of Application Record in May and Alert lists
- Applicant Checklist in CAO handbook

https://www.cao.ie/handbook.php



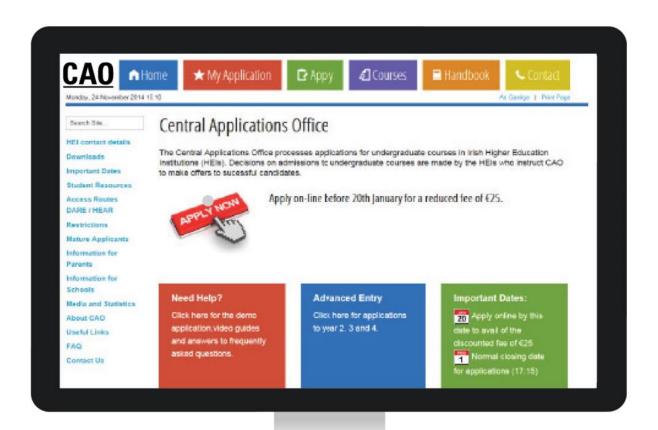
Making an Application

Applicants are encouraged to apply online.

The website address is

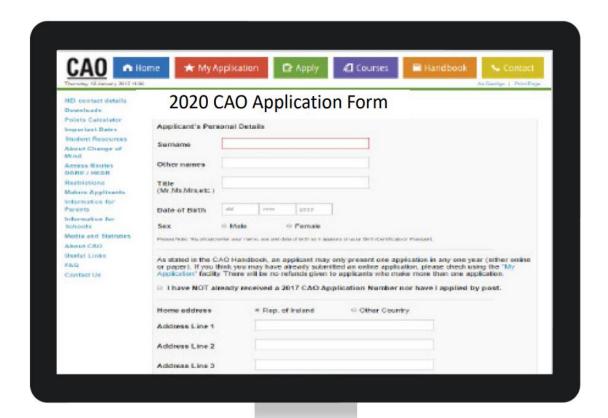
www.cao.ie

Click on 'Apply' and enter the information requested.



Application Form

- Information which identifies you is of the utmost importance.
- Carefully enter details such as your name, address, date of birth, schools attended, etc.
- Your examination details must be entered with great care.
- Make sure you inform CAO about all relevant qualifications and exemptions – select the relevant section(s) from the Qualifications and Assessments summary on the application form.





Statement of Application Record

If you do not receive a Statement by



contact CAO immediately.

Before the end of May you will be sent a Statement of Application Record as a final acknowledgement and to enable you to verify that all information has been recorded completely and correctly.

Check the following carefully, and if there is any error or omission amend the Statement and return it to CAO.

Are all the courses shown and in the correct order?

Are all the codes correct?

Are the exam numbers correct?

Are all exams mentioned?

Are all exemptions listed?

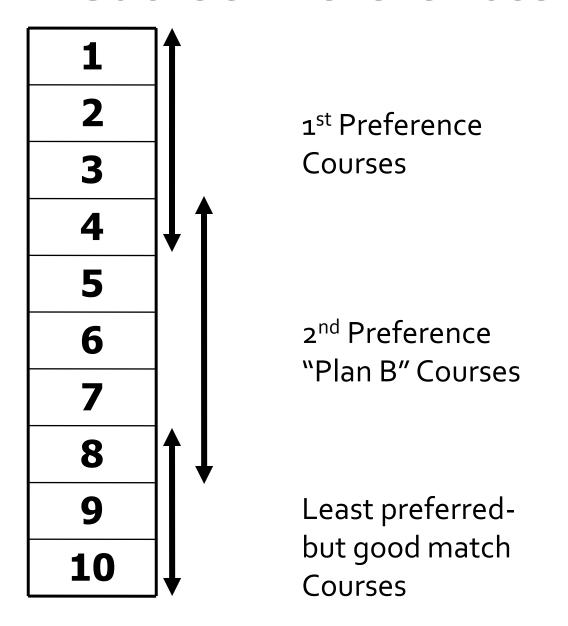
2 Applications in 1

- There are 2 course choice lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6) and applicants may make up to 10 course choices on each list.
- Your choices on one list do not in any way affect your choices on the other list. They may be considered two separate applications on one form.
- It is possible to receive an offer on both lists. You may then decide to accept either your Level 7/6 or your Level 8 offer.
- Alternatively, you might not wish to accept either offer.





Course Preferences



The Offer Process

https://vimeo.com/102134759



- If you are entitled to an offer, you will be sent an email with details of your offer(s). You may receive more than one email if you have received an offer off both your Level 8 and Level 7/6 lists.
- You will also receive an SMS text message if you have selected this option.
- You should check that all of the details on the Offer Notice are correct and that there are no omissions.
- Offers will also be available on the CAO website.
- You may check for and accept offers on the website.

IN FACT, MOST APPLICANTS NOW RECORD ACCEPTANCES ONLINE.

ACCESS Route: www.accesscollege.ie



DARE

 The Disability Access Route to Education is a supplementary admissions scheme for school leavers with disabilities which operates on a reduced points basis.



• HEAR

The Higher Education Access
 Route is the third level
 admissions scheme for school
 leavers from socio-economically
 disadvantaged backgrounds
 which also operates on a
 reduced points basis.





Start gathering supporting documents

- By February 1st Submit a CAO application
- Tick the YES I wish to apply for DARE on CAO application



• By March 1st – Fill out Section A online supplementary information form and ensure you've ticked DARE box



- By March 15th Submit all support documents to CAO (registered post)
- including Sec B EIS (completed by school) and Sec C Evidence of Disability Documentation



- February 1st Submit a CAO application
- Tick the 'I am applying for HEAR' box on CAO form

- March 1st Fill out HEAR form as part of CAO form
- Compile all supporting documents

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• March 15th – Submit all support documents to the CAO (post)



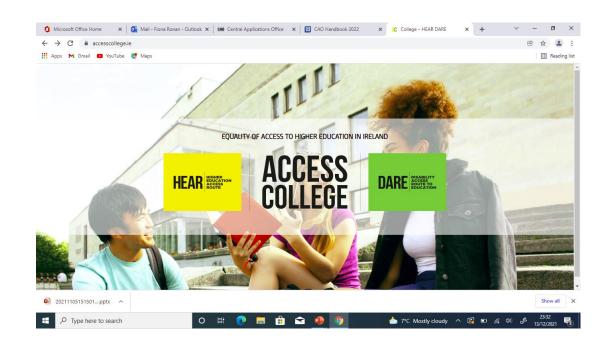
Further Information on www.accesscollege.ie

DARE

https://youtu.be/AOt4vFUtQM0

HEAR

- https://youtu.be/HHFW3LVvt-Y
- Forms available from this website
- Speak to Guidance Counsellor



Information sessions on DARE & HEAR occurring via www.accesscollege.ie on 16th Jan 2024. Registration required for both

UCC DARE online clinics are on

October 25 th	Wednesday	5 to 7pm	Please click here to book a place
November 16 th	Thursday	3 to 5pm	Please click here to book a place
December 6 th	Wednesday	3 to 5pm	Please click here to book a place
January 24 th	Wednesday	5 to 7pm	Please click here to book a place

UCC HEAR/Dare Clinics in person – no booking necessary

November 22 nd	Wednesday	4 to 7.30pm	The Dora Allman Room, The Hub, UCC.
January 16 th	Tuesday	4 to 7.30pm	The Dora Allman
			Room, The Hub, UCC.

Useful resources

Please visit www.cao.ie and click on the 'Parents' page to view some of the useful resources available, including:

- The Demo Application Facility www.cao.ie/demo
- Video Guides www.cao.ie/video
- A guide to the CAO for parents and guardians
- Timetable of Events
- The CAO Handbook www.cao.ie/handbook

What parents can do to help with CAO

Central Applications Office (cao.ie

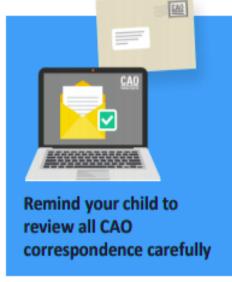
Your role as a parent/guardian













Colleges of Further Education (FE, QQI, PLC)



- Wide range of courses available in many career areas
- FETAC Level 5/Level 6 QQI Qualification in ½ years
- Student applies directly to the FE College from late Dec/ Jan
- 5 passes in the Leaving Cert
 not points
- Interview
- Progression onto IT/Universities in Ireland & abroad – based on exam results

Most popular Further Education Colleges

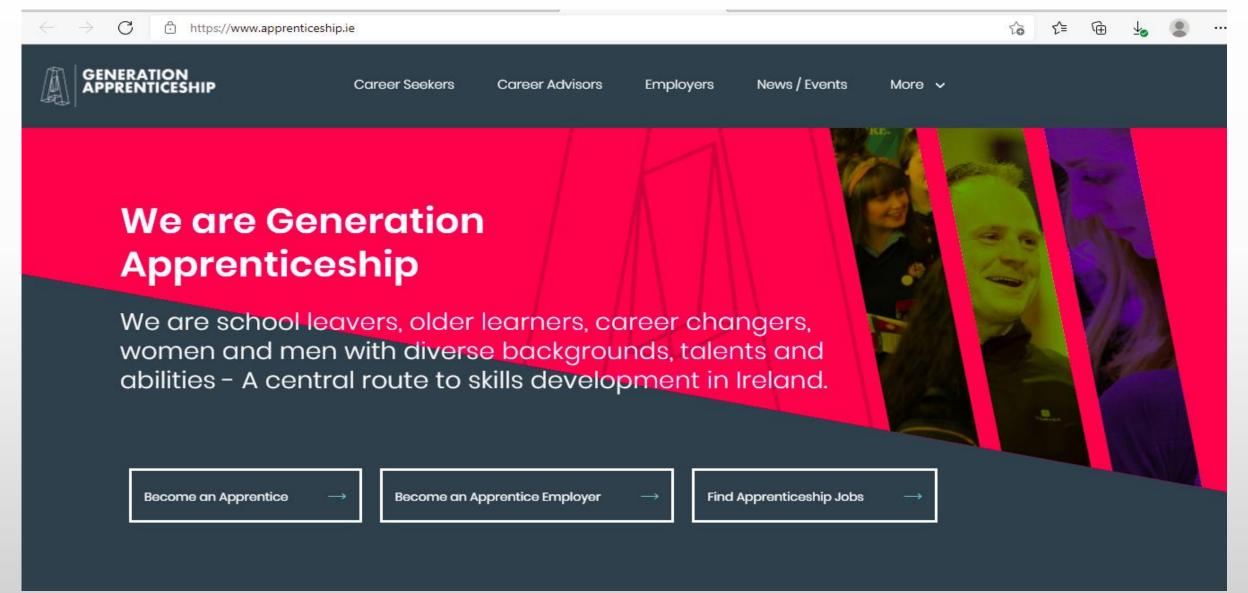
- College of Commerce Cork (Morrisson's Island) and West Cork (Skibbereen)
- Colaiste Stiofain Naofa-Tramore Rd Campus
- St John's Central College- Douglas Street Campus
- Many towns eg Mallow, Kinsale, Clonakilty, Bantry



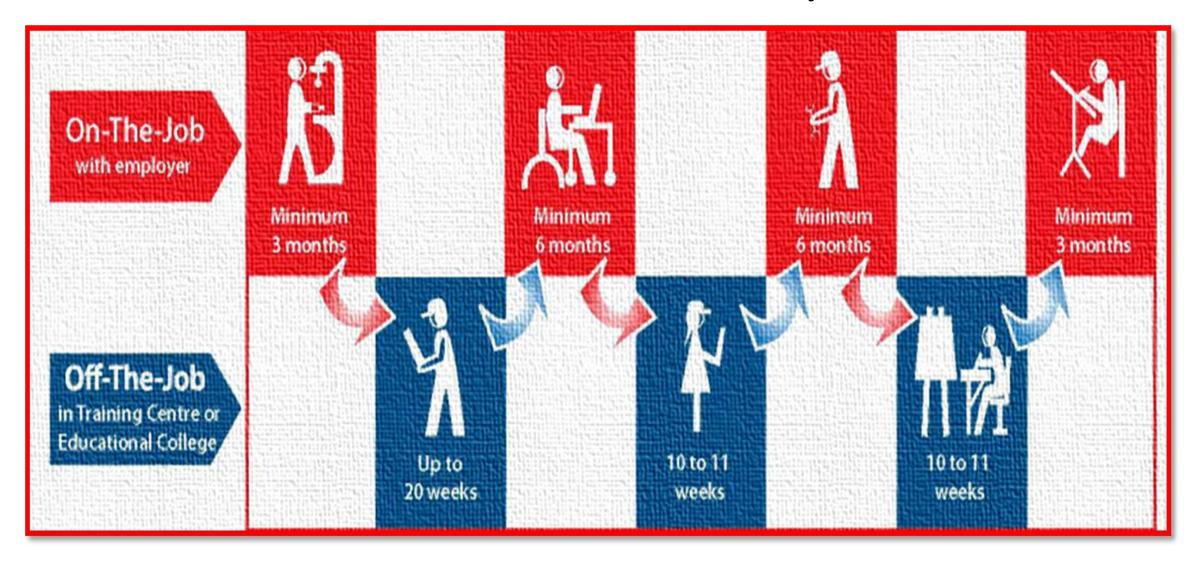
Sample of Further Education Courses (1-2yrs with progression links)

- Nursing Studies CCOC
- Community Care, West Cork Campus CCOC
- Photographic Studies, St Johns
- Beauty Therapy, CCOC
- Coaching & Physical Education 1, CSN
- Music, Management & Sound, CSN
- E Business, West Cork Campus CCOC
- Digital Media, St Johns

Apprenticeships: <u>www.apprenticeship.ie</u>



APPRENTICESHIPS- Earn while you Learn!



INTERESTED IN APPRENTICESHIPS?

Upcoming South West Information Events

Learn more about the exciting range of apprenticeships & career opportunities on offer in the South-West

MTU Bishopstown Campus Open Day

November 17th

MTU Arena, Bishopstown, Cork <u>Visit:</u> www.mtu.ie/opendays

Apprenticeship Open Night

February 22nd

Kerry College, Monavalley Campus Contact: con.osullivan@kerrycollege.ie

STEM South West Industry & Careers EXPO

November 22nd

City Hall, Cork Register: www.bit.ly/STEMsouthwest

Apprenticeship Open Day

March 13th

Cork FET, Bishopstown Campus Contact: apprenticeship@corketb.ie

MTU Kerry Campus Open Day

April 13th

MTU Kerry Campus, Tralee <u>Visit:</u> www.mtu.ie/opendays

Students teachers & parents seeking apprenticeship information get the opportunity to:

Tour the facilities

Meet employers & current apprentices

Engage with apprenticeship teams

Receive top class advice on the courses & career paths available.

Explore the range of apprenticeships on offer from traditional apprenticeship opportunities in electrical, construction, motor industries, to new options in industries such as biopharma, engineering, culinary arts, sales, logistics, ICT and much more

In collaboration with:















Huge range of areas, Growing every year!

Traditional Crafts

- Plastering
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrician
- Motor Mechanic

New Range of Programmes

- Accounting Technician
- Laboratory Technician
- Logistics Associate (2 yr)
- Auctioneering Associate
- Insurance
- Computers & ICT
- Chef du Partie







If interested

 Research the types of apprenticeships available on www.apprenticeship.ie



- Talk to a person already working in your chosen industry
- Talk to your local apprenticeship team in your nearest Education and Training Board.
- See 'Contact Us' page on www.apprenticeship.ie or speak to Mr. Don McCarthy, Trainee Advisor in the Cork Training Centre don.mccarthy@corktrainingcentre.ie / 086777367
- Search for apprenticeship opportunities on the Jobs Portal (www.apprenticeshipjobs.ie). Also search job search engines and local advertisements.
- Follow #GenerationApprenticeship via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- In January, fill out an "expression of interest" form available from Guidance Counsellor and send into Cork Training Centre, Bishopstown.

Tertiary Courses

- From September 2023, students can enrol in a further education institution before progressing to a higher education institution to complete their fully-accredited degree.
- Tertiary programmes have guaranteed progression between the further and higher education element of the programme, as long as the learner reaches a required academic standard.
- Details of each course including entry requirements, structure, and step-back awards will be available on nto.ie, as well as details on how to apply for each course.

Cork ETB (CETB), Kerry ETB (KETB), and Munster Technological University (MTU)







<u>Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Animation, Visual Effect and Motion</u> <u>Design (Level 8)</u>

Bachelor of Business (Level 8) - Cork

Bachelor of Business (Level 8) - Kerry

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Software Development (Level 8)

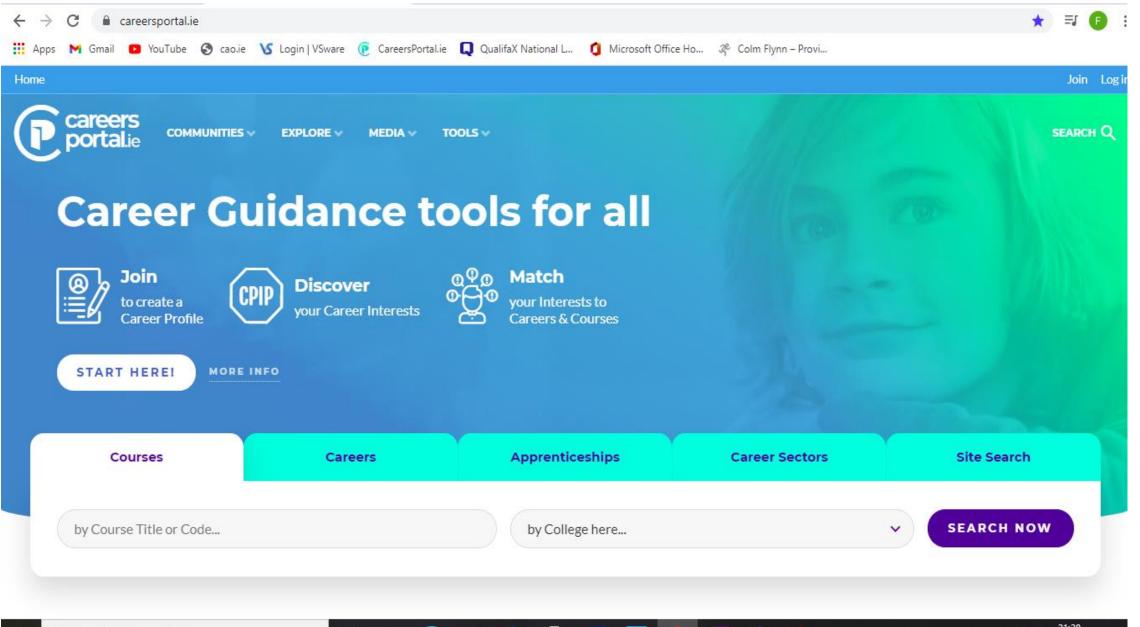
Course coordinator contact details



Researching courses

- Specific College websites www.ucc.ie
- <u>www.careersportal.ie</u> and REACH plus
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.cao.ie
- Virtual Open Days/ Webinars/Podcasts
- Social media Instagram or colleges you are interested in
- Personal Contacts/ friends/ Neighbours































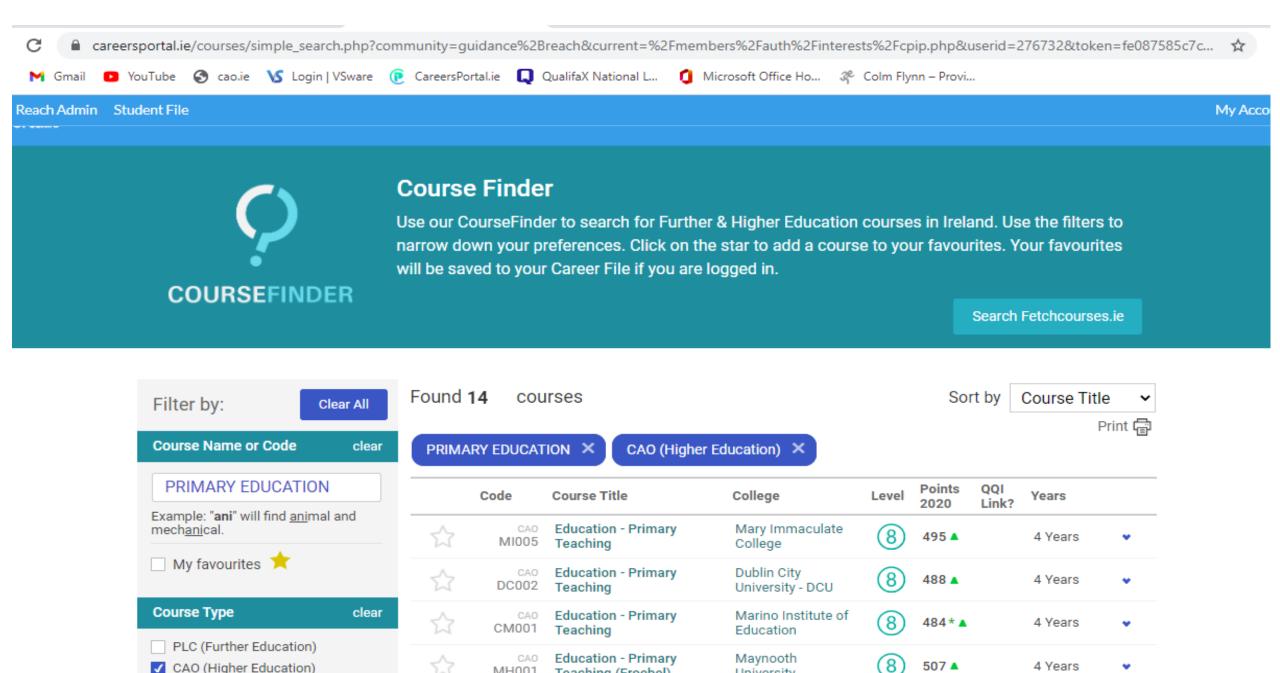












Teaching (Froebel)

Education - Primary

University

MH001

Direct Entry (Higher Education)



Course Summary

anguage Options

Entry Requirements

QQI / FET Links

The Student

Career Progression

Further Research

COURSE SUMMARY

During Year 1 of the programme, all students will follow a core programme consisting of 15 units of study. Students will spend part of this time in schools observing, teaching and participating in the life of the school. As students progress through the programme, there will be increasing opportunities for them to specialise in years 3 & 4 either within Education or within a Liberal Arts discipline.



COLLEGE PROFILE



Mary Immaculate College

Visit College Profile

View Prospectus

View Scholarships

View Courses

Know yourself



- Interest Assessments, www.careersportal.ie
- Personality
- Learning style
- Subject Preference
- Exam performance to date
- Practical vs theoretical
- Specific vs Broad course



Know your Course

Students must research ALL options and courses properly.

- Content
- Entry Requirements
- CAO Code
- Subjects/Modules
- Assessments
- Electives
- Work Placements
- Qualifications
- Exemptions
- Progression Routes from FE
- Post Graduate Options
- Employment



Most common reason for choosing the wrong course/wrong path in 6th Year??

Poor research



Sources of Information

- www.careersportal.ie Current labour trends
- www.qualifax.ie course search/events
- www.cao.ie HEI applications
- www.accesscollege.ie HEAR, economic/socio disadvantage
- <u>www.apprenticeships.ie</u>_Apprenticeships
- www.ucas.com UK/Scotland/Wales applications
- www.eunicas.ie
 European applications
- www.postgradireland.com 4th level
- www.fetch.ie Colleges of FE, progression
- www.nui.ie (exemption notification to NUI)
- www.apprenticeship.ie
- College Prospectus and web sites (MODULES)
- CAO handbook
- https://careersportal.ie/careerguidance/office.php?school_id =835 SCS guidance webpage

Accommodation

- Search for Accommodation begins early in the year.
 Deposit often required
- Contact Accomodation office of College about reserving a place in on-campus accommodationoften a random lottery system. CAO number required.
- Payment is usually made in two instalments (Sept, Dec)
- Most colleges also have off-campus accommodation
- Digs growing in popularity- set price & meals and bills included
- College Accommodation office also distribute lists of off campus accommodation
- DAFT.ie / studentpad



UCC ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION SESSION-CAO STUDENTS 2024/2025

This online session will cover the following topics:

- Campus Accommodation options, prices and application process
- Private student complexes options, prices and application process
- Other accommodation options outside of student specific accommodation





Wednesday 29th Nov



4pm

REGISTER NOW

www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation





Higher Education Grants

- Tuition fees FREE
- Student Contribution Fee €2,000 for 2023/24
- Student grant- www.susi.ie
- Means-tested grant taking into account household income for the previous tax year. It considers gross income, number of dependents in family and in full-time education, distance between normal residence and college
- Different levels of maintenance grant- 100%, 75%, 50%, 25%
- Completely separate application to CAO or HEAR or PLC
- Each applicant must consider their own eligibility and provide their own documentation to support application. SUSI system opens in April '24





Entrance scholarships are awarded by HEI's on the basis of Leaving Cert results. The HEI's inform students.

Other scholarships (sport, GAA, etc) or special scholarships (STEM Naughton, business etc) need to be applied for to particular college/university.

All details are on particular college websites.

Watch Closing dates carefully.

SPECIFIC COLLEGES for example;

UCC: Quercus 'Talented Student' Scholarships (Active Citizenship, Creative and Performing Arts, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Sport) GAA sports bursary, Kelliher Scholarship,

MTU: Janssen Mechanical Engineering Scholarship, DePuy Biomedical Engineering Scholarship, Sports Scholarship

RCSI:Kieran Pathek Scholarship – Pharmacy

UCD: AdAstra Academic, Sport, Irish Language, Performing Arts

Missing out on closing dates and deadlines

Losing information or not reading it properly

Not applying for an Exemption/s

Not submitting all the necessary documents

OOPS!

Not checking information properly

Not having a back up plan/s

Overestimating or underestimating ability

Not reading noticeboards, emails or keeping up to date with changing information



Healthy Habits for Exam Success

Adequate Sleep – enhances your brains wiring. Effectively enables you to both think faster and remember information better.

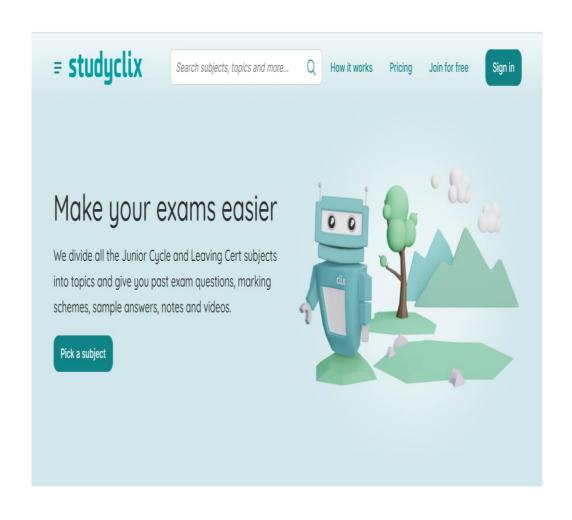
Proper Nutrition – Food fuels both the body and the mind. Make healthy choices by eating whole foods and drinking plenty of water. Have breakfast!

Stress Management- we all need some amount of stress to get us doing what we need to do! Too much stress leads to poor sleep, headaches, poor concentration and anxiety. Positive approaches to stress include journaling, meditation, quiet time with supportive friends and family, physical exercise.

Regular Physical Exercise – mitigates against

the damaging effects of stress. Aerobic exercise improves blood flow, cardiovascular health, benefitting the brain, promotes mental concentration and the ability to recall information.

Free Studyclix plus for all 6th years



- All the main features in all your subjects but limited access to mock questions.
- €44.99 but free to 6th yrs
- All state exam questions by topic in your subjects
- 1 mock exam question on each topic
- All quiz questions in available topics
- Hundreds of video solutions and sample answers
- Listening comprehension audio clips
- Useful tips on study, CAO
- Blogs that provide great information
- Subject Guides





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