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DUNDRUM COLLEGE
OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Dundrum
PROSPECTUS

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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Dublin and Dún Laoghaire
Átha Cliath agus Dhún Laoghaire Education and Training Board

WHY?

Why study at Dundrum College of Further Education (DCFE)

Dundrum College of Further Education (DCFE) is a College of Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), one of the largest providers of education and training in Ireland.

DCFE delivers both full time and part time programmes in a broad range of vocational areas. We provide a wide range of choices and provide a flexible, modularised curriculum.

DCFE promotes lifelong learning opportunities to school leavers, mature learners and those wishing to re-train and/or upskill across a diverse range of programme disciplines.

DCFE encourages students to avail of opportunities to study in our partner organisations throughout Europe. DCFE is a member of the EU Commission Erasmus+ network with partners in Norway, Estonia, Germany and France at present.

DCFE support team promotes the welfare, wellbeing and guidance for all students in a welcoming environment. The college strives to offer learning experiences which respond to the individual needs of all learners.

"DCFE promotes a quality teaching, learning and assessment culture that is welcoming, respectful, enjoyable, inclusive, innovative and supportive for all."

WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS?

60%
<24yrs

27%
24 - <44yrs

13%
45+ yrs
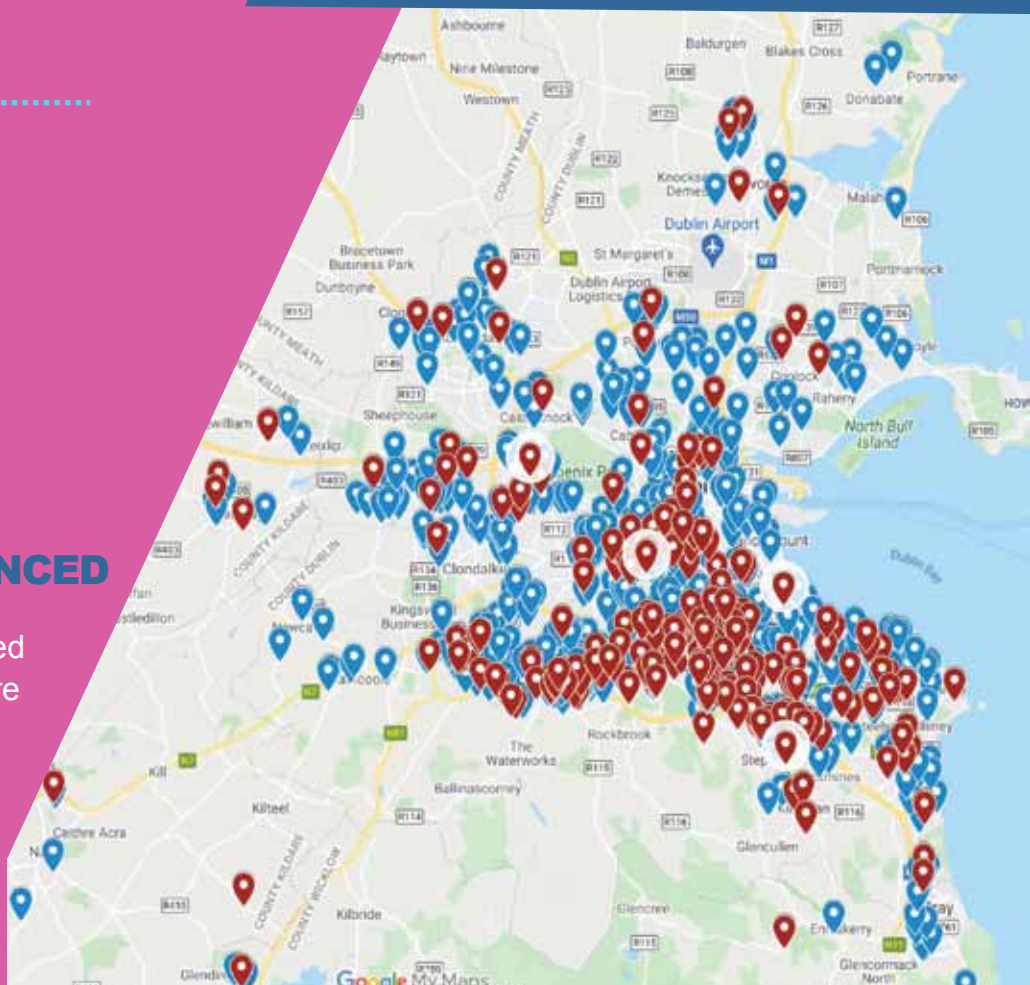
OUR PROGRAMMES

Full-time
Part-time
Traineeships VTOS, BTEA
and SUSI applicable
Employment oriented
Progression opportunities

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED

The College is an acknowledged
TEL centre of excellence, where
students are facilitated with
access to a wide spectrum of
technologies to support
their learning.

WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS COME FROM?

GRADUATES FROM DCFE ARE...

Retention

79% achieved full certification. Outcomes for others include direct employment or component certification.

Students who complete a Further Education (PLC) course are 50% more likely to continue to their final year in their undergraduate degree.

PROGRESSION

74%

of PLC graduates in Higher Education progressed to their final year

Research shows that a foundation in FET helps students complete a Higher Education degree.

EMPLOYMENT

Latest research indicates that the majority of PLC graduates are now in substantial employment, with others continuing through Further and Higher Education.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE & STUDENT SOCIETY...

Life at college is not just about study, it is so much more.

STUDENT SOCIETY

Students at DCFE have the opportunity to engage with social aspects of college life through the DDLETB Student Society, which supports the social life of the student body across ten Further Education colleges in Dublin, with events running locally such as charity zombie run, Christmas carol singing, table quizzes, bowling championships, social outings, football tournaments, etc.

DDLETB
STUDENT SOCIETY

SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- A ZOMBIE RUN organized by DDLETB Student Society.

- A Christmas Charity event in aid of St. Vincent de Paul.

- A New Year's Grand Quiz between colleges.

- A Bowling Event between colleges.

- A Photography Competition.

- A Football Competition between colleges.

- A Sand Sculpture Competition between college.

ERASMUS+

International Opportunities

DCFE has been successful in securing funding for a number of Erasmus+ programmes. Under this programme, funding and support is provided for projects which allow students to expand their geographical and intellectual horizons through studying and working throughout Europe.

DCFE encourages all students to avail of opportunities offered in the college to study abroad and experience the wider European environment. DCFE has European partners in Norway, Estonia, Germany and France for students to choose from depending on their vocational specialism. Students can receive Erasmus+ grant funding for exchanges with partner organisations throughout Europe.

Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

ERASMUS+
International
Opportunities

DUNDRUM CAMPUS

Why study at Dundrum College of Further Education (DCFE)

DCFE is situated in the heart of Dundrum community and adjacent to Dundrum Town Centre. The College buildings are situated both on Dundrum Main Street and Upper Kilmacud Road.

The college is only a few minutes from town on the Luas, well served by Dublin, Transport for Ireland and on a bus route from Dublin Airport. DCFE is also handy for the M50.

Dundrum is a thriving mix of old and new amenities, with the village itself redeveloped and lined with cottages that bring character and a real sense of community, while maintaining the 'small village' sense.

There is also ample green space nearby in Airfield Estate and Ballawley Park. There is a fantastic range of supports, clubs, restaurants, sports facilities and gyms, creches, a library, churches and parks close to the college. Dundrum Town Centre, which is Ireland's largest shopping centre, is only a few steps from our campus.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

On site facilities include teaching rooms, computer labs, Career Guidance service, mentoring support, student work rooms, meeting rooms, and an online library resource.

The College is well served with dedicated computer labs and all rooms are facilitated with access to digital devices.

The College wide free Wifi enables students to bring their own device onto the campus.

STUDENT SUPPORT

At DCFE, we provide excellent support to our students throughout their academic journey from their first often daunting days of Induction and Orientation through to certification and graduation.

Our College is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for all our students. We focus on each student as an individual. We have a range of supports that put the student at the centre of their academic journey.

Support is provided to allow students to tap into their own abilities and to ensure they reach their academic potential.

We strive to create an inclusive community where all students are afforded the same opportunities to learn, socialise, participate and progress.

If you feel you require support, please contact: support@ cfedundrum.com.

SUPPORTS AVAILABLE

General academic support:

✓ Advice on effective learning strategies.

✓ Study skills.

✓ Academic writing support.

✓ Time management.

Guidance:

✓ QQI Progression route information.

✓ Support with CAO applications.

✓ Support with UCAS (UK) applications.

✓ Career guidance - advice and practical guidance on career planning, further study options and adjusting to College life.

Support for those with disabilities and specific learning difficulties:

✓ Needs assessment followed by implementation of support plan.

✓ Examination accommodations if applicable.

✓ Possible additional academic support.

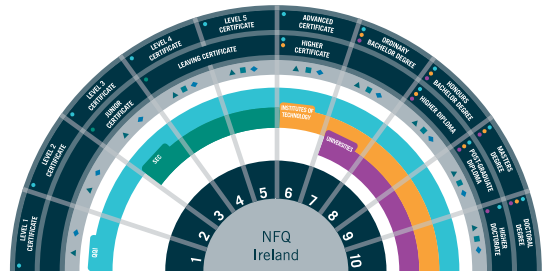✓ Possible assistive technology support.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

All our courses are accredited by QQI and Industry Awarding Bodies at Levels 5 and 6 of the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

QQI CAO POINTS SYSTEM

Graduates can progress to Higher Education degree programmes on the basis of achieving a full award, consisting of 8 modules. A scoring system for QQI awards applies for entry through CAO to Higher Education. QQI will calculate the best score for you based on your QQI results and will forward those results directly to the CAO in July.

See scoring scheme for QQI qualifications on www.cao.ie and further details at http://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Higher-Education-Links-Scheme-(HELS).aspx.

For details of progression from specific courses please see the course information section below.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL PARTNERS

Capital Credit Union, our College scholarship partner.

Capital Credit Union's Higher Scholarship is open to all students of DCFE who are members of the credit union. The Scholarship is awarded on a random basis, so everyone has an equal chance of winning and the deadline for applications is in mid October.

Dundrum Library

Dundrum Library the most westerly of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown library branches, with the historic Carnegie building open since 1914. The library serves a large catchment area, including DCFE and all students can avail of the services offered in the library, once they are library members including book rental and study facilities.

Citizens information centre

Citizens information centre is located in Dundrum Town Centre, a Nationwide service that can be reached Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm.

Airfield

Airfield - DCFE students are facilitated by the Airfield Trust to engage in various learning activities and opportunities such as participation in craft workshops, environmental awareness and horticultural activities on the open farm.

ReCreate

ReCreate - DCFE sources sustainable teaching and learning resources from ReCreate, a thriving social enterprise making art materials and educational supplies affordable and accessible to every sector of the community for all kinds of creative purposes.

Ballynascorney golf club

Ballynascorney golf club - DCFE has an ongoing partnership project with this local golf course. Horticulture and Ecology students carry out a range of ecological and horticultural activities in this local beauty spot.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course and programmes - flexibility and choice

DCFE is a leader in offering modular and credit-based components in our full-time QQI Level 5 and 6 Major Award courses. Our hub structure allows you to study core and elective modules tailoring your award to your special interest area. DCFE offers greater flexibility, where you can adapt the curriculum.

Some of our courses are offered in various flexible ways for example through morning, part-time, blended learning or a shorter learning week. To see the details of course durations and flexible delivery check our website www.cfedundrum.com

Our modular design meets all National standards and makes it much easier for you to study the subjects of particular interest to you.

BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE & ADMINISTRATION

Overview

These courses lead to awards in Business Studies 5M2102, Office Administration 5M1997, Business Administration 5M2468, International Trade 5M2111 and Advanced Certificate in Administration 6M5013. The courses provide students with broad and balanced programmes, while allowing for individualisation through a selection of elective modules.

Employment Opportunities

The courses lead to employment in a wide range of areas such as, financial services, medical, legal or accounting settings and roles such as marketing, human resources and international trade. This Hub programmes offers varied opportunities and will give students the IT and administrative skills required to build a career in these exciting professions.

Example of modules covered

- Information & Administration
- Audio/Text Production
- Spreadsheets
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience
- International Trade
- Administration Practice
- Behaviour studies
- Medical Terminology
- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Digital Marketing
- Book-keeping manual and computerised
- Insurance Services
- Payroll manual and computerised
- Business Administration Skills

COURSES

LEVEL 5

- **Business and Payroll Administration** – 5M2468 (PLSS)
- **Medical Secretary Administrator** – 5M1997 (PLSS)
- **Legal Secretary Administrator** - 5M1997 (PLSS)
- **Executive Secretary** - 5M1997 (PLSS)
- **FinTech** - 5M2102 (PLSS)
- **Pre-apprenticeship Accounting and Insurance** – 5M2102 (PLSS)
- **Human Resource Management** – 5M2102 (PLSS)
- **International Trade** – 5M2111 (PLSS)

LEVEL 6

- **Advanced Administration & Business** – 6M5013 (PLSS)
- **Supervisory Management** – 6M5013 (PLSS)

BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE & ADMINISTRATION

Refer to our website - www.cfedundrum.com for details of specific course modules.

"I completed a Medical Secretary course in DCFE. I found the teachers very helpful and they prepared me very well for assignments and exams. I am now in full time work and I would recommend DCFE to anyone looking to go back to education." –

**Deborah Jackson,
Medical Secretary Graduate**

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

Examples of progression courses include:

- **TUD, TU932 Business**

- **TUD, TU933 Accounting and Finance**

	MEDICAL SECRETARY (BUSMLE)	LEGAL SECRETARY (BUSMLE)	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY /PA (BUSMLE)	INTERNATIONAL TRADER (BUS)	PRE-APPRENTICESHIP ACCOUNTING/ INSURANCE (BUS PR)	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (BUS HR)	FINTECH (BUS PAY)	BUSINESS & PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION (BUS PAY)	SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT (BUS AD)	ADVANCED ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS LEVEL 6 (BUS SAD)
Communications 5N0690	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Work Experience 5N1356	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Word Processing 5N1358	X	X	X			X		X		
Spreadsheet Methods 5N1977	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Information & Administration 5M1389	X	X	X							
Text Production 5N1422	X	X	X							
Database Methods 5N0783	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Medical Terminology 5N428	X		X							
Legal Practice & Procedures 5N1394		X	X							
Audio Transcription 5N1549	X	X	X							
Financial Services 5N1383					X		X			
Behavioural Studies 5N1351						X				
Maths 5N1833							X			
International Trade Practice 5N2072				X						
Supply Chain Operations 5N2049			X		X					
Business Administration Skills 5N1610				X	X	X	X			
Marketing Practice 5N1400				X		X	X	X		
Digital Marketing 5N1364				X						
Book Keeping Manual & Computerised 5N1354					X			X		
Payroll Manual & Computerised 5N1546					X			X		
Communications 6N1950									X	X
PPD 6N1948									X	X
Admin Practice 6N4169									X	X
Spreadsheets 6N4089									X	X
Project Man 6N4369									X	
Marketing Comm 6N4370									X	X
Payroll Manual & Computerised 6N4005										X
Book Keeping Manual & Computerised 6N4865										X
Text Production 6N4945										X
Safety Management 6N1782									X	
Bus Management 6N4310									X	

COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Overview

These programmes lead to Software Development 5M0529 & 6M0691, Computer Systems & Networking 5M0536, and CompTIA, Microsoft, CISCO professional certification. The purpose of these courses is to equip students with the fundamentals to design, install and maintain software and hardware computing infrastructures leading to employment in a range of sectors.

Employment Opportunities

The courses lead to employment in a wide range of areas such as, software development, game design, infrastructure technical support, cyber security & forensics and computing & data science engineering. This Hub programmes offers varied opportunities and will give students the skills required to build a career in these exciting professions.

Example of modules covered

- Programming & Design Principles
- Software Architecture
- Operating Systems
- Virtualisation Support
- Systems Hardware
- Fundamentals of Object Orientated programming
- Database Methods
- Computer Systems Hardware
- Network Essentials
- Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- ICT Security Management
- Maths for IT
- Systems Software

COURSES
LEVEL 5

- **Computer Systems and Networks -** 5M0536 (PLSS)
- **Digital Systems Engineering -** 5M0536 (PLSS)
- **IT Technician -** CompTIA A+, Network+, QQI (part-time) (PLSS)
- **Computer Science -** 5M0529 (PLSS 334793)
- **Data Science -** 5M0529 (PLSS)

LEVEL 6

- **Computer Science** – 6M0691(PLSS)
- **Software Coding & Cybersecurity** – 6M0691 (part-time) (PLSS)
- **Network Security Professional** – CompTIA Cyber Security+ (part-time) (PLSS)

COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES & COMPUTER SCIENCE

"After many years away from education, I returned with a fear of the unknown. I secured a place on the level 5 Computer course and loved it from the moment I started. After progressing onto the level 6 Networking course I gained advanced entry into year two of a DIT degree. I was awarded a first class honours Computing degree in DIT and have completed a Masters in Cyber-Security. I accredit this to DCFE showing me the educational light. I am now working for IBM, recently promoted and learning for life!"

John Clarke,
Computer Systems and
Networks Graduate,
IBM Cyber Security Employee

Progression

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes. Graduates who have successfully completed the level 6 course may meet matriculation requirements for Advanced Entry to TUD.

Examples of progression courses include:

- TUD, TU859 Computing - Tallaght*
- TUD, TU865 Cloud Computing - Tallaght *
- TUD, TU860 Computing (Information Technology) Blanchardstown*
- TUD, TU862 Computing with Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning - Tallaght*
- TUD, TU787 Business - Tallaght
- UCD, DN201 Computer Science*

* Note: Courses may require a minimum Maths/Maths IT module entry requirement.

Cisco Academy / CompTIA Training Centre / Microsoft Training Centre

The College is an approved CISCO Networking Academy and an approved CompTIA Learning Partner. We are also certified to provide Microsoft training and certification. Dundrum College of Further Education is a recipient of an International award for Information and Technology Training for the EMEA region. As part of the experience our students benefit from applying class and lab based learning to real world network problem solving and implementation.

	COMPUTER SYSTEMS & NETWORKS (CCSN)	DIGITAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (CDSN)	IT TECHNICIAN (COMPTIA +QQI (BTEI) M (CIT)	COMPUTER SCIENCE (CCSDS)	DATA SCIENCE (CSCDS)	FORENSICS & CYBER SECURITY (CFCY)	COMPUTER SCIENCE LEVEL 6 (CCS6)	SOFTWARE, CODING AND CYBER SECURITY (CCS6)	NETWORK SECURITY PROFESSIONAL/CYBER SECURITY+ BTEI (CCYB)
Communications 5N0690	X	X		X	X	X			
Work Experience 5N1356	X	X		X	X				
Personal & Professional 5N2985						X			
Computer Systems Hardware 5N0548	X	X							
Operating Systems 5N2928	X	X							
Network Essentials 5N2929	X	X				X			
Maths for IT 5N18396	X	X		X	X				
Mathematics 5N1833						X			
Virtualisation Support 5N2434	X	X	X						
Programming & Design Principals 5N2927	X	X		X	X				
CompTia A+ Hardware etc + 5N0548	E		X						
CompTia Networks etc + 5N2929	E		X						
Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming 5N0541				X	X				
Software Architecture 5N2772				X	X				
Database Methods 5N0783				X	X	X			
Web Authoring 5N1910 (option 1)				X					
Statistics 5N2066 (added on by DCFE) (option 2)					X				
Infor Comm systems 5N1952						X			
Research & Study Skills 5N3113						X			
Criminal Law 5N3787						X			
Communications 6N1950							X	X	
PPD 6N1949							X	X	
Project Management 6N4090							X	X	
Graphic User Interface Programming 6N0736							X	X	
Relational Databases 6N4785							X	X	
Digital Compliance 6N1272							X	X	X
Software Architecture 6N1449							X	X	
Object Oriented Programming 6N2108							X	X	
Web Development 6N1277							X		
Network Security 6N0729 (extra with CSN6)								X	X
Networking Infrastructure 6N0733									X

SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGICAL SCIENCE & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Overview

These courses lead to Horticulture 5M2586 & 6M4334, Applied Ecology 5M5028, Construction & the Built Environment 5M5010. Students are provided with practical knowledge of the specific vocational area such as landscape design, sustainable engineering systems, ecological field work, architectural drawing and understanding of the circular economy.

Employment Opportunities

The courses lead to employment in a wide range of areas such as, domestic landscaping, private & public gardens and parks, the ecology sector, and sustainable energy engineering and design. This Hub programme offers varied opportunities and will give students the skills required to build a career in these exciting professions.

Example of modules covered

- Garden Design
- Plant Propagation
- Work Practice
- Plant Science
- Tree and Shrub Management
- Soil Science & Growing Media
- Biodiversity & the Natural Environment
- Permaculture Design
- Environmental Studies
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Architectural drawing
- Sustainable Water Management
- Building Services
- Landscape Construction
- Garden & Parks Supervision

COURSES
LEVEL 5

- **Gardening & Landscape Design Administration** - 5M2586 (PLSS 334926)
- **Organic Gardening** – 5M2586 (PLSS 339428)
- **Commercial Horticulture** – 5M2586 (PLSS 340167)
- **Applied Ecology & Biodiversity** – 5M5028 (PLSS 339432)
- **Sustainability and the Built Environment** – 5M5010 (PLSS 340168)
- **Sustainable Design Technologies** – 5M5010 (part-time) (PLSS 337242)

LEVEL 6

- **Parks Supervision** – 6M4334 (part-time) (PLSS 339433)
- **Landscape Design Construction** – 6M4334 (part-time) (PLSS 340162)

SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGICAL SCIENCE & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Refer to our website - www.cfedundrum.com for details of specific course modules.

"The students I have received from DCFE have been of excellent work ethic, often needing to meet specific deadlines within maintenance tasks and always come with a high level of horticultural knowledge, open to learning and perfecting their skills with myself and my team. Students I have received for work placement from DCFE have gone on to receive summer employment here and even part time positions, which I believe is vital to experiencing garden maintenance throughout the four seasons and how plants respond to our climate."

**Alex Slazenger,
Head gardener at
Powerscourt Estate**

Work Placement

Practical experience is an integral part of these courses. The College has established the following practices to enhance learners' exposure and the following are some examples:

- Garden maintenance in public parks, private gardens and college grounds.

- Community support: Designing and helping to build a garden for St Michael's House.

- Experience with Design & Construction on real projects.

- Opportunities to experience sustainable water management and other renewable energy and waste practices at our outdoor laboratory in Ballinascorney.

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

Examples of progression courses include:

- **UCD, DN240 Sustainability**

- **UCD, DN250 Agricultural Science**

- **TUD, TU833 Construction Management (City Centre Campus)**

- **TUD, TU835 Planning and Environmental Management (City Centre Campus)**

	GARDENING & LANDSCAPE DESIGN (HEGLD)	ORGANIC GARDENING (HEOG)	COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE (HECH)	APPLIED ECOLOGY & BIODIVERSITY (HEECO)	SUSTAINABILITY & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (HESBE)	SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (BTEI) (HESDT)	SUSTAINABLE PARKS SUPERVISION BTEI YEAR 1 (HEPKLD)	LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION YEAR 1 (BTEI) (HEPKLD)
Communication 5N0690	X	X	X	X	X			
Work Experience/Practice 5N1356/5N1433	X	X	X	X	X			
Plant Science 5N2528	X	X	X	X				
Plant Protection 5N2546	X	X	X					
Plant Identification & Use 5N2527	X	X	X	X				
Soil Science and Growing Media 5N2530	X	X	X	X				
Ornamental Horticulture 5N2548	X	X	X					
Landscape Construction & Maintenance 5N1908	X				X			
Garden Design 5N2551								
Biodiversity & the Natural Environment 5N2553		X		X				
Plant Propagation 5N2547		X	X					
Fruit & Veg Production 5B2552			X					
Permaculture Design 5N1617				X				
Sustainable Water Management 5N5027				X	E			
Ecological Field Methods 5N1439				X				
Environmental Studies 5N1442				X	X	X		
Building Construction 5N1570				X				
Renewable Energy Systems 5N4975				X				
Thermal Insulation Installation 5N4976				X				
Design Skills 5N0784				X	X			
Building Services 5N4974					X			
Architectural Drawing 5N1558				X	X			
Garden and Parks Supervision 6N3607							X	X
Team Leadership 6N1948							X	X
Tree & Shrub Management 6N3624							X	X

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Overview

These courses lead to Nursing Studies 5M4349 and Health Service Skills 5M3782. Nursing Studies and Health Service Skills serve as pathways for those who wish to pursue a career in the health sciences profession. All courses enable students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and competence to work under supervision in a variety of hospital and other healthcare settings. The specialist modules allow students to select based on their chosen area of interest. In response to a growing ageing population and the development of care of the Older Person services in Ireland, the demand for skilled and competent healthcare professionals is expected to grow significantly over the coming years.

Employment Opportunities

These programmes offers varied opportunities and will give students the skills required to build a career in these exciting professions in a wide range of areas such as, Healthcare, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitative Assistants, and professional home care & hospice support.

Example of modules covered

- Care Support
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Nursing Theory & Practice
- Care Skills
- Care Provision and Practice
- Care of the Older Person
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Human Growth & Development
- Physiotherapy Assistant Practice
- Physiotherapy Assistant Theory
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Practice
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Theory
- Rehabilitation Therapy
- Palliative Care

COURSES

LEVEL 5

- **Pre Nursing Studies**
  - 5M4349 (PLSS 334789)

- **Healthcare Assistant**
  – 5M3782 (PLSS 338349)

- **Hospice Care Assistant**
  – 5M3782 (PLSS 338346)

- **Physiotherapy Assistant**
  – 5M3782 (PLSS 338338)

- **Occupational Therapy Assistant**
  – 5M3782 (PLSS 340165)

- **Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant**
  – 5M3782(PLSS 338334)

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

"Here in Leeson Park Nursing Home we have been linked to CFE Dundrum College for the last two years. We are always delighted to accept students from the college. Both pre nursing and Health care assistant students attend Leeson Park to complete their clinical placements. I have always found the students to be professional and courteous throughout their placements. They have a good level of clinical knowledge and training which they can utilise and put into practice when training on the floor. This shows the commitment of the college to have the students prepared and ready with the most up to date information and research available to them. There is fantastic support form the College lecturers and the Principal and Deputy Principal. We look forward to the continued partnership between CFE Dundrum and Leeson Park."

Simon Balfe, Director of Nursing Leeson Park Nursing Home

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

"I really enjoyed my time on the Nursing Studies course and made friends for life. I learned so much thanks to the dedicated tutors. My goal was always to go on to a nursing degree, and with my QQI award I was accepted into the DIT degree in General Nursing. I feel extremely lucky to have got my place and wouldn't be where I am now without the year I completed in CFE Dundrum. I would definitely recommend this College to anyone!"

- **Simone Baston, Nursing Studies Graduate**

Examples of progression courses include:

- **UCD, DN450 General Nursing, DN451 Children's & General Nursing**

- **DCU, DC215 General Nursing, DC216 Mental Health Nursing**

- **Dundalk IT, DK870 General Nursing**

- **Entry to UK Colleges through UCAS or European Colleges through UNiCAS**

	NURSING STUDIES (HSN)	HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT (HSHS)	HOSPICE CARE ASSISTANT (HSHS)	PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSISTANT (HSPT/OT/RA)	REHABILITATIVE THERAPY (HSPT/OT/RA)	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT (HSPT/OT/RA)
Communication 5N0690	X	X	X	X	X	X
Work Experience 5N1356	X	X	X	X	X	X
Care Support 5N0758	X	X	X	X	X	X
Infection Prevention & Control 5N3734	X	X	X	X	X	X
Care Provision & Practice 5N2705	X		X	X	X	X
Anatomy/Physiology 5N0749	X	X	X	X	X	X
Human Growth & Development 5N1279	X					
Nursing Theory & Practice 5N4325	X					
Care of the Older person 5N2706		X	X		X	
Rehabilitation Support & PR 5N3775		X	X		X	
Care Skills		X		X		
Palliative Care 5N3769			X			
Physiotherapy Assistant Practice 5N3770				X		
Physiotherapy Assistant Theory 5N3771				X		
Occupational Therapy Practical 5N3765						X
Occupational Therapy Theory 5N3766						X

HUMANITIES, APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES & PSYCHOLOGY

Overview

These courses lead to awards in Applied Social Studies 5M218, General Studies 5M3114 and Community Development 6M3674. The courses provide students with broad and balanced programmes, while allowing for individualisation through a selection of elective modules.

Employment Opportunities

These courses introduce students to the area of social care in a variety of settings. It develops the core skills and knowledge and introduces students to a broad range of humanities based practices and concepts within their chosen vocational field.

Example of modules covered

- Human Growth and Development
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Social Studies
- Intercultural Studies
- Psychology
- Research & Study skills
- Criminology
- Criminal Law
- English Literature
- Classical Studies
- Philosophy
- Young people & Society
- Folklore
- Community Development
- Group Work Theory & Practice
- Action Research
- Social Analysis

COURSES
LEVEL 5

- **Psychology & Applied Social Science**
  - 5M2181 (PLSS 334795)
- **Applied Social Studies**
  - 5M2181 (PLSS 339404)
- **Liberal Arts (Classic Studies & Philosophy)**
  - 5M3114 (PLSS 339393)
- **Pre University Humanities**
  - 5M3114 (PLSS 334794))
- **Folklore & Mythology**
  - 5M3114 (PLSS)
- **Forensics & Criminology**
  - 5M3114 (PLSS 340166)

LEVEL 6

- **Community Development**
  - 6M3674 (PLSS 339403)

HUMANITIES, APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES & PSYCHOLOGY

Refer to our website - www.cfedundrum.com for details of specific course modules.

"When I decided to return to education as a mature student, DCFE was my first choice. I cannot speak highly enough about the learning experience – the tutors are super friendly, supportive and approachable.

After graduating with the Applied Social Studies award, I was accepted to NUI Maynooth and it is only now that I can see how well I was prepared for Third Level education."

**Iveta Hermannova,
Psychology and
Social Studies Graduate**

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education links scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

- **NUIM, MH107 Social Science**

- **TUD, TU996 Social Care
  - (City Centre Campus)**

- **DCU, DC209 Health & Society**

- **NCI, NC010 Psychology**

- **UCD, DN700 Social Science**

- **UCD, DN530 Humanities**

	PSYCHOLOGY & APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES 334795	APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES (HMASS)	FORENSICS & CRIMINOLOGY (HMFORPSY)	LIBERAL ARTS (CLASSICAL STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY) (HMLA)	PRE-UNIVERSITY HUMANITIES (HMLA)	FOLKLORE & MYTHOLOGY (HMLA)	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HMCD6)
Communication 5N0690	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Work Experience 5N1356	X	X					
Human Growth 5N1279	X	X					
Working with Groups 5N2707	X	X					
Young People and Society 5N2002		X					
Social Studies 5N1370	X	X		X	X	X	
Intercultural Studies 5N0765	X	X				X	
Psychology 5N0754	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maths 5N1833	X						
PPD 5N2985			X	X	X	X	
Research & Study Skills 5N3113			X	X	X	X	
Criminology 5N2107			X				
Criminal Law 5N3787			X				
Anatomy & Physiology 5N0754			X				
English Literature 5M3249				X	X	X	
Classical Studies 5N3248				X	X		
Philosophy 5N3506				X	X		
Folklore and Ethnology 5N1274					X	X	
Communications 6N1950							X
Personal & Professional 6N1949							X
Community Dev Practice 6N3667							X
Community Dev Theory 6N3668							X
Group Work 6N3669							X
Action Research 6N3665							X
Social Analysis 6N3666							X
Supervisory Skills 6N2104							X

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT

Overview

The course leads to Community Health Services QQI level 5 5M4468. The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to work as a special needs assistant in a range of education settings, such as primary and post-primary.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates from this course will be qualified to support the learning environment of children attending different education settings, such as Primary and Post Primary Education Settings.

Example of modules covered

- Human Growth and Development
- Understanding Special Needs
- Special Needs Assisting
- Person Centred Focus to Disability
- Early Childhood Education & Play
- Equality & Disability
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

COURSE

LEVEL 5

- **Special Needs Assistant**
  - **- SNA**
  - 5M4349 (PLSS 334789)

Refer to our website - www.cfedundrum.com for details of specific course modules.

Examples of progression courses include:

- **TUD, TU995 Early Childhood Education (City Centre Campus)**
- **TUD, TU996 Social Care - (City Centre Campus)**
- **UCD, DN700 Social Sciences**
- **UCD, DN520 Joint Honours**

EARLY LEARNING & CARE

Overview

The one-year full-time equivalent programme leads to a Level 5 Certificate in Early Learning and Care. The programme is designed to meet the QQI professional award standards for early learning and care at NFQ level 5. The programme comprises six mandatory modules encompassing the knowledge, skills and competence required to work at entry level across a range of early learning and care settings or to progress to stage 2 of the Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care or to a relevant higher education programme. The focus is on providing for the holistic well-being, development and learning needs of children from 0 to six years across a range of ELC settings. The programme offers a balance of theory and practice, and professional practice placement is integral to the teaching and learning.

Employment Opportunities

A professional qualification in ELC is now a prerequisite to working in the ever-expanding childcare area.

Example of modules covered

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

COURSES

LEVEL 5

- **Early Learning & Care (Stage 1)**
  - 5M21473 (PLSS 337081)

- **Early Learning & Care (Stage 1 Over 2 Years)**
  - 5M21473 (Part-time) (PLSS 338324 and 337934)

LEVEL 6

- **Early Learning & Care (Stage 2 Over 2 Years)**
  - 6M21471 (Part-time BTEI) (PLSS)

- **Early Learning & Care (Stage 2 Over 2 Years)**
  - 6M21471 (Part-time - Traineeship For Employed) (PLSS)

EARLY LEARNING & CARE

"After completing my QQI Level 5 award in DCFE, I went on to study at college in DIT studying Early Childhood Care and Education and I wouldn't have continued my academic career without encouragement and advice from teachers and classmates in DCFE. I think Dundrum CFE is a great college where all teachers are hard working and dedicated to creating a positive atmosphere. I was extremely grateful for the support and guidance I received at DCFE and I believe the college promotes inclusion and equality for all its students." - Danielle Ryan, ECCE Graduate

Progression Examples

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

Graduates who achieve the required standard may progress to further studies in:

- Early Childhood Care and Education Level 6 (available in the College) or

- TUD, TU989 Early Childhood Care and Education (Tallaght Campus)

- NCI, NC030 Early Childhood Education and Care

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Overview

The course leads to an Education & Training award 5M3635. The purpose of this award is to enable the learner to acquire knowledge and skills, whilst laying a foundation for those who wish to progress to a profession in education & training. Students will enhance and hone their skills, knowledge and practical experience prior to progressing to higher education teacher courses in the area of primary, post primary and further education & training programmes.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates from this course can progress to higher education or enter industry in roles such as training professionals. It also affords those, within their own vocational area, the opportunity to re-skill to become a trainer in their own context.

Example of modules covered

- Research & Study Skills
- Concepts of Education & Training
- Interpersonal & Group Behaviour
- Psychology
- Personal & Professional Development
- Training & Development Contexts
- Communications
- Intercultural Studies

Refer to our website - www.cfedundrum.com for details of specific course modules.

COURSE

LEVEL 5

- **Pre University Teacher Education (Education & Training) - 5M3635 (PLSS 334790)**

Progression Example

Graduates may progress within the college, through the CAO, Higher Education Links Scheme or through pathways in place with a number of Higher Education Institutes.

Examples of progression courses include:

- **DCU, DC001 Education - Early Childhood Education**
- **DCU, DC009 Arts: Joint Honours (Humanities)**
- **DCU, DC235 Education & Training - Daytime and Flexible delivery mode**
- **TUD, TU989 Early Childhood Care and Education (Tallaght Campus)**
- **UCD, DN520 Joint Honours**
- **UCD, DN530 Humanities**

FINE ART CRAFT AND DESIGN

Overview

These courses lead to awards in Art, Craft & Design 5M2102, Interior Design 5M5054 and Advanced Certificate in Art 6M4029. The courses provide students with a broad and balanced programme in the area of Fine Art, Design, Sculpture & Ceramics. Throughout the course specialists will give workshops in a range of related areas such as ceramics, studio practice, glass work and craft workshops.

Employment Opportunities

The courses lead to employment in a wide range of areas in the Arts, such as, craft designer, retail and craft sales, ceramics design and societal artistic activities.

Example of modules covered

- Ceramics
- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Studio Practice
- Combined Materials
- Sculpture
- Studio Practice
- Work Experience
- Sculpture
- Colour & Light

Progression Examples

The Career Guidance Counsellor in the College is available to advise students on the various progression options but the course facilitates progression to the college's QQI leve 6 courses in Art Craft and Design or Creative Ceramics.

Examples of progression courses include:

- **IADT, DL827 Art**
- **NCAD, AD101 Art & Design (Portfolio)**
- **NCAD, AD103 Textile and Surface Design and Jewellery and Objects**

COURSES

LEVEL 5

- **Fine Art practice & Design**
  - 5M1984 (PLSS)

- **Creative Ceramics**
  - 5M1984 (PLSS)

- **Art, Mixed Media & 3D studies**
  - 5M1984 (PLSS)

- **Sustainable Interior Design**
  - 5M5054 (PLSS)

- **Introduction to Craft & Pottery** (Part Time) (PLSS)

LEVEL 6

- **Advanced Ceramics & Design**
  6M4029(PLSS)

FINE ART CRAFT AND DESIGN

	FINE ART PRACTICE & DESIGN (ADAD5)	CREATIVE CERAMICS (ADAD5)	ART, MIXED MEDIA & 3D STUDIES (ADAD5)	INTRODUCTION TO CRAFT AND POTTERY (ADINTRO)	SUSTAINABLE INTERIOR DESIGN (ADSINTD)	ADVANCED CERAMICS & DESIGN TECHNIQUES (L6) (ADAD6)
Communications 5N0690	X	X	X		X	
Work Experience 5N1356	X	X	X		X	
Combined Materials 5N0764	X	X	X	X	X	
Drawing 5N1862	X	X	X		X	
Design 5N0784	X	X	X		X	
Sculpture 5N1981	X		X			
Print Making 5N1373	X	X	X			
Ceramics 5N0759		X	X	X		
Colour & Light 5N1919	X	X	X		X	
Studio Practice				X		
Digital Marketing 5N1374 (see business hub)					X	
Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design 5N0755					X	
Communications 6N1950						X
Work Experience 6N1946						X
Drawing 6N3569						X
Creative Application Ceramics 6N3445						X
Painting 6N3452						X
Studio practice 6N3452						X
History and Appreciation of Art 6N3450						X
One module from L5 Combined Materials or Print Making, approved						X

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications can be made through eNROL, CAO or the FetchCourses systems.
The easiest way to apply is directly through our website.

5 EASY STEPS TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE.....

1 **CHOOSE YOUR COURSE**
To help choose your course:

- Read this prospectus, visit our website or contact the College
- Visit the College (Programme Advisory and Open Days, College Awareness Week, Pop In)
- Talk to our Guidance Counsellor

2 **MAKE YOUR APPLICATION**
When you have decided on your course(s) you should:

- Complete our online application form on www.cfedundrum.com. You must have a valid email address, mobile number, and your PPSN number to apply online.
- All applications are acknowledged through our online Enrol system. The status of your application can be tracked 24/7 by logging into eNROL.

5 EASY STEPS.....

3 ADVISORY MEETING

- You will receive an email and text from the College inviting you to meet us online or in person.

- These meetings are advisory in nature. Leaving Cert/Leaving Cert Applied or its equivalent is normally required for entry to our courses and all applicants must be a minimum of 16 years of age. The advisory meeting also ensures that mature students (over 23) are matched to the right course.

- Following this advisory meeting, you will receive an email with details on how to accept your place on the course.

4 ACCEPT YOUR PLACE

When you decide to accept your place:

- A non-refundable deposit of €50 can be made by credit or debit card through the website, by phone or in person during office hours Mon-Thurs 9.30am to 1.30pm. The College is a cashless centre and will not normally accept cheques.

5 REGISTRATION & INDUCTION

Before commencing your course:

- The College will notify applicants of induction and commencement dates, details of fees and the academic calendar.

FEES AND FUNDING

DCFE course tuition fees are covered under Government and EU free full-time and part-time tuition fees schemes (eligibility criteria applies for the following schemes; PLC, BTEI, VTOS, BTEA. see website for further details). Some additional services and materials fees may apply for some courses.

Please check our website for further details.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

We are located in two campuses in the heart of Dundrum. Our main campus is situated on Main Street next to the AIB Bank and across the road from the Old Dundrum Shopping Centre. Our second campus is on the Kilmacud Road/Sydenham Road junction, a five minute walk from our Main Street campus.

DCFE PROSPECTUS

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