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Further Education and Training – A real Choice

A Presentation for Senior Cycle Students and Parents

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*Where can my journey
take me?*



- One College
- One Vision
- Seven Campuses
- Infinite Possibilities

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Further Education and Training provides
Options, gives you Choices

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Life after the Leaving Cert

- Life after the Leaving Certificate is about identifying a career path that is right for you, and allows you to enjoy the type of life you aspire to
- CAO points and a university degree do not define the best or only way
- Education, learning and development do not stop the day the Leaving Cert ends

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FET programmes

- Further Education and Training (FET) programmes for school leavers provided by Cork Education and Training Board are at QQI Level 5 and Level 6, and include:
 - Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses
 - Apprenticeships

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FET programmes

- Clear Higher Education progression pathways
- Nationally and internationally recognised
- Delivered locally
- State funded (DES and SOLAS)
- Eligible for grants (SUSI) or trainee allowances
- Validated by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- Developed with and for employers

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Post Leaving Certificate Programmes



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PLC programmes

- Generally of one years duration
- QQI Level 5 or 6 Qualifications
- CAO points not a requirement for entry
- Suitability interview
- Student grant (SUSI) eligible
- Work placement integral to all courses
- Direct progression to work/further studies

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PLC Campuses

- Morrisons Island
- Douglas Street
- Tramore Road
- Kinsale
- Mallow



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Some PLC areas of Study

- Tourism and Hospitality
- Business
- Nursing studies
- Healthcare
- Childcare
- Computing
- Multimedia Development
- Art and design
- Sports Studies
- Complementary Therapies
- Beauty Therapy
- Languages
- Culture and Heritage
- Animal Care
- Veterinary Nursing
- Furniture Design
- Psychology
- Social Studies
- Fashion Design
- Retail studies
- Security Studies
- Laboratory Science
- Hairdressing
- Music
- Sound Production
- Film and TV
- Drama
- Dance

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Learner Supports

- Smaller class sizes
- Guidance and counselling
- Learner supports for learners with additional needs
- Examination and assessment supports
- Facilities and supports for learners with physical disabilities
- Career advice and industry links

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A Real Option

- Allows young person confirm or make up their mind about definite career path
- Bridges the step from school to Higher Education
- Opens up additional possibilities
- Pathway to Higher Education
 - FE to HE supports
- Pathway to work

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Progression to Higher Education

- Clear and definite pathways into Higher Education
 - Higher Education Links scheme
 - Cork Colleges Progression Scheme
 - First year and Advanced entry
 - National Tertiary Programmes
 - Start in FET and complete your degree in HE
 - Seamless pathway and progressions
- Links to universities across Ireland and abroad

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Progression to Higher Education

- Evidence shows that students progressing to Higher Education from PLC courses have
Better completion
Higher achievement
outcomes than students going in directly from Leaving Certificate with the same level of achievement in the LC



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- Applications through CAO website, Fetchcourses or Campus websites

Information and Applications

FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING COURSE HUB

About FET Course Finder Types of Courses Grants & Allowances Supports & Guidance Sign In Register

POINTING YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Welcome to Further Education and Training Course Hub. Please use the search facility below to find the course that's right for you.

WHAT TYPE OF COURSE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Enter Keyword: Location: Sub Location:

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Search...

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.

[Contact a HEI](#)

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[QQI FET Applicants](#)

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[Entry to Medicine](#)

[Media and Statistics](#)



Apply on-line before 20th January for a reduced fee of €30.



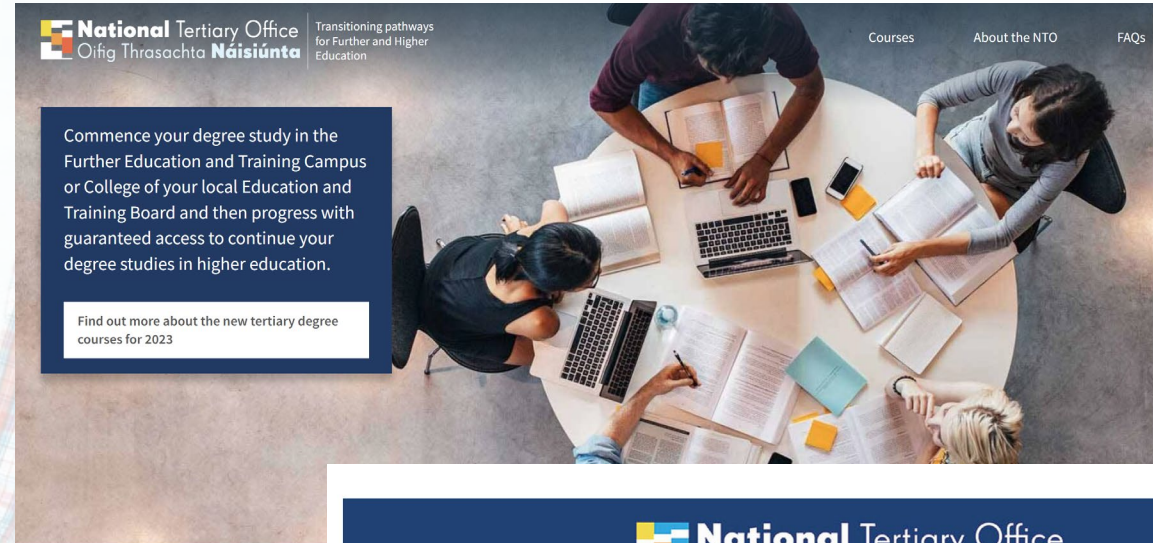
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Further Education and Training & Apprenticeship	Open Days	Have a question?	Important Dates

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Information and Applications

- National Tertiary Programmes –
- www.nto.hea.ie/



National Tertiary Office
Oifig Thrasachta Náisiúnta

Congratulations Graduate - A new route to a Degree outside the CAO system

- 1** No CAO points required
Open to all
- 2** **Apply on NTO.ie**
1 Find a course that interests you on NTO.ie
2 Check the requirements for the course
3 Hit the Apply button
Easy Steps
- 3** Applications assessed
Eligible applicants interviewed
Places offered
- 4** Tertiary degree students are registered in their ETB and University for the duration of their course
- 5** Enjoy the benefits of being a student in both campuses
1 Smaller class sizes in ETB
2 Use of university facilities
3 Access to clubs and societies
4 Step Back awards
5 Bursaries and exam placement options
- 6** Graduate with a degree awarded by the university

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Apprenticeships

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Apprenticeship “Myth Buster”

There are no degree level apprenticeships

There are over 18 apprenticeship programmes in Ireland which lead to an award at degree, masters or Phd level. These are in areas that include international financial services, biopharma, engineering and hospitality.

[Explore our Programmes](#) →

Apprenticeships are only in the construction industry

In addition to vital construction-related apprenticeships, there are a huge range of apprenticeships in areas that include property services, sales, logistics, hairdressing, recruitment practice and arboriculture, with more on the way.

[View all Industry Sectors](#) →

It's mainly for men

There has been a 114% increase in women in apprenticeship in the last 2 years, and numbers are growing year-on-year.

[See Women in Apprenticeships](#) →

They don't produce senior leaders

100s of Managing Directors and Senior Executives have come through the apprenticeship route. Like the highly successful owner of engineering design company Cooper Creative Design, Colin Cooper.

[Read Colin's Story](#) →

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Apprenticeships

- Until recently, apprenticeships were exclusively associated with specific “craft” or “trades”
- These existing apprenticeships have been supplemented with new apprenticeships in a wide variety of areas, with new ones coming on stream over the coming years



Apprenticeships

- Craft Apprenticeship programme delivery:
 - Bishopstown Campus
 - Mallow Campus
- New Apprenticeships currently delivered in:
 - Bishopstown Campus
 - Mallow Campus
 - Morrisons Island Campus
 - Douglas St. Campus



“New” Apprenticeships

- In 2015, 25 new apprenticeship programmes were approved as the first phase of this new initiative
- Additional apprenticeship have been approved and are in development
- Currently 67 apprenticeship areas available, 9 more in development for end of 2023
- Delivery of these new apprenticeships is continuing nationwide



“New” Apprenticeships

- The new apprenticeships are from 2 to 4 years in duration
- Placed at levels 5 to 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications
- They involve on the job and off the job elements, the arrangements for these vary by programme
- Entry requirements set by individual apprenticeship Steering Group

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“New” Apprenticeships



○ Insurance Practice -	Level 8	3 years
○ Industrial Electrical Engineering -	Level 7	2 years
○ Polymer Processing Engineering -	Level 7	3 years
○ Manufacturing Technician-	Level 6	2 years
○ Manufacturing Engineering -	Level 7	3 years
○ Commis chef -	Level 6	2 years
○ International Financial Services Associate	Level 6	2 years
○ International Financial Services Specialist	Level 8	2 years
○ Accounting Technician	Level 6	2 years
○ Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Engineer	Level 6	3 years
○ HGV Driver	Level 5	3 years
○ Baker -	Level 6	2 years
○ Telecom Field Technician	Level 6	2 years
○ ICT Network Engineer	Level 6	2 years
○ ICT Software Developer	Level 6	2 years
○ Craft Butchery	Level 6	2.5 years
○ Chef de Partie	Level 7	2 years
○ Sous Chef	Level 8	2 years
○ Executive Chef	Level 8	2 years
○ International Financial Services Advanced Specialist	Level 9	2 years

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“New” Apprenticeships

Applied Horticulture-	Level 6	2 years
Arboriculture-	Level 5	2 years
Associate sales Professional-	Level 6	3 years
CGI Technical Artist (Animation, Games, VFX)	Level 9	2 years
Equipment Systems Engineer-	Level 9	2 years
Farm management-	Level 7	4 years
Farm Technician	Level 6	2 years
Geo Driller	Level 6	3 years
ICT Associate Professional in cybersecurity	Level 6	2 years
Lean Sigma manager	Level 9	2 years
Logistics associate	Level 6	2 years
Principal Engineer, professional doctorate	Level 10	4 years
Professional bar manager	Level 6	2 years
Professional Hairdressing	Level 6	3 years
Professional Healthcare Assistant	Level 6	2 years
Quality Assurance Technician	Level 6	2 years
Quality Laboratory Technician	Level 6	2 years
Senior Quantity Surveyor	Level 9	2 years
Recruitment Practitioner	Level 6	2 years
Scaffolding	Level 6	3 years
Software Systems Engineer	Level 9	2 years
Sportsturf management	Level 6	2 years
Stud Farm management	Level 7	2 years
Supply Chain Associate	Level 7	3 years
Supply Chain manger	Level 9	2 years
Supply Chain Specialist	Level 8	2 years

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“New” Apprenticeships in Cork

- Cork College of FET is currently delivering the following new apprenticeships:
 - Accounting Technician
 - Commis Chef
 - Property Services/Auctioneering
 - ICT- Network Engineer/Software Developer/Cyber Security
 - Hairdressing
 - Craft Butchery
 - Sales Professional

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“New” Apprenticeships in Cork

- Employers recruit and register the apprentice from the beginning
- Entry/eligibility requirements vary, depending on the apprenticeship
- Paid a weekly agreed apprentice rate for that apprenticeship, including the periods they are involved in off the job training



Craft Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeship has been the route to becoming a qualified crafts person
- Must be at least 16 years old
- Minimum duration of 4 years
- 7 “phases” in total-
 - Alternating on-the-job and off-the-job training
- QQI level 6 on the NFQ



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Craft Apprenticeships - Entry

- Minimum of 5 D's or equivalent in Junior certificate
- Must have a sponsoring employer
- For certain trades may have to pass a colour vision test
- These are minimum entry requirements and do not prevent employers from setting their own entry requirements above this level.



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Craft Apprenticeships

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Aircraft Mechanics
- Brick and Stone laying
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Construction Plant Fitting
- Electrical
- Electrical Instrumentation
- Electronic Security Systems
- Farriery
- Floor & Wall Tiling
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanics
- Industrial Insulation
- Instrumentation
- MAMF
- Metal Fabrication
- Motor Mechanics
- Painting & Decorating
- Pipefitting
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Print Media
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Stonecutting & Stonemasonry
- Sheet Metalworking
- Toolmaking
- Vehicle Body Repairs
- Wood Manufacturing & Finishing

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Craft Apprenticeships

- Paid agreed rates while on the job with employer
- Apprentices are paid a Training Allowance during their off-the-job training phases
- Apprentices may be eligible for Travel or/an Accommodation Allowance



Craft Apprenticeships

- Craft apprenticeships alternate between “on the job” and “off the job” phases-
 - 4 on the job (1,3,5,7)
 - 3 off the job (2,4,6)



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Craft Apprenticeships

- Phase 2 is of 20-22 weeks duration in a FET college/campus
- Phases 4 and 6 are generally of 11 weeks duration, depending on trade
- Apprentices are assigned to an off the job placement in one of the ETB training centres or IOT's, depending on where the course is delivered, their registration history, and the availability of places
- Between the seven phases, an apprentice will take at least four years to receive their qualification

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Apprenticeship Information

- www.apprenticeship.ie
- Link on CAO website



The screenshot shows the 'GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Career Seekers', 'Career Advisors', 'Employers', 'News / Events', and 'More'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'INTRODUCTION', 'GET STARTED' (highlighted), 'FIND APPRENTICESHIP JOBS', and 'ALREADY AN APPRENTICE?'. The main content area features three numbered steps: 1. DISCOVER (Browse through the Apprenticeship directory to find your area of interest), 2. LEARN MORE (View the Apprenticeship details to see if you'd like to pursue an apprenticeship in that area), and 3. NEXT STEPS (Follow the directions on the detail page to become an apprentice). Below this is a section titled 'Explore Our Programmes' with an 'Expand All +' button. It displays four program cards: 'Arboriculture' (green), 'BioPharma' (green), 'Construction' (blue), and 'Electrical' (purple). Each card includes a 'View More' link with a right-pointing arrow. Below these cards are four smaller images, each with a colored wireframe icon overlaid on it.

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In Conclusion...

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- Further Education and Training provides individuals with a variety of avenues to meet interests and career aspirations
- Providing **another** pathway, to further study or employment

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Information Links

- Cork ETB website www.fet.corketb.ie
- College and Training Centre websites-
 - www.morrisonsislandcampus.ie
 - www.douglasstreetcampus.ie
 - www.csn.ie
 - www.mallowcampus.ie
 - www.kinsalecampus.ie
 - www.bishopstowncampus.ie
- www.fetchcourses.ie
- www.apprenticeship.ie
- www.cao.ie



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Questions?



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