



Courses at universities and colleges for students with intellectual disabilities



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What is higher education

Higher education is when you carry on learning when you have finished school or college.

It is usually for people who are older than 18.



People get higher education at universities or colleges.



You study on a course to get a qualification. This might be a degree or a certificate.



We are called the Higher Education Authority. We make sure places like universities and colleges work in the best way.



We are looking at higher education for people with an intellectual disability.

What we did



We want people with intellectual disabilities to have more chances to take part in higher education.



We asked some universities and colleges to write a plan about how they will support students with intellectual disabilities.



We looked at all of the plans.

We chose 10 plans that we think will work best.



We will give some money to the universities and college with the best plans.

They can use the money to make their plans happen.



This booklet tells you about the 10 universities and colleges that will have courses for students with intellectual disabilities.



The courses will start in September 2024.



In this booklet, we talk about **modules**.

Modules are small parts that make up a course. They teach you about different things.



We also talk about **work experience**. **Work experience** is when a person works for a company for a short amount of time.

This helps people get ready for getting a job.

Support for students with intellectual disabilities

The universities and colleges will support students with things like:



- help with paying for the course



- having the right technology. This could be things like screen readers and devices that help people write things down in lessons



- help to pay for travel to university or college



- making sure people get help to manage with day to day things



- making sure people can talk to someone about how they are feeling, if they need to



- support with looking for work and getting a job



- support from other students. They work together with the person and share ideas about things that might help



- using an interpreter, if someone communicates using Irish Sign Language



The next part of this booklet tells you about universities and colleges that will have courses for students with intellectual disabilities.



If you have any questions or want more information about the courses, you can contact us.



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Atlantic Technological University

Course name: ATU Project WAVE. Working towards Academic and Vocational Equity



This course will help you to learn new things and skills.

This will help to give you more chances in life.



How long the course will take:

2 years



At the end of the course, you will get a certificate.



You can finish the course after 1 year, if you want to. If you choose to do this, you will get a different certificate.



To get the certificate, you first have to pass some tests.



If you are unable to take the tests, you can get a **digital badge** instead. A **digital badge** is an online way to show you have still done the course.

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:



- how to use a computer



- how to think about everyone's needs and include people



- health and **wellbeing**. **Wellbeing** means being happy and healthy in your body and mind



- skills that can help you to get a job

Other things you will learn:

Things like:

- working in an office

or

- working in a hotel or at the airport



You will do these modules with other students from around the university.



Work experience:

In the 2nd year of the course, you will do some work experience.

Dundalk Institute of Technology

**Course name: Certificate in General Learning:
Skills for independent living**



This course will help you learn how to live **independently**. **Independently** means doing things for yourself or with some support.



How long the course will take:

2 years



This is a part time course. This means the course takes place on only some days of the week.

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:

- how to use a computer





- how to **communicate** well with other people. **Communicate** means being able to pass on information and understand people



- numbers and doing sums



Other things you will learn:

You can also choose some modules yourself. These might be things you are interested in.



You might choose things like:

- health and keeping fit



- music



- art and drawing



- speaking out for yourself



Work experience:

Dundalk Institute of Technology will offer a new part of the course from September 2024.



The new part will teach students new skills and give them work experience.



This will help you get a job after you finish the course.

Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dún Laoghaire

Course name: Creative pathways for all. You belong in IADT



This course is all about film, **art** and using computers to plan what things look like.

When we say **art**, we mean things like:

- music, dance and theatre
- poetry and literature
- painting and sculpture



How long the course will take:

2 years

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:

- about film and arts





- how to learn well. Things like how to manage your time and learn in the best way



- how other people think, feel and behave



- how to use computers to plan what something looks like



Some of the modules have been running for a long time.



The university will make some changes to these modules.

They will make sure the modules meet everyone's needs.



Some of the modules will start from September 2024.



Other students from around the university can do these new modules too.



Work experience:

In the 2nd year of the course, you will do some work experience.

Mary Immaculate College

Course name: MIC Ability Pathways Project



This course will help you to learn new things and skills.

This will help to give you more chances in life.



How long the course will take:

2 years

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:



- how to use a computer



- about other people and how they live, behave and take part in their communities



- how to work together well as a team



- using a computer to learn and join in with other people online



- job skills

Support after the course finishes:

After the course finishes, you might choose to:



- do more learning and training

or

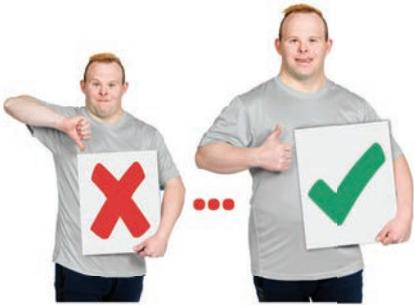
- get a job



The college will support you while you move to another college or university or start work.

Munster Technological University

Munster Technological University wants to:



- make some courses better so that students with intellectual disabilities can take part

and



- set up some new courses for students with intellectual disabilities



The university wants to help students learn new skills that will help them to get a job.



Courses you can do at Munster Technological University are:

- Crawford Supported Studios Studio Practice
- Inclusive Music Ensemble
- Advocacy Workshops
- Down syndrome Ireland
- Skills for Life
- Certificate in People and Communication Skills course
- National Learning Network
- Certificate in Human Rights Empowerment and Advocacy course

South East Technological University

Course name: Skill up: BU programme



This course helps people to learn new skills and get a job.



How long the course will take:

2 years

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:



- how to talk to people and understand them well



- health and wellbeing



- how to look after your money



- using **technology** and **social media**. **Technology** is things like laptops or phones. Or it could be devices that help people write things down in lessons



Social media is things like Facebook or X Twitter



Other things you will learn:

You can also choose some modules yourself. You might choose things like:



- art, reading, and music. Art is things like poetry, dance and theatre



- staying healthy and using computers



- looking after your money and learning how to cook

Technological University Dublin

**Course name: Certificate in Independent Living:
Pathways Together Programme**



This course teaches you how to live **independently**. **Independent** means doing things for yourself or with some support.



How long the course will take:

3 years



In years 1 and 2, you will learn at university.



In the 3rd year of the course, you will do work experience.



What you will learn on the course:

The course is split into 5 parts:

Part 1. In this part, you will learn things like:



- arts. Things like dance, theatre and music



- taking photographs

and



- looking after your money



Part 2. In this part, you will learn things like health and fitness.



Part 3. In this part, you will think about what you want to do in your future.



Part 4. This part will help you get ready for getting a job.



In this part, you will do some work experience.



Part 5. This part is about being part of your local community. You will learn about your **rights** and speaking out for yourself.



Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.

Trinity College Dublin

Course name: Arts Science and Inclusive Applied Practice



This course helps you to learn lots of different skills.

This will help you to have more chance of getting a job.



How long will the course take:
2 years



What you will learn on the course:

The course is split into 5 parts:



Part 1. In this part, you will learn things like poetry, film and theatre.



Part 2. In this part, you will learn things like numbers and using technology.



Part 3. In this part, you will learn how to learn well. Things like how to manage your time and learn in the best way.



You will also do some work experience in this part of the course.



Part 4. In this part of the course, you will learn about people's **rights**.

You will also learn about speaking out for yourself or other people.



Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.



Part 5. In this part, you will learn about setting up a business and telling other people about it.

University of Galway

Course name: Cumas - Certificate in Foundational Learning and Community



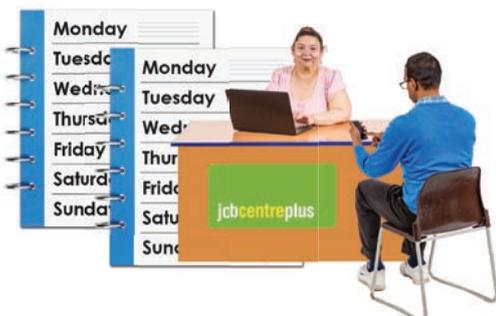
This course helps you to learn lots of different skills.

This will help you to have more chance of getting a job.

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:

- how to learn in the best way
- how to work together with other people
- skills for getting ready for work





You will do some work experience in this part of the course.



Other students from around the university will take part in these modules.

University College Cork



University College Cork is offering 2 courses.

Course 1. Diploma in Social Citizenship



This course is about other people and how they live, behave and take part in their communities.



How long the course will take:

2 years

What you will learn on the course:

Some of the modules you will do on this course are:

- how to use a computer





- about being a student at college



- about taking part in the local community



- getting ready for work. You will also do some work experience in this part of the course



- learning about people from different groups and backgrounds and standing up for people's rights
Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.



Other things you will learn:

You can also choose some modules yourself. You might choose things like:



- arts and music. Art is things like poetry, dance and theatre



- health and wellbeing



- the **environment**

The **environment** is the world around us and the air we breathe.

Course 2. Certificate in disability inclusive practice

This course is about making sure disabled people can take part in things.





How long the course will last for:
1 year



What you will learn on the course:

- including everyone in sport and exercise



- the law around **mental capacity**. **Mental capacity** means understanding and remembering information so you can make your own decisions



- **communicating** well with other people. **Communicating** means being able to pass on information and understand people