A Path to Higher Education or Employment

Opportunities

Bright Prospects
We are committed to delivering quality courses in a rich student-centred learning environment. We are renowned for our vibrant campus, positive student life and state-of-the-art facilities. Students benefit from our excellent reputation and the strong links that we continue to foster with third level colleges and employers.

CSN’s success story has been affirmed by the thousands of graduates that we can proudly say are studying and working successfully in their chosen fields.

Our courses are designed to ensure you have the best opportunity to reach your goals. Our aim is to support you along that path so that your experience at CSN College leads to a brighter future.

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. This prospectus will help you to make that choice. Our Open Day provides a clear insight into CSN course content and activities. Alternatively, you can visit our website. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to discuss your options and to guide you to the course that is right for you.

Vivienne MacSweeney
Principal
School Leavers: The experience and skills obtained in just one or two years at CSN enables students to position themselves in their first choice for college or in their chosen career. A QQI Level 5 award can earn a maximum of 390 points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).

Mature Students: CSN offers an excellent option for adults returning to education to upskill or discover a new beginning. CSN courses are designed to enhance knowledge for greater personal and professional success. Mature students have the chance to progress to third level college or to move directly into employment.
CSN, College of Further Education aims to provide educational programmes of excellence that are designed and developed to meet the personal, intellectual and professional needs of its learners.

We seek to create and maintain a learning environment that is positive, stimulating and supportive for learners and staff alike.
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Art, Craft & Design

INTRODUCTION
Art, Craft and Design is one of the longest established portfolio courses in the country. On completion of this course a high percentage of graduates gain entry into their chosen art and design colleges in Ireland and the U.K. A wide choice of components gives the student an opportunity to sample different specialisms before committing to a Higher Education course. This provides wonderful insights into professional art and design practice. Students gain skills and knowledge to become confident in their own work. This combined with individual tutorials leads to the development of a strong and individual personal portfolio. Students enjoy excellent facilities with purpose built painting, ceramic, sculpture, and print studios which have up to date industry standard equipment and software.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
All applicants are interviewed. Bring examples of creative work. Places are awarded on suitability.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Art, Craft and Design 5M1984 or Art 5M1985

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in an art/design setting. Students have the opportunity to work in the Gallery@CSN.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Art 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Art Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT Crawford, NCAD, GMIT, LIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme typically progress to Third Level. They may gain employment in the following areas: art teaching, painting, sculpture, printing and also in ceramic design, photography, textiles, fashion design, graphic design, interior design, architecture, advertising multimedia, animation, film making, make-up for TV and film, arts business management and art therapy.
**Art 1**

**INTRODUCTION**
This course is an introduction to professional art practice. Art and design projects will be delivered in a positive and creative environment. Students will learn to investigate, experiment and create art with confidence and skill. Creative thinking and personal expression are key elements of the course. Learners will produce a comprehensive portfolio of work through a series of workshops, classes and individual tutorials. This course can lead to study in Art 2.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
All applicants are interviewed. Bring examples of creative work. Places are awarded on suitability.

**CERTIFICATION**
QQI Level 5 Art, Craft & Design 5M1984

**WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE**
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in an art/ design setting. Professional practice takes place in the Gallery @CSN.

**EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES**
CSN Art 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Art Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT Crawford, NCAD, GMIT, LIT

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Graduates from this course may seek employment in art centres, community art programmes, artist collectives and craft/ design studios. Graduates may also pursue a professional career as a professional arts practitioner.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**
art@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Apply to this course from Art 1 or Art, Craft & Design QQI Level 5.
An integrated multi-disciplinary approach to painting, ceramics, textiles, digital photography, printmaking and mixed media allows students develop their own personal creative skills and concepts with confidence. Practical workshops and classes are tailored to equip each student with the expertise to either continue in independent professional practice or to progress to third level.
Students are assigned a dedicated working space with the use of a wide range of materials and equipment. Access to a purpose built painting studio, a fully equipped print and ceramics workshop ensure a professional environment for all students. Individual tutorials by an experienced team of professional art practitioners are ongoing throughout the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a Level 5 Award in an art relevant area is required.
A place will be offered based on satisfactory presentation at interview with examples of a portfolio from QQI Level 5.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Art 6M4029

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in an art/design setting. Professional practice takes place in the Gallery @CSN.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Art Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT Crawford, NCAD, GMIT, LIT
Also progression links with CIT Crawford second year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may seek employment in art centres, community art programmes, artist collectives and craft & design studios. Graduates may also pursue a professional career as a professional arts practitioner.
Digital Media
Two Year BTEC Higher National Diploma

INTRODUCTION
This diverse and fast-paced course provides professional training in areas of web design, animation, compositing, 3D graphics, visual effects, and game design. Students learn how to research and generate ideas and gain the design skills needed to produce high-end, mouth-watering graphics. We provide a rock solid foundation in all the skills required to work as part of a team, or to specialise in the area that best suits a student’s skills.
Year 2 focuses on 3D modelling, 3D character animation, 3D cinematography, interface design principles, creating professional responsive websites and designing and building interactive games.
Digital Media at CSN is a special course because the qualification you achieve is an internationally recognised BTEC Higher National Diploma. This is part of the UK framework where it is equivalent in value to a Foundation Higher Education.
As well as being eligible to apply to Irish IT colleges for entry into second year, Digital Media graduates can apply to a range of UK colleges and universities to do a one year top-up to achieve an Honours Degree. In that way this course can be viewed as the first two years of a three year Higher Education. On completing this course, if you don’t wish to take the 3rd level route, you are still very well equipped to go directly into the workplace.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications. All applicants are interviewed with a portfolio of work and places are awarded on suitability.

CERTIFICATION
BTEC Higher National Diploma in Interactive Media VLW24

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Various UK colleges for a 1-year top-up course to achieve a BA in Multimedia. Multimedia Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT, LIT, IT Tralee. Graduates can apply for advanced entry to a range of degrees in Irish third level institutions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have an excellent and adaptable skills set. Recent graduates are employed in web design, e-learning, 3D animation, architectural visualisation, film post-production and video-game graphics. They work for a broad range of companies such as Wavebreak Media, Framestore, Factory Media, M-I-E, SceneStealer, Jellyfish, Doodle Creative, Twitter, Red Man Media, Hopkins Communications and many more.

CONTACT DETAILS
digitalmedia@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
This course provides students with a strong foundation in core business components while providing options to study either Marketing or Law. This approach allows for flexibility in the area of business in which students may ultimately wish to specialise through further study or career choice. It will also benefit learners who wish to achieve a qualification that recognises their experience. The course is specifically designed to reflect the ever changing world of business practices and the broader business environment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Business Studies 5M2102

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a business setting for example, accountancy/insurance, marketing/public relations, banking and financial services, human resources, legal aid centres/solicitors firms, retail management and digital marketing.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Business 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Business and Law Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may have the opportunity to gain employment in the following: accountancy/insurance, marketing/public relations, banking and financial services, human resources, legal aid centres/solicitors firms, retail management and digital marketing.

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CONTACT DETAILS
businessstudies@csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
This course will be of particular interest to those wishing to gain knowledge of both legal and governmental systems. Students will receive a good grounding in the complementary disciplines of law and politics. Students will develop critical, reflective and analytical skills that are common to both disciplines. The course is aimed at those who wish to pursue a career in which knowledge of both the legal and governmental systems is of major importance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Business Studies 5M2102

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a business setting for example, accountancy/insurance, marketing/public relations, banking and financial services, human resources, legal aid centres/solicitors firms and retail management.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Business 2
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Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Business and Law Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may have the opportunity to gain employment in the following: accountancy/insurance, marketing/public relations, banking and financial services, human resources, legal aid centres/solicitors firms and retail management.
INTRODUCTION
The aim of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to build on the knowledge gained in the QQI Level 5 award and to enhance their job prospects and/or allow them access further educational opportunities.

In this course modern business techniques are explored leaving the graduate equipped to enter the market with a wide range of expertise in various management, marketing, legal and IT practices. Students who have a flair for business will find the course both stimulating and inspiring while at the same time advancing their knowledge and experience in a wide range of business disciplines.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates require a business related QQI Level 5 Award or equivalent.

All applicants are interviewed and places are awarded on suitability.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Business Studies 6M4985

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Work experience is a core element of this programme. Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a business environment. Students in the past have undertaken their work experience in a variety of areas such as accountancy firms, legal firms, credit unions, auctioneering firms and health insurance companies.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Business and Law Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme often gain employment in areas such as insurance, legal practices, accountancy firms, customer service PR and marketing.

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
# INTRODUCTION

This course provides students with a broad range of skills in carpentry and joinery. The course includes first and second fixing, temporary work including formwork, shuttering work and shoring, installing built-in furniture/kitchens and constructing timber frame housing.

All aspects of building construction, services and general building techniques incorporating all current building regulations are explored throughout the course. Learn how to design a house, how to apply for planning permission, draw up plans and do up a bill of quantities for an Eco friendly family home and set out a work schedule.

Students learn how to work as part of the build team, understanding roles and responsibilities with a large emphasis on Health and Safety.

This course is a path to explore the different educational and employment areas in the construction sector.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
- For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
- Satisfactory presentation at interview.

## CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 5 Construction Technology 5M5010

## WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE

Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a construction setting. Students have the opportunity to gain experience on site/college campus as part of their placement.

## EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).

Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.


Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT: BSc Craft Technology (Wood).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this programme may have career opportunities including apprenticeships in carpentry and joinery, cabinet making and draughtsmanship. This course may lead to a career in engineering, architecture or construction management.

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# CONTACT DETAILS

carpentry@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Learn an amazing craft and explore your creativity through the skills and techniques of fine furniture making. Workshop based learning develops competence with hand tools, power tools and woodworking machinery. Life drawing, technical graphics and computer aided design classes support the design process. The course teaches a range of woodworking methods, starting with traditional joinery and progressing to high tech production in our well equipped workshops and studios. Experience and learn this fascinating discipline while designing and making your own furniture pieces.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. 
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications. 
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Furniture Design & Making 5M2012

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake a minimum of 10 days of work placement in a furniture related environment e.g. cabinet making, furniture design, wood finishing, wood turning, joinery or interior architecture. The college will provide guidance in identifying suitable companies or workshops.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Furniture Design & Making 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. GMIT Letterfrack, CIT: BSc Craft Technology (Wood). 
Note for mature students, BSc Craft Technology at CIT requires Leaving Certificate Mathematics, or QQI Level 5 Mathematics. CSN offers QQI Level 5 Mathematics as an optional component on the Furniture Design & Making 1 course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this course typically progress to either a related QQI Level 6 course or to Higher Education, and ultimately to careers as furniture makers in manufacturing, or as self-employed makers after a suitable period of professional experience. Skills learned on the course are also relevant to sign writers, draughtspersons, wood turners and similar.

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CONTACT DETAILS
furniture@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Progress from Furniture Design & Making 1
Take your woodworking and furniture making skills to the next level with this level 6 course. Woodworking, computer aided manufacture and finishing techniques are taught in parallel with analysis, critical thinking and problem solving skills to enable you to create thoughtful, functional and beautiful furniture. To maximize your learning potential on this course, a competency with woodworking tools and machinery is required.

The course is supported by an excellently equipped workshop and IT resources. These include all of the essential woodworking equipment, a new industrial grade panel saw, temperature controlled spray booth, CNC router and our new laser cutting equipment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a relevant QQI Level 5 Award in a complementary area is required.
All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Furniture Design and Making 6M2230

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake a minimum of 10 days of work placement in a furniture related environment e.g. cabinet making, furniture design, wood finishing, wood turning, joinery and interior architecture. The college will provide guidance in identifying suitable companies or workshops.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT: BSc Craft Technology (Wood), GMIT Letterfrack
Holders of level 6 awards are eligible for consideration to year 2 of level 7 programmes in furniture at GMIT Letterfrack

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may discover career opportunities as furniture makers in furniture workshops, furniture design studios or as self-employed makers after a suitable period of professional experience.
Cultural & Heritage Studies

INTRODUCTION
This highly renowned course is over 25 years in existence. It is ideally suited to both young and mature students who wish to progress to the Bachelor of Arts (in UCC and other universities). Many Leaving Certificate students use this as a stepping stone to University using the QQI links scheme. This course prides itself in motivating students to achieve their individual goals. In addition, many students secure work within the Heritage Industry. The course incorporates an extensive off-campus field-trip programme, visiting national monuments; archaeological sites and excavations; museums, libraries and archives; and private heritage enterprises. It allows students to meet entrepreneurs to gain effective practical experience in the field.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
This course is open to all students with an interest in Irish culture, heritage and the arts.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Furniture Design and Making 6M2230

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
This course provides a unique work experience programme whereby students work as a team to develop a professional heritage-based exhibition each year. All aspects of event production from fund-raising to industry-standard exhibition presentation techniques are covered.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Tour guides and information officers in both public and private heritage centres. Archaeological excavation and post excavation Museums, libraries & archives. Genealogical research centres and initiatives. Many students have set up their own tour businesses (walking holidays, language schools, summer schools, harbour cruises) in addition to working in leader-funded and community heritage projects.

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CONTACT DETAILS

culturalheritage@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Access to Cultural & Heritage Studies

INTRODUCTION
This course is identical in every respect to Cultural & Heritage Studies (see opposite). However, this particular programme is specifically orientated to more mature students, many of whom have been out of education for some time. This course is used to build confidence and slowly increase their competencies in new learning. Many students who have attended this course have been unemployed for some time; may be on a career break or recently retired; may have seen their children progress to school or college and now wish to do something for themselves. Many students progress to the Bachelor or Arts in UCC while others secure work in the Heritage Industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
This course is open to all students with an interest in Irish culture, heritage and the arts.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Cultural & Heritage Studies 5M2154

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
This course provides a unique work experience programme whereby students work as a team to develop a professional heritage-based exhibition each year. All aspects of event production from fund-raising to industry-standard exhibition presentation techniques are covered.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Tour guides and information officers in both public and private heritage centres. Archaeological excavation and post excavation. Museums, libraries & archives. Genealogical research centres and initiatives. Many students have set up their own tour businesses (walking holidays, language schools, summer schools, harbour cruises) in addition to working in leader-funded and community heritage projects.
INTRODUCTION
Students who successfully complete the course will gain essential knowledge and skills in areas relevant to a career in the Ambulance or Fire Service. Additional industry specific training with professional practitioners throughout the course is what makes this course so current and relevant. This course is suited to applicants with voluntary experience/service or an interest in First Aid. Students who wish to pursue a fast paced and challenging career would be suited to this course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
While not mandatory, voluntary experience in the field is desirable.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Community Health Services 5M4468

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake at least 10 days of work experience in a voluntary organisation or a suitable vocational area. The college will advise students in identifying suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. Bsc. Paramedic Training with Emergency Services Training Institute (PHECC Accredited).
Paramedic Science in various UK Universities

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment with the state ambulance, fire services and private ambulance companies. Opportunities may exist in intermediate care ambulances. Fire safety and emergency response training will enhance employment opportunities in the broader labour market e.g. first responder, safety officers, duty managers.

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CONTACT DETAILS
emergencyservices@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Journalism for the Digital Age

INTRODUCTION
This course is designed to introduce students to a wide variety of practical techniques and theoretical knowledge that underpin the fundamental skills of a journalist. It also takes a highly modern approach, as the convergence of broadcast, print and online media require the learning of new skills and methods. Much of the course is project based with the student working closely with each teacher in a variety of platforms, from magazines/newspapers to broadcast and online media. The course provides students with new digital tools and practices and better ways to engage the public in a rapidly changing media world.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Journalism 5M2464

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements in a media related setting.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, UL, DCU, University of Sunderland

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme work in print, radio and television journalism, public relations, advertising and the Internet. Former students have secured positions at Reuters (London), Sunday Times, Head of I.R.N. (Dublin), 103FM, Limerick Leader, 96FM, Red FM, RTE, The Irish Examiner, The Evening Echo and The Kingdom.

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CONTACT DETAILS
journalism@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Access to Social Studies

**INTRODUCTION**

Access to Social Studies is an ideal course for adult learners who are returning to education or would like to broaden their educational experience. This programme provides students with both an academic and practical platform to engage in further study and/or enter employment.

Where possible course features include an emphasis on tutorial-style teaching with regular feedback sessions, the opportunity to experience a broad range of subjects and career guidance.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.

Satisfactory presentation at interview.

Applications are particularly sought after from those with experience in voluntary or community organisations.

**CERTIFICATION**

QQI Level 5 Applied Social Studies 5M2181

**WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE**

Students will be required to undertake 10 days placement in a social care/community setting e.g. youth work, disability organisation, crèche, nursing homes, primary schools etc. Students are responsible for formalising their own work experience with the assistance of the Course Director. Garda Vetting required.

**EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES**

CSN Social Studies 2

A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).


Social Science Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Career opportunities exist in the caring professions and in community projects e.g. disability services, care assistant, youth worker.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

accesssocialstudies@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Social Studies 1

INTRODUCTION
The overall aim of this course is to introduce the learner to the area of sociology and social studies. This course will provide the learner with the opportunity to develop their understanding and awareness in the area of Applied Social Studies. Successful students can progress to further or higher education or gain employment in the social care sector. The course features an opportunity to gain experience in a voluntary capacity in a variety of organisations. The course includes educational field trips, off-campus research, guest speakers and practical team working projects for experience based learning.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
Applications are particularly sought after from those with experience in voluntary or community organisations.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Applied Social Studies 5M2181

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake placement in a social care/community setting e.g. youth work, disability organisation, crèche, nursing homes, primary schools etc. Students are responsible for formalising their own work placement, with the assistance of the Course Director. Garda Vetting is required.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Social Studies 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Social Science Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain the opportunity to work in a number of voluntary and caring agencies. Links provided through work experience have led to students becoming full-time care assistants.

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CONTACT DETAILS
socialstudies@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Progress from Social Studies 1 or Access to Social Studies to this course.
The purpose of this award is to enable the learner acquire the knowledge, skill and competence to deliver high quality information advice and advocacy services to a range of service users. Learners can also transfer or progress to programmes leading to awards in higher education and training.
The course features include; work experience in a variety of health, education and social care settings, guest speakers, education field trips, team building exercises and continuous assessment through project based and practical assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a QQI Level 5 award or equivalent or relevant experience in the voluntary/community sector or social services.
All applicants are interviewed and places are awarded on suitability. Mature students are most welcome to apply.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Information, Advice & Advocacy 6M3115

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days placement in an advocacy role within an organisation for example community/social care/youth/disability.
Students are responsible for formalising their own work placement, with the assistance of the Course Director.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Social Science Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may have the opportunity to work in organisations that provide information, advice and advocacy services in the Social and Health Service area. It also provides the opportunity to work in a supervisory role in organisations such as a youth information service, a disability advocacy/support service and a citizens information officer.

CONTACT DETAILS
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Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Advances in computer, network, cloud and mobile technologies continue to provide job opportunities for people with IT skills and technical acumen. In Ireland, the ICT sector alone offers a multitude of work opportunities and job advancement prospects for individuals who can demonstrate and deliver a core set of ‘smart-skills’ in IT. This course is designed to deliver learners with these important smart-skills. A key feature of the course is the combination of ‘hands-on’ learning with direct tuition in the use of industry standard diagnostic/simulation software and forensic tools (Cisco, VMWare, etc). Learners can expect to receive a solid foundation in the fundamentals of digital systems and acquire the requisite knowledge to build, install, deploy, repair and maintain networked computer systems for use in physical, virtual and cloud-based computing environments. Special emphasis is placed on developing the learner’s problem-solving and troubleshooting skills to help them achieve competency in all areas.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications. Candidates seeking entry to this programme would ideally have a minimum of a pass in Mathematics at Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate. Some experience with computers and operating systems is desirable but not a requirement. All prospective students must demonstrate an active interest in computer technologies. All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Computer Systems & Networks 5M0536

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a course-relevant work environment, e.g., IT technical support, hardware repair, network design and installation, etc. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements. Students are responsible for arranging their own work experience.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
IT Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may discover a variety of possible job opportunities. Key areas of employment include working as an ‘entry-level’ IT technician, or in technical support/ICT management at Level 2. Junior positions in systems administration, network design & installation or ICT consultancy are other possible career tracks.
INTRODUCTION
The software technology industry is one of Ireland’s fastest growing industries. Many of the world’s leading software companies, including IBM, Oracle, Microsoft, Google, and Facebook have a significant presence here. In this course, students will study a mix of software architecture, math and computer programming to learn how to design, develop and trouble shoot software from business applications to mobile apps.

Students get the opportunity to gain experience in Java using Eclipse, Android App development using Android Studio, Programming in Visual Basic using Visual Studio and using various tools for software testing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Candidates seeking entry to this programme should ideally have a minimum of a pass in Mathematics at Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate and display an active interest in information and communications technology.
Some experience with computer programming or coding would be advantageous.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Software Development 5M0529

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Work experience is an integral element of this course where students having gained experience of coding learn to prepare to visit and arrange a two week block placement in a software company. It is the student’s responsibility to secure a suitable work placement position.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
IT Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
There are a number of possible job opportunities for students with a solid programming background. The key areas of employment include: Junior Programmer, Software Developer, Web Site Design/Maintenance, Mobile App Developer, IT Support.

CONTACT DETAILS
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Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the performing arts. Learners gain first-hand experience in a wide range of disciplines, developing core skills that can help them advance to a more specialised performing arts training. This immersive, hands-on performing arts course offers an opportunity to improve your performing, auditioning and technical production skills. Learn to work collaboratively with other creative individuals. Display your talents and discover your strengths. The business aspects of the performing arts industry are explored when students form a mini production company with classmates to stage shows both on and off campus. Throughout the course, students experience field trips, live concerts, plays and other professional performances. The course is taught by experienced industry professionals.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
Audition required for acceptance on course.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Performing Arts 5M5151

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in CSN’s in-house theatre company.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website. http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=fetac_search
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, DIT, TCD, NUI Galway.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme will have experience to build a career in the performing arts industry.

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CONTACT DETAILS
acting@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Dance 1

INTRODUCTION
This is your first step to a fascinating and rewarding career in dance. This innovative and exhilarating course provides a comprehensive experience in a wide range of dance styles and techniques. Students develop core skills that can help advance to more specialised professional dance opportunities in performance or in education. Graduates from this course progress Higher Education or they continue to dance professionally or to teach dance. This course offers an opportunity to improve and perfect technical dance skills across a range of dance disciplines and to gain an introduction to teaching qualifications. All students will take ISTD exams. Applicants are expected to demonstrate a high level of motivation, commitment and a passion for dance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
Audition required for acceptance on course.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Dance 5M4572
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a professional dance production or school. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Dance 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. Laine Theatre Arts, London Contemporary Dance School.
Bodyworks Dance Studios, London Studio Centre, Urdang Performing Arts, Barcelona Institute for the Arts, Millenium Performing Arts

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may have opportunities to work in classical ballet companies, contemporary dance companies, musical theatre, cruise ships, West End productions. Also graduates may become dance teachers, choreographers, producers and music videos.

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CONTACT DETAILS
dance@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Progress from Dance 1. Students are taught to the highest level and are expected to advance and further develop the skills and training from Dance 1. This is a high energy, physical and creative year. Learn how to work collaboratively with other individuals and to discover a signature movement style. Students advance choreography skills for group or solo work personal style and group dance pieces. Live performance and teaching dance are the focus of the course. Performance skills are enhanced by preparation for auditions and to show pieces. All students will take ISTD Exams. Graduates from this course progress colleges in the UK, Europe (Dance Institute for the Arts in Barcelona) and America. Some graduates may continue to dance professionally or to teach in Ireland and abroad.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of Dance 1. All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in CSN in-house theatre company.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. Laine Theatre Arts, London Contemporary Dance School.
Bodyworks Dance Studios, London Studio Centre, Urdang Performing Arts, Barcelona Institute for the Arts Millenium Performing Arts.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may have opportunities to work as dancers in classical ballet companies, contemporary dance companies, musical theatre, West End, teachers, choreographers, producers and music videos.
Music, Management & Sound 1

INTRODUCTION
The Music, Management & Sound course has been supplying top quality professional performers and sound engineers to the music industry for almost thirty years. Students gain first-hand experience, training, information and advice on all aspects of music. The course focuses on practical musicianship, live performance, studio & live sound engineering, music law and songwriting along with marketing and promotion of music as a product. Students stage live shows throughout the year and these gigs offer the ideal opportunity to put new knowledge and skills into practice. This course is also suitable for experienced musicians who wish to progress to Higher Education and includes preparation for auditions/entrance exams.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
Audition required for acceptance on course.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Music 5M2011

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in band rehearsals and live gigs.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Music Management and Sound 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Music Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT CSM

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme establish careers in live performance, sound engineering (studio & live), management, agency and promotion.

CONTACT DETAILS
music@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION

The aim of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to build on the knowledge gained in QQI Level 5 Music, to enhance their career prospects in the music industry and/or allow them access to further educational opportunities.

The Music Management and Sound 2 course is also suitable for experienced musicians who wish to progress to Higher Education and includes preparation for auditions/entrance exams.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a full QQI Level 5 Award in Music is required. All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION

QQI Level 6 Music

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE

Students will be required to undertake 15 days of work placement in a variety of music industry contexts.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.


Music Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT CSM

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this programme establish careers in live performance, sound engineering (studio & live), management, agency and promotion.

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CONTACT DETAILS

music2@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Radio Broadcasting 1

INTRODUCTION
Five former students have won National PPI Radio Awards from this highly renowned course. The emergence of digital radio has made learning about radio production more relevant than ever before. Students gain hands on experience in the radio industry.
Practical experience is ongoing on the college’s licenced digital on air radio station, Juice FM. Presenting skills, interviewing, news reading, sound recording and digital editing form part of this programme of study.
Students form part of the management structure for Juice FMs online and FM radio output.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
Voice audition required for acceptance on course.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Radio Production 5M4511

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students are required to undertake work experience at CSNs Radio Station Juice FM and 10 days placement in a radio environment.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Radio Broadcasting 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment in national/ regional/local radio, media/radio/TV journalism and news networks/ agencies.

CONTACT
DETAILS
radiobroadcasting@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
Radio Broadcasting 2

INTRODUCTION
Progress from Radio Broadcasting 1 to further your skills in Radio Production.
Practical experience is gained in the college’s licenced digital on air radio station, Juice FM. Broadcast presentation skills, radio techniques, news broadcasting, social media industry awareness, legal studies, communications and documentary making form core components of the course. Students participate in the professional management structure for Juice FM’s online and FM radio output.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a relevant QQI level 5 award.
All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Media Production 6M5130

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in the CSN’s Radio Station Juice FM.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT
Coláiste Dhulaigh Dublin. B.A. (Hons) Top Up part time one year
Higher Education In Broadcasting & Journalism
Top Up final year 3 of media production (Radio) single honours BA
Higher Education at University of Sunderland.
3rd and final year at University of Brighton/Bournemouth

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment in national/ regional/local radio, media/radio/TV journalism and news networks/ agencies.
Applied Biology-Food Health & Nutrition

INTRODUCTION
Ireland’s food and drink industry maintains a well-deserved worldwide reputation for its high quality products. Consumers require attractive, convenient and safe food products that also offer health promoting benefits. This course is the first step to become a skilled scientist necessary for the continuing success and future developments in this industry. Skills and knowledge in areas such as science and technology, food safety and nutrition are the focus of the course. Throughout the course work students gain insights into the manufacture of current food products and discover how innovative products can be developed. This Applied Science course is suitable for students who wish to gain employment in the food industry. Mature students from an industry background who wish to advance their technical knowledge and their promotion prospects will benefit from a year on this course. Many graduates progress to Higher Education in Ireland or the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. Maths is desirable.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Food Science 5M5267

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in food/ pharmaceutical/ healthcare or related industries and services. Students are responsible for arranging their own work placement.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Science Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The food industry is among Ireland’s largest employer and has a large potential for employment. Job opportunities for students who complete this course include: laboratory assistants, operators in food and pharmaceutical industries, supervisor/manager in food retail outlets, worker/supervisor in food preparation and small food business operators.

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CONTACT DETAILS
science@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Ireland’s pharmaceutical industry offers a wide range of products and services developed from research. Approximately 120 overseas companies have plants in Ireland including 9 of the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. Personnel with scientific knowledge in areas such as chemistry, biology, microbiology and laboratory analytical skills are essential for this industry sector.

The main focus of this course is to enhance the scientific knowledge and laboratory skills of the participants in a range of applied science fields. This course has assisted many graduates to progress to Higher Education in Ireland or the UK. Graduates have also used it to gain employment in the pharmaceutical industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. Maths is desirable.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Laboratory Techniques 5M3807

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work placement in food/ pharmaceutical/ healthcare or related industries and services. Students are responsible for arranging their own work placement.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Science Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).

Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment in the pharmaceutical industry which is one of Ireland’s largest employers and have a large potential for employment. Job opportunities for students who complete this course include: Laboratory assistants and operators in pharmaceutical industries.

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CONTACT DETAILS
science@csn.ie

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INTRODUCTION
This course has been designed to meet the increasing demand for high quality turf surfaces in golf and field sports nationally and internationally. Students carry out practical work on the colleges’ sports pitches which include a natural soccer pitch, natural GAA/Rugby pitch and synthetic soccer pitch. Field trips to other sports turf facilities and golf courses are central to the course. On successful completion of the course students will have gained the knowledge and skills required to maintain golf courses and sports turf facilities.

Graduates of this program are equipped to work or indeed continue their study at limitless turfgrass maintenance facilities worldwide. CSN also has strong links with the Ohio State internship programme which gives graduates the opportunity to complete a 12 month internship at one of the top golf courses in the USA.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. Ideally maths is desirable. For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications. Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Golf & Sports Turf Management 6M4330

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 55 days of work experience in golf courses and sports turf facilities. The course director will advise on suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. CIT, UCD
Elmwood College: HNC/HND, Golf Course Management
Myerscough College: BSc Hons Sports Turf Science and Management
The Ohio State Internship Program

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Greenkeeper, golf course superintendent, grounds man, sports turf contractor. Graduates have gone on to work at golf clubs and sports facilities in Ireland and worldwide including, Adare Manor, Croke Park, Fota Island, Waterville, Lahinch, Ballybunion, Mount Juliet, Doonbeg and Royal Melbourne.
Horticulture 1

INTRODUCTION
Horticulture is the industry that produces and maintains plants for human use. Successful horticulturalists understand the science of soil management and plant production. They combine their knowledge with their creative skills to develop products and services that people need and want. The horticulture industry is expanding and it offers people a rewarding and exciting career in areas such as landscape design and maintenance, food production, and plant production for aesthetic and pharmaceutical use. This course provides a broad reaching education to those interested in a career in horticulture. Throughout the year students make several field trips to a range of horticultural businesses. Excellent facilities enable the practical application of course work. There are five hectares of landscape on site including; nursery stock, fruit/vegetable production, glasshouse, and natural/synthetic sports pitches.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Horticulture 5M2586

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake work experience in the horticultural industry. Course director will advise of suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN: Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management and Horticulture 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website:
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. WIT, UCD
CIT: BSc Horticulture

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may discover career opportunities exist in landscape construction and maintenance, landscape design, garden centre or nursery operations, fruit and vegetable production.

CONTACT DETAILS
horticulture@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Progress from Horticulture 1. This course is designed for students to advance their knowledge and skills. While the emphasis of the programme is on landscape maintenance and nursery stock production, students are encouraged to explore their own particular niche within horticulture. This QQI Level 6 course will provide learners with skills and knowledge to secure employment in the areas of landscape and nursery management. In addition, it will have a focus on business management which will prepare the learners to set up their own firm or to manage existing firms. Students produce a crop of bedding plants which are sold at the end of year plant sale. Graduates may take up employment or may transfer into second year of a degree programme.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a QQI Level 5 Award in a horticulture relevant area is required.
All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Horticulture 6M4334

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 55 days of work experience in the horticultural industry. Course director will advise of suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. WIT, UCD
CIT: BSc Horticulture
Graduates may progress into the 2nd year of the BSc in Horticulture at CIT & WIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may progress onto career opportunities in landscape construction and maintenance, landscape design, garden centre or nursery operations, fruit and vegetable production.
Coaching & Physical Education 1

INTRODUCTION
This practically orientated course is designed to provide students with a range of skills which will prepare them for a career in coaching, teaching, fitness and sports related fields. Students gain experience in a broad range of sports and fitness components. Students also have the opportunity to acquire coaching qualifications from the relevant coaching bodies. Graduates from the course have been very successful in recent years in progressing to Higher Education, e.g. B.Ed in Sports Studies & Physical Education in UCC. Students gain excellent work experience in local primary and secondary schools in the area. Garda Vetting is required.

Application numbers have been high in recent years so it is advisable to bring a C.V. to the interview along with coaching experience details/references. For further insights into the course/careers in the industry see testimonials on CSN web site.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Work experience is a core element of this programme. Students will be required to undertake work experience coaching in local primary and secondary schools. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements. Garda Vetting required.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Coaching & Physical Education 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website:
Sports Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may work as professional sports coaching/instructor, physical education coach/teacher, gym instructor, swim instructor/lifeguard, sports coordinator, sports development officer.

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- CCEF Gym Instructor
- Basketball Coaching
- Gaelic & Hurling Coaching
- IWS Assistant Swim Teacher
- Kickstart 1 Soccer

CONTACT DETAILS
coached@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
# Coaching & Physical Education 2

## Introduction

Progress from a level 5 sports relevant course or equivalent. This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to further develop the range of skills learnt at level 5 for a career in coaching, teaching, fitness and sports related fields. The focus is practically orientated and has a strong element of professional coaching. Students also have the opportunity to get coaching badges from the relevant coaching bodies, a gym instructor’s qualification, and a full swim teacher qualification. Students gain excellent work experience in local primary and secondary schools in the area. Event management and self-directed learning are key to students ability to organise and plan coaching sessions.

Garda Vetting is required for the course.

Application have been high in recent years so it is advisable to bring a CV to interview along with coaching experience details, references.

## Entry Requirements

For entry to this Level 6 a QQI Level 5 Award in a sports relevant course is required.

All applicants will be interviewed.

## Certification

QQI Level 6 Sports, Recreation and Exercise 6M5147

## Work Placement/Experience

Students will be required to undertake work experience which involves coaching in local primary and secondary schools. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements. Garda Vetting required.

## Education Progression Opportunities

Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.


Sports Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

## Career Opportunities

Graduates from this programme may work as professional sports coaching/instructor, physical education coach/teacher, gym instructor, swim instructor/lifeguard, sports coordinator, sports development officer.

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## Certs

- CCEF Gym Instructor
- IWS Full Swim Teachers
- Leprechaun Rugby
- 7V7 Soccer
- Child Awareness
- Gaelic Football Coaching
- Adapted Physical Activities
- Kickstart 2 Soccer

## Contact Details

coached@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on [www.csn.ie](http://www.csn.ie)
INTRODUCTION
The equestrian industry is international and has a wide range of job opportunities enabling graduates to travel around the world and enjoy challenging careers.

This equestrian studies course will provide students with an excellent training in stable management, handling and care of horses, and horse riding together with internationally recognised qualifications. Students will ride and train at an AIRE and BHS approved training centre with access to a wide range of horses and state of the art facilities. Students will have the opportunity to visit stud farms including the famous Coolmore stud in Tipperary.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.
A background or interest in horses is desirable.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Horsemanship 5M3371

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in stables. The college will assist participants in identifying suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. Athlone IT, Enniskillen College, NUI Maynooth

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may secure employment as assistant stable managers, grooms, trainee riding instructor, stud grooms, event and showjumping grooms, and any position dealing with horse care. Graduates have the opportunity to start their own business. Internationally recognised qualifications allow graduates to find work abroad as far as US and Australia.
INTRODUCTION
Supported by the Munster Council this is the only full-time GAA course in Munster. The course provides an academic qualification that emphasises coaching, player development and strength/conditioning. The practical focus of the course suits male and female players aiming to advance to Higher Education e.g. UCC/ CIT or to enter the workplace. Students have the opportunity to study theoretical components and to apply their skills and knowledge on the field. An opportunity to achieve coaching and refereeing nationally recognised qualifications ensures students are employable. A key component of the course is work experience in a GAA setting. The Munster Council also provides a GAA Higher Education bursary to successful CSN students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in local schools or a GAA Club. Students are responsible for arranging their own work experience. Garda vetting required.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Coaching & Physical Education 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Sports Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment as GAA games development officers, GAA coaches, GAA tutors, fitness instructors, personal trainers, sports management in community sports facilities and in leisure centres.
INTRODUCTION
This course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills and qualifications to pursue a career in the leisure industry. Graduates will have the skills and knowledge to deliver one to one training by conducting appropriate fitness assessments and designing safe and effective exercise programmes to the general public (adults 18yrs +) based on their individual needs, whether it be strength training, weight loss, training for an endurance event or general fitness. You can also work as a physical trainer with local groups, club sports teams and corporate fitness and wellness programmes or deliver your own fitness classes. All graduates are awarded the QQI Level 5 Award in Sport, Recreation & Exercise and the Certificate in Exercise & Health (CEHF). The CEHF is a stand-alone qualification and is awarded by the University of Limerick.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146
UL Level 6 Certificate in Exercise & Health Fitness

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a gym/leisure centre. The college will advise students in identifying suitable placements.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Personal Training & Leisure Management
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Tralee

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment as leisure attendants, duty managers, leisure centre managers, lifeguards and professional coaches.

CONTACT DETAILS
leisurerec@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
This specialist course is for qualified fitness instructors who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills and work as a personal trainer with clients on a one-to-one basis. Personal trainers can establish their own business or work in a commercial fitness facility providing personal training. The course content is aimed at supervisory/duty management level and provides students with teaching and instruction qualifications as Personal trainers and technical areas. Students must hold the Certificate in Exercise and Health Fitness (CEHF) or an approval equivalent fitness instructor qualification at level 6.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
QQI Level 5 Award in Sports, Recreation & Exercise and the Certificate in Health Fitness or an equivalent Level 6 fitness instructor qualification.
All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Leisure Facility Supervisory Management 6M4749
Personal Training Specialist Module accredited by the University of Limerick.

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a leisure facility or gym. Students will be advised by course director in arranging their own work experience.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT Higher Certificate or Diploma in Exercise and Health Fitness (NCEF/UL) leading to Bachelor of Science, Exercise & Health Fitness.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment as a supervisor, duty manager, lifeguard, fitness instructor, personal trainer, swimming teacher or a pool plant operator.
Soccer Coaching & Education

INTRODUCTION
The focus of this course is to pursue a career in soccer and the leisure industry and to gain professional coaching qualifications for employment in Ireland and abroad. Strength and conditioning components along with technical skill will be monitored closely as students progress throughout the course. The syllabus will cover a broad range of theoretical and practical components designed for the students to advance into higher education.
Facilities include a state of the art gym, a full size 3G astro turf pitch and a professional quality grass soccer pitch on campus.
Students will compete in the various Colleges/Universities cups and leagues throughout the year. The CSN Soccer trip to Universities in America has been successful in securing scholarships in universities in Florida, Carolina, Texas and Tennessee. This trip may be offered to students and is a once in a lifetime opportunity to play and experience some of the top sports facilities in the world.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent. For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview. Applicants must participate in a coaching session on interview date.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation and Exercise 5M5146

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience soccer coaching with a club or school. Students will be advised by course director in arranging their own work experience. Garda vetting required.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN QQI Level 6 Sports Courses
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT
Students may have an opportunity to be selected for a USA Scholarship

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment within the leisure and fitness industry, professional coaching/football facilitator/regional development officer, soccer scholarship U.S.A./coaching within athletic departments. Professional/semi-professional career in soccer. Strength & conditioning coach/fitness instructor. Summer camp coaching, Ireland & USA.

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CONTACT DETAILS
soccer@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie

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INTRODUCTION
Students will gain knowledge of the human body, exercise and fitness. Focus on the theory and practice of injury prevention and massage. Gain skills for preventative treatment of injuries and general body massage. Students work on each other in a massage clinical professional environment with an emphasis on client care. While working towards a QQI 5 award students have the opportunity to gain an ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy. Students work towards a career as massage therapists in the future.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146
ITEC Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in a professional setting.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN Sports Injuries 2
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment in gyms, health clubs, sporting facilities or spas.

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Progress from Sports Injuries QQI Level 5 CSN course. Students gain knowledge of massage techniques to treat sports injuries both in a clinical setting and at an event. In addition students have an opportunity to achieve an ITEC Level 4 Certificate to practice as Sports Massage Therapists. This course provides the students with the knowledge and skills to treat non-pathological and pathological sports injuries. Graduates of the course are fully qualified to work as Sports Injury Therapists. It also includes the whole area of sports/industry awareness. Students have been successful in gaining places on physiotherapy and other related Degree courses in the UK. Through the practical and theoretical aspects of the course students learn how to perfect their therapy skills. The course is structured to ensure students provide first aid, pre and post event treatments to the college teams. Students gain professional practise in the college massage clinic working with clients.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of a QQI Level 5 Sports Injuries CSN course and ITEC level3 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy and Occupational First Aid is required.
All applicants will be interviewed.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 6 Sport, Recreation and Exercise, 6M5147
ITEC Level 4 Sports Massage Therapy

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Work experience is a core element of this programme. Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in the CSN Massage clinic, working with the CSN sports teams. Students are also encouraged to gain experience in a professional clinical setting.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment as sports injuries therapists working in gyms, health clubs, sporting organisations, or self-employment.
INTRODUCTION
This course provides the student with the knowledge, skills and practical application to work within the sports and leisure industry and/or to provide a pathway to higher education. Exercise and fitness is very important for the student who wishes to pursue a career in gym instruction with the NCEF in the future. The course has been devised with an emphasis on students following the progression opportunities into higher education (see education progression opportunities below). The successful student will leave with their QQI Level 5 award as well as several other certificates for training modules, selected in association with the Irish Rugby Football Union, Irish Sports Council the Football Association of Ireland and Cork Sports Partnership.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation & Exercise 5M5146

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience. Students should gain practical experience in a work environment. This should be based in the areas of assisting in performance analysis, strength & conditioning, gyms and dietary analysis. The students will be working in cooperation with school teams / local clubs and fitness facilities in a sports area of their preference.

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN QQI Level 6 Sports Course
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate).
Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment in leisure centres, community sports facilities, sports development centres, sports coordination in schools, fitness classes performance coaching, sports analysis, professional coaching, working with national governing bodies, strength and conditioning coaching.

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CONTACT DETAILS

sportsexercise@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
INTRODUCTION
Gain an insight into the foundations of sport through the science of nutrition. Discover how to incorporate a scientifically sound diet and a proper nutrition regimen to radically increase the effectiveness of fitness training. This course uncovers how to apply nutrition values to result in greater energy levels while decreasing body fat and an increasing lean mass. Students explore the fundamental core sports components alongside nutrition plus its effects on performance, health, muscle growth, and fat loss.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Leaving Certificate or equivalent.
For mature applicants appropriate experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
Satisfactory presentation at interview.

CERTIFICATION
QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation and Exercise 5M5146

WORK PLACEMENT/EXPERIENCE
Students will be required to undertake 10 days of work experience in employment within the leisure and fitness industry, gyms, health clubs, sporting facilities and weight loss clinics.
Other suitable placements may include food retail outlets, worker/supervisor in food preparation or small food business operators

EDUCATION PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES
CSN QQI Level 6 Sports Course
A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 CAO points (equivalent to the points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Details of links to Higher Education Institutes available on the CAO website.
Third Level courses in Ireland and abroad e.g. UCC, CIT, IT Carlow

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates from this programme may gain employment working in gyms, health clubs, sporting organisations, or self-employment.

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sportsnutrition@csn.ie

Course fees outlined on www.csn.ie
EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

GOOD TO KNOW:

- A QQI Level 5 course can earn a maximum of 390 points (equivalent to points earned from the Leaving Certificate). Student QQI results can be used to apply to linked courses through the CAO. The more distinctions you have the higher your final points score will be.

- Courses may have direct entry links into Third Level Degree courses in UCC or CIT or others in Ireland or the U.K. See CAO web site for information.


- Progression is an option through the CIT Cork Colleges Progression Scheme CCPS.

- CSN Career Guidance service is available to all students.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CAREER FOCUSED:

- CSN College courses and programmes are designed to meet labour market requirements of the local and national economy.

- CSN College graduates possess the relevant level and quality of skills required by employers.

- Work experience is a core component for most courses delivered at CSN. Students gain valuable insight to their chosen field during a ten-day placement. This programme provides access to industry and helps the student to make their career choices.

Applicants are advised to contact the admissions office of their chosen institution to find out if there are minimum entry requirements. E.g. some institutions may require a certain grade in Leaving Cert Maths, a portfolio, an audition etc.
What is the National Framework of Qualifications?

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is the ten level system (1-10) giving an academic or vocational value to the qualifications obtained in Ireland. NFQ levels help to indicate how an award can be used for training, education and employment opportunities.

See the illustration below to find QQI Level 5 & 6 awards delivered at CSN. The framework is shown above.

What is a QQI Award?

Most of the certification delivered at CSN is awarded by the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). QQI is responsible for the quality control for Further Education colleges and other providers.

ASSESSMENT

All courses accredited with QQI Level 5 & Level 6 awards deliver continuous assessment throughout the year. Assessment may include assignments, projects, presentations and examinations. The assessment process is continuous throughout the year with individual learners given on-going feedback.
MATURE STUDENT SERVICES
CSN actively works to support mature students for the duration of their course. Mature students have access to their own common room while on campus.

maturestudents@csn.ie

DISABILITY SUPPORT
CSN is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and strives to promote inclusion for all our students. In this regard, we welcome students with disabilities and specific learning needs. The college will endeavour to provide appropriate support to such students subject to the availability of resources.

Students with disabilities are advised to contact the college disability officer to discuss individual requirements.

disability@csn.ie

STUDY SUPPORT
CSN is committed to supporting students who have additional learning needs. Provision is made wherever possible to facilitate access and participation while at the college.

studysupport@csn.ie

CHILDCARE
Crèche, Lois Na Nog, CSN
At Lois na nOg we aim to provide a safe, suitable and caring environment for children. The emphasis is on fun and learning through play and for every child to develop to their full potential. Staff are highly trained and motivated to ensure they deliver a programme that is designed for your child's holistic development.

The Crèche provides the following facilities: Baby room, Toddler room, Pre-school room, ECCE Pre-school room, After school room

The waiting list opens at the start of February. Parents are advised that advance booking is necessary as places are limited.

crèche@csn.ie
021 2067621
MONEY MATTERS

All course fees on www.csn.ie
For useful information on financing education visit www.studentfinance.ie

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME, VTOS

VTOS is a financial support scheme for those over 21 and in receipt of an eligible Department of Social Protection payment for at least 6 months (156 days) by course commencement date.

The V.T.O.S. Scheme gives you a second chance to go back to full-time education and training. All CSN full-time day courses are available under the V.T.O.S. Scheme. Further information and applications on vtos.csn.ie

STUDENT MAINTENANCE GRANT, SUSI

This means tested grant is a source of financial help available for students on full-time courses. Check the Eligibility Reckoner www.susi.ie.

For latest application guidelines use the following link:
https://susi.ie/resources/

Please note this grant does not cover course fees for students applying for Further Education Colleges.

BACK TO EDUCATION ALLOWANCE, BTEA

Mature students may qualify for assistance under the Back to Education Allowance which allows adults to return to full-time education while continuing to get income support. People in receipt of social welfare payments may qualify to retain payments whilst participating in our Further Education courses. All BTEA information is available from the Department of Social Protection/your local Social Welfare Office.

IMPORTANT NOTE: CSN students in receipt of a grant must be aware that unsatisfactory attendance or unsatisfactory participation will lead to payments being stopped.
HOW TO APPLY

Apply online

• Complete application form www.csn.ie.
• Form will be acknowledged by online receipt.
• Applicants will receive an invitation for an interview by post.

Late applications are only accepted if places exist on an individual course. Applicants for QQI Level 6 courses must have successfully completed a QQI Level 5 Award.

Attend interview

• Passport photo, proof of DOB & PPSN no.
• Copy of Pre-Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate results if you are a school leaver.
• Check course page for additional requirements including artwork, audition, trial etc.
• If successful, a letter of offer will be issued.

In cases where demand exceeds available places, suitable applicants will be placed on a waiting list and offered a place if a vacancy arises.

Accept your place

• Secure your place by payment of course fee.

Register by payment

• Courses fees outlined on course page www.csn.ie

Start your course

• September start date listed in letter of offer.

International learners require a stamp 4. Non-EU students must comply with Irish immigration requirements. Non-EU students are required to pay a tuition fee determined by the Department of Education and Skills.

CSN College is committed to providing quality courses. This prospectus includes useful information to set you on the right path. Please note that some details may change. Visit our college website for more.