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INSTITIÚD BHREISOIDEACHAIS NA CARRAIGE DUBHHE

Prospectus & Career Guide

2021-2022



FIND THE RIGHT PATHWAY FOR YOU

BUSINESS & LAW

DESIGN

COMPUTING, NETWORKS & DIGITAL DESIGN

COMMUNITY, EMERGENCY & HEALTH CARE

BEAUTY THERAPY, HOLISTIC THERAPIES & MAKE-UP ARTISTRY





Principal's Welcome


Mission Statement

The Institute is dedicated to the development of the full potential of learners, intellectually, emotionally and vocationally, while also enhancing their independence, constructive criticism, co-operation and care for others, in a supportive environment.

Open Days
2021/2022

 Wednesday 26th May 2021
2pm to 4pm

 Monday 30th August 2021
1pm to 4pm

 Wednesday 19th January 2022
10am to 4pm

Check www.bfei.ie for updates

Welcome to Blackrock Further Education Institute's prospectus for the 2021/2022 academic year. You are invited to browse our wide selection of Level 5 and Level 6 accredited courses. Our courses are your pathway to employment or progression to 3rd Level Education in the disciplines of Beauty, Make-Up, Emergency Services, Community Health Care, Computing, Design, Business and Law.

The COVID-19 pandemic meant 2020 was a particularly challenging year for the education sector. BFEI is proud of how our staff and students responded to this crisis. Our 2019/2020 students all had the opportunity to complete their course and achieve their deserved certification as originally scheduled. These students have now progressed to places in 3rd Level Education or commenced their chosen careers. Each year many BFEI students gain employment in the health sector. We would like to acknowledge all frontline staff, but especially our past students, for their dedication, commitment and courage throughout the crisis.

Online Learning became the norm for the majority of our BFEI students that commenced in September 2020. It was BFEI's goal to provide the best possible educational experience under the difficult circumstances. As well as successfully completing their studies online, our students gained valuable experience in the skills required for the new remote workplace.

While BFEI expects that the 2021/2022 academic year will see a return to a more normal provision, many of the new technologies and practices will continue to enhance our teaching and learning. As well as offering you an excellent education, BFEI emphasises the importance of your personal development and helping you achieve your full potential. Whether you are a recent school leaver or a mature student, we want to provide you with the best teaching, training and student experience.

BFEI believes it is important to encourage events and activities that present opportunities to make new friends, bond teams and collaborate with peers. Once circumstances permit, BFEI will resume these events and activities. For now, with this prospectus, you will gain an insight into some of the many social, cultural and charity activities at BFEI that our past students found to be both enjoyable and fulfilling.

BFEI is a leading participant in Erasmus+ Programmes throughout Europe. Each year, a significant number of students from the Beauty, Business, Computing and Design Departments complete work placement programmes in Tenerife and Utrecht (The Netherlands). It is hoped that these exchange opportunities will resume in 2021/2022. Participation in these programmes adds an extra dimension to the learning experience and will help realise your full career potential and expand your horizons.

It is now acknowledged that to study at colleges such as BFEI not only provides you with internationally recognised qualifications that lead to real employment opportunities with enhanced career prospects, but also prepares you for better success at 3rd Level Education. On course completion, an increasing number of BFEI graduates are taking up degree course offers, confident in their degree course choice, and with the knowledge that their time at BFEI will ease their transition to 3rd Level. At BFEI you will study in an award-winning campus, arguably one of the best in Ireland.

If studying in BFEI is of interest to you or someone you know, simply visit our website and apply online at www.bfei.ie.

Tom Taylor
Principal



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PROSPECTUS AND CAREER GUIDE

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What BFEI Can Offer You

A CHOICE OF COURSES WITH FLEXIBLE ENTRY

- A variety of courses leading to recognised qualifications are offered in a broad range of disciplines.
- BFEI is not part of the CAO points system, and offers flexible entry to those who want to gain professional qualifications or alternative pathways to degree courses.
- BFEI also offers employment focused courses for pathways to work and entrepreneurship.
- BFEI courses are suited to a broad student profile including school leavers, and those who wish to return to education to re-train or upskill. If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate, and are looking for a new career, and a fresh start, then BFEI offers you that second chance opportunity. If you do not meet the stated entry requirements, you should make direct contact with the Institute to explore your application on an individual basis.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

- BFEI staff are chosen for their qualifications, experience, enthusiasm and commitment to continuous professional development.
- Courses are delivered in small teaching groups which facilitates more contact with Subject Teachers.
- Each class is assigned a Course Co-ordinator who will focus attention on each individual student.
- A broad range of methodologies are used including instructor-led tuition, technology enhanced learning, practical classes, field trips and tutorials.
- Continuous assessment is an integral element of most courses.
- Campus-wide Wifi and high performing servers ensure that you will benefit from access to cutting edge technologies and that staff have access to the latest technologies to further enhance course delivery.
- The eLearning platform, Moodle, is used to provide you with an Online learning resource.



Career Guidance and Counselling

We endeavour to support you during your time at BFEI and to ensure that you realise your full potential. An outline of the supports we offer is provided here.

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

We provide a free and confidential Guidance, Counselling and Career Service which includes:

- Advice and supports if you are making the transition back to education.
- Personal Counselling with any personal difficulties you may encounter during your time at BFEI including referral to specialised counselling services as relevant.
- Study Skills Workshops including Learning Styles, Time Management, Research Skills and Report Writing.
- Support if you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty as outlined below.

EVERYDAY IS FULL OF POSSIBILITY!

We will support and facilitate you to explore the range of possibilities open to you whether it be progression to further study or direct entry to the workplace. We will support you whatever your stage in life, to explore the options open to you.

Career Advice

BFEI has strong links with industry and places an emphasis on preparing graduates for employment. As Guidance Counsellors, we provide assistance with CV writing, job search techniques, and interview skills to help you make the transition to work. Career focused events designed to expose you to the different types of career options are organised in each Department.

Further Study

Having completed a course at BFEI, you may want to progress to higher level education. Our courses that lead to QQI Awards offer this opportunity.

Third Level Colleges reserve places on many courses for students who have successfully completed a full Level 5 or Level 6 QQI Award. We will offer you advice and guidance on further study options including CAO and UCAS applications.

SUPPORTS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

If you have a disability, health condition and/or a specific learning difficulty, we will endeavour to provide you with appropriate supports within the limits of available resources. You may be entitled to supports under the SOLAS Fund for Students with Disabilities. Supports available may be limited and depend on the funding granted by SOLAS. Examples include the purchase of assistive technology, provision of a personal assistant, and additional learning support either one to one or small groups. This fund applies if you have sensory, physical and/or communicative disabilities. If you have a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, you will need to provide an assessment by an educational psychologist to apply for this fund.

In order to apply for supports, you will need to complete the online BFEI Supplementary Application Form for Students with Disabilities, Health Conditions and/or Specific Learning Difficulties. Access to the online form will be made available once you indicate on your student application form that you need supports. It is advisable to submit this form, as early as possible, to ensure that supports are in place in advance of course commencement.

We look forward to welcoming you to BFEI.

Guidance and Counselling Team

Professional Qualifications and Progression to Higher Education



PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

BFEI graduates gain professional qualifications certified and accredited by a range of nationally and internationally recognised examining and professional bodies including:

- Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) - www.accountingtechniciansireland.ie
- Comité International D'Esthétique et de Cosmétologie (CIDESCO) - www.cidesco.com
- CISCO Certification - www.netcad.com
- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) - www.qqi.ie
- International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) - www.itecworld.co.uk
- Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU) - www.ipu.ie

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION ON THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

BFEI offers you an alternative pathway to get a degree. Successful completion of a Major QQI Award at Level 5 or Level 6 at BFEI will mean that you can apply through the CAO system for entry into participating courses in the Higher Education Links Scheme. HELS reserves places on specified courses for holders of full QQI Certificates. QQI will calculate the best score for you, based on your QQI results and will forward those results directly to the CAO in July. Further details are available at [http://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Higher-Education-Links-Scheme-\(HELs\).aspx](http://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Higher-Education-Links-Scheme-(HELs).aspx).



BFEI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a number of Institutes of Technology including the Institute of Art, Design and Technology Dún Laoghaire (IADT), Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT), and Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT). This has resulted in some places being reserved on specified courses for BFEI graduates as outlined on course pages.

Graduates from some courses who successfully complete their studies at BFEI may apply for Advanced Entry to year 2 or year 3 of an appropriate degree course. Mature students (over the age of 23), should note that some 3rd Level Institutions reserve a number of places on degree courses for mature students. You will have to apply to each Institution individually. Check out the details on progression options on each course page or download the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie.



AWARDING BODIES

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) makes awards in further and higher education and training
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Skills)
- Institutes of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

- There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:
- Major Awards: named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
 - Minor Awards: are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
 - Supplemental Awards: are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
 - Special Purpose Awards: are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement



For further information consult: www.nfq.ie www.qqi.ie

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COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK



BFEI supports students to explore progression pathways open to them after completing their course. As well as the on-going support from the BFEI Guidance and Career Service, there is a particular focus on pathways to higher education during College Awareness Week (CAW) in November each year. As part of CAW, BFEI welcome speakers from a range of third level institutions including TU Dublin, UCED, Waterford Institute of Technology and Trinity College Dublin. CAO and UCAS Workshops are also delivered to those interested in progressing to higher education.

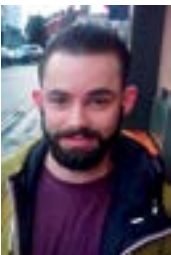
A New Beginning - The Mature Student Perspective



It's never too late for a new beginning!

At BFEI, we believe in the potential of all learners at all ages and stages. You may wish to upskill, re-skill or yearn for 'second chance' education. Whatever your aspirations, we provide a supportive environment to embark on a new path and realise your dreams.

As adults, some people may need to overcome personal barriers, develop self-belief, or be challenged to take the next steps. Doing a course of your choice at BFEI will support you in that transition and you will emerge equipped to face the next steps with confidence. A recognised qualification will ensure you are ready to return to the workforce in your chosen career or are ready to progress to higher education as the stories here illustrate.



"After many years travelling, I decided to return to Ireland and enhance my education. After looking at various options, I applied for a place on the Computer Networks & Cyber Security course in BFEI, and I was accepted.

I found the CNS course to be a great stepping stone in the career I wished to pursue. It covered Networks and IT Security very well. When I finished, I had multiple opportunities. I am currently working with a large organisation and receiving more training in IT security."

Pierce Galligan,

Computer Networks & Cyber Security Graduate, 2017



"I was a mature student when I did the Pre-Paramedic, Fire & Ambulance course. After working 12 years in retail, I was ready to do something totally different. After a lot of research, I found that the BFEI course was by far the best option in Dublin. With BFEI's

close ties to the Emergency Services Training Institute, it opened up many opportunities for further training. Although, some modules were more difficult than others, with the help and support given by the Lecturers, I was able to excel in each subject. The year wasn't all books! The practical First Aid Responder classes kept us fully engaged with hands-on practice; weekly fitness sessions ensured our energy levels were high and word processing gave us our technology fix. Field Trips, such as the Dublin Fire Brigade Mass Casualty Incident, gave us a chance to see the skills and teamwork required by paramedics. We jumped at the chance to show off our newly acquired skills to the local public when we taught simple life saving techniques on 'Save a Life Day' which raised funds for the Laura Lynn Foundation.

I am a firm believer that you get out of something what you put in and I truly gave it my all. Overall, the year was one of the most enjoyable adventures in my life and I built lasting friendships. I wish I could do it all again but unfortunately, I cannot, so onto bigger and better things. Because I did this course, I am now a qualified Emergency Medical Technician working in two nursing homes and have just completed the aptitude tests in stage two of the Dublin Fire Brigade entry competition. Good luck to those of you who decide that this course is for you, I would definitely recommend it."

Tara Ryan,

Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance Graduate, 2019

"After leaving school almost 20 years ago, it felt slightly daunting to return to education, especially given that I had 3 young children. However, I felt it was time to do something for myself. I was always interested in the Beauty Industry and through a few friends' recommendations, I decided to do the Nail Technology with Eyelash & Eyebrow Treatments Course at BFEI. It was a challenge to return as a mature student, but I knew from the first day I had made the right decision. The support and encouragement from my Tutors was second to none and it has been life changing for me. It has given me my confidence back, as well as so many qualifications to get me started in my new career. I have also made lifelong friends. I cannot recommend BFEI enough for anybody who is thinking about returning to education."

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Karen Doyle,

Nail Technology Graduate, 2016



"I have just completed the two year QQI Level 5 and Level 6 in Interior Architecture & Design at BFEI. I joined the course to study a lifelong interest in interior design. When I started the course, I had not studied for a long time, and my computer skills

were limited. I need not have worried as the support was there. I found AutoCad extremely challenging, however, with perseverance, I was delighted with my progress. The Tutors, all professionals in their field, were supportive, encouraging and constructive in their feedback. I enjoyed the trajectory of the course, it was structured and practical. Client projects bridged several modules, which were presented to Tutors and peers. Having finished the course, I plan to carry on in the interior design field, starting with assisting friends to gain more practical experience. As a Post Leaving Cert course, I would strongly recommend this course to anyone who would like to explore interior design and progress to further education."

Marie MacGabhann,

Interior Architecture & Design Graduate, 2019



"Having decided to go back to work after 10 years as a stay at home mum, I was looking for a course that would give me quick access to the labour market. I completed the Retail Pharmacy Assistant Course and graduated with Distinction. While I was offered a place on the Pharmacy

Technician Course in TU Dublin, I decided instead to take up a retail pharmacy assistant full-time position very soon after completing my course. The teachers in BFEI were very passionate and helpful. The IPU Over the Counter Certificate is a crucial element of the course while the Nutrition and Anatomy & Physiology modules were very interesting, and I use their contents regularly with customers. The Retail Selling and Customer Service Modules were very useful as a lot of Pharmacists are looking for people with those skills given that the retail part of the pharmacy is an important part of the business. The work experience module helped me in updating my CV and with my interview skills. While the course workload was sometimes challenging, with the help of my teachers and my fellow students, it was manageable. I would recommend the RPA course as it is of a high teaching standard and BFEI is an enjoyable place to study as well as being very accessible. Also, being a BFEI student gave me the opportunity to meet new people and create strong friendships."

Nolvonn Newman,

Retail Pharmacy Assistant Graduate, 2019

Decision Time? Don't Mind The GAP!

"I applied to BFEI as a mature student. I had completed two courses before but was still searching for what I wanted to do. Law was something I was interested in, so I decided to do a one year course to make sure it was something I definitely wanted to do. I was accepted on



the Pre-University Law course at BFEI.

I found the course very detailed with lovely teachers for all of my subjects, I had a lot of support from all of them and achieved the Major Award. I applied to Maynooth University as a mature student with this one year course under my belt and I am now studying Law and Criminology there. I don't think I would have made that decision, if I had not gone to BFEI. The encouragement from teachers and my Class Tutor is what helped to get me here".

Sarah Gorman,

Pre-University Law Graduate, 2019



"Nutrition and how it affects the mind and body has been an interest of mine down through the years, so in 2018, I decided to see what courses were available for the uninitiated. This is where BFEI came to the rescue, the Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing

course fitted the bill exactly. The course content was so interesting and varied, not only did I learn about Nutrition, Dietetics, Anatomy & Physiology and Fitness but I also learned how to apply this learning practically with Menu Planning, Work Experience, Communications and Word Processing which completed the course perfectly. Every module was taught by Tutors in their respective fields with sincerity, patience, understanding, laughter and sometimes tears, which brought myself and my classmates over the line when it mattered most. The Tutors wanted and encouraged us all to succeed, which we did.

I found all the staff at BFEI friendly and helpful, nothing was a problem for them, which gave the place a lovely atmosphere adding to the lovely building and its location. If you have an interest in this area of study, whether you are a school leaver going on to third level, a person looking to gain employment, a mature student or a lifelong learner, then this is the course for you. I had a wonderful time studying at BFEI and highly recommend it as a place to begin your study adventure, you never know where it may take you".

Martha Byrne,

Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing Graduate, 2019



What if you don't get the points needed for your degree of choice?



Or what if you get a CAO offer but are still unsure about which higher education course is right for you?



Maybe you just want to try something out or simply need a bit of breathing space?



If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then perhaps deferring your CAO place or having a 'gap year' to study at BFEI would help you resolve these searching questions.

If you are someone who 'minds the gap', then be assured, that doing a one year course can be the best decision you will ever make. Some people worry it may be a waste or that you won't continue in education. The reality does not bear this out as evidence suggests that those who take a year out to do a PLC course are more mature, better prepared for college and make more informed choices about which course to pursue thus ensuring a smoother transition to third level. Courses at BFEI offer progression paths to Level 7 and Level 8 degree courses. So why not do a course at BFEI and allow yourself a trial period to figure out your passions before you make the huge leap to third level!



Award Winning State-of-the-Art Campus

As a student at BFEI, you will benefit from the newest technologies and state-of-the-art facilities in our award winning campus.



Our Campus includes:

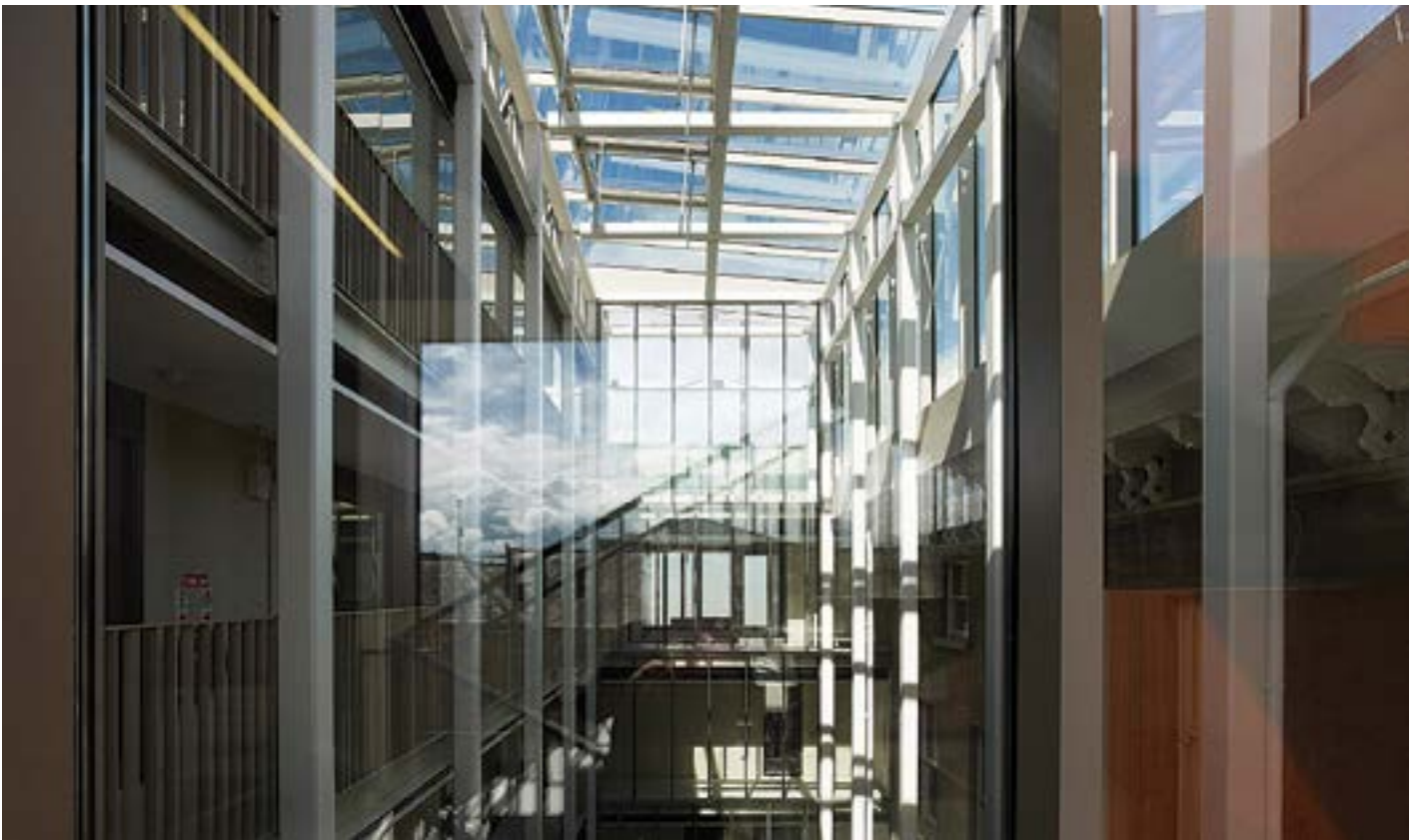
- Modern Lecture Rooms
- Beauty and Holistic Therapy Suites
- Design Studios with 3d Printing Facilities
- Computer Laboratories
- ICT Learning Centre
- Access to the Blackrock Public Library Facilities
- Modern Student Cafeteria
- Dedicated Student Social area in the Atrium





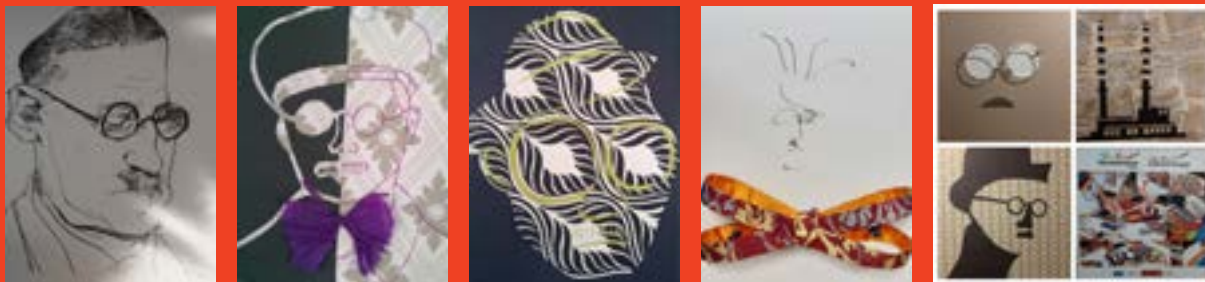
“The Institute Design Studios, with unrivalled views of sea and mountains, provide an inspirational space to develop ideas”.

Nuala Kiely, Interior Design Graduate, 2017



THE Social SIDE...Before COVID-19

Winning Entry - Interpreting James Joyce



The BFEI Design Department was thrilled to have been awarded funding under the NAPD (National Association of Principals & Deputy Principals) Creative Engagement Initiative. This is an Arts in Education Programme which strives to encourage creativity, initiative and individual expression. The successful BFEI entry explored James Joyce, the man, his writing and his Dublin connections. BFEI's location and proximity to the James Joyce Tower gave a real resonance to the project. As part of the project, students visited the Joyce Museum in North Great George's Street and the Sandycove Martello Tower where the first chapter of Ulysses is set. Having examined his works, and immersed themselves in his life and struggles, students explored Joyce visually using a range of different materials. Students developed the design process by sketching and exploring ideas in a rough sketchbook before deciding on a design direction. Each student produced a collection of work including a portrait of Joyce, a small sculptural artwork in clay and an A4 photograph. It was an enriching experience; the students pushed their creative boundaries, developed their analytical skills and used Art to develop new relationships with their peers. The work was displayed at the 7th Annual Exhibition of Creative Engagement in November 2019.



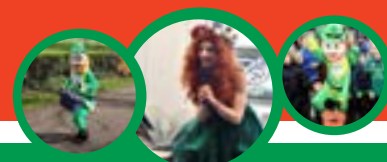
FIT - Calling all Gamers...

BFEI was pleased to recently host the first Game Jam organised by FIT (Fast Track to Information Technology). BFEI has a long established relationship with FIT, a not-for-profit organisation, who collaborate with a range of agencies including those engaged in education and training. The facilities and experienced staff, who work on BFEI's well established Games Design & Development Course, were made available for this successful event.



A Game Jam is all about planning, designing, and creating a game within

a short span of time. All participants enjoyed the experience where they got an opportunity to engage with and work collaboratively with like-minded people. One participant commented that he was delighted to get the opportunity to create music and fx for three participating teams. Winning entries shared a prize fund of €500. Thanks to FIT and all involved in this event. We look forward to continuing to work with FIT who support many of our students with professional training on CV preparation, interview skills and building that all important LinkedIn profile.



Chasing Leprechauns... One, Two, Three, Go

BFEI was delighted to be part of the Blackrock Community's St Patrick's Day Festival celebrations. Crowds packed into the village to celebrate the National Holiday. As part of the event, some Leprechauns strutted their stuff and entertained the children culminating with excited children chasing Leprechauns for their prized pot of gold and some Easter Eggs too! To add to the fun, BFEI opened its doors to entertain the masses with Face Painting, Story Telling, a Colouring Competition and more...

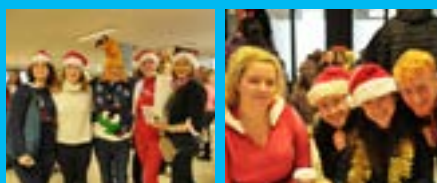


A Perfect Christmas Gift

Enterprising Holistic Therapy and Web Design & Digital Media students teamed up to bring **Grá Natural Products** to the market in the BFEI Cafeteria in the run up to Christmas. All products were made in the College by Holistic Therapy students, using natural ingredients and essential oils, while the branding and labels were designed by the Web Design & Digital Media students as part of their Graphic Design Skills Module. The scented goods on sale included Body Butter, Body Scrub and Lip & Hand Salve. All were at affordable prices, and were snapped up by savvy shoppers in the hunt for that perfect Christmas gift.



A Time for Giving



Rousing renditions of some well-known carols marked the end of the first term at BFEI. In the spirit of Christmas, a fund-raising raffle and a **Santa Sack Lucky Dip** took place in aid of Mental Health Reform. An array of fabulous prizes were donated by staff, students and local businesses and a staggering €1,746 was raised.

Thanks to all the organisers, and those who contributed in any way to the event. Excitement on the day was added to by the brave Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance student, Ned Dunn, who took the plunge and shaved his head as part of a fundraising effort he undertook in aid of the Simon Community.





Greening BFEI

BFEI is working towards removing disposable single use plastics on the campus and actively engages with students to help make this a reality. The President of the Student Social Committee played a key role on one initiative - the BFEI Water Bottle. This is a re-usable bottle, and there are on-going efforts to get this used campus wide, starting with a distribution of the bottles to incoming students as part of their induction programme. In order to promote and raise awareness of the re-usable bottle, students and staff were challenged to see how far the bottle could travel. The most impressive pic shows the bottle making a visit to the archaeological sites in Athens on a BFEI Erasmus+ Trip!



Thanks to the Dragon

Students on the Business Studies and Marketing, Innovation & Technology Courses were put through their paces in a project based on a Dragons Den style format for their Entrepreneurial Skills Module. Preparing a Business Plan is integral to pitching an idea in the Dragons Den format, and to get students on the right track, Lisa Cunningham, from the Dún Laoghaire Enterprise Board visited BFEI and shared her insights into running a global business and her work as a Business Consultant and Mentor with the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Enterprise Office (LEO). Lisa returned later in the term to give the Business Plans produced, the once-over and fulfilled the role of Dragon on BFEI Dragons Den where interesting ideas were pitched by students.

Hands-Up For Supporting Good Mental Health!

Ross Flanagan, Digital Communications & Development Officer at 'The Mental Health Reform' charity gave BFEI Applied Psychology, Special Needs Assisting and Pre-University Law students a super introduction to the mental health sector in Ireland. The visit from Ross was organised as part of BFEI's on-going work to promote good mental health and wellbeing and to ensure that the college is an inclusive and respectful space where everyone is supported to reach their full potential.



Active Shooter on The Loose...



BFEI Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance, and Theatrical, Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry students recently assisted in a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) for Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB). The MCI was a joint learning exercise for DFB with An Garda Síochána and Saint James' Hospital Emergency Department. The scenario was an active shooter incident. After an initial assault by armed Gardai, the DFB Trainees were tasked with triaging and treating patients in order of priority before transporting them to hospital. This was a great learning experience for BFEI students as the Make-Up Artistry students used their skills to inflict fake injuries on the casualties and while acting as 'the casualties' the Pre-Paramedic students got a real sense of the role of a firefighter/paramedic and what it would be like to arrive at the scene of a serious incident. Our thanks to DFB for facilitating BFEI student participation at the event.



Erasmus+ Mobility Programme - More Opportunities for BFEI Students

BFEI is now a leading participant in Erasmus+ Programmes throughout Europe with the number of places and opportunities for students increasing each year. This is a very exciting initiative for students and brings an international dimension to studying at BFEI. Having started with Beauty Therapy students doing placements in Tenerife in March 2018, the programme has expanded to include projects to Utrecht (The Netherlands) and Athens. Expansion of the programme means students from across a range of courses in the Beauty, Business, Computing and Design Departments can avail of overseas work placements with full funding for flights, and accommodation as well as support for day to day spending. Feedback from participants is extremely positive as illustrated in their own words.

Best experience of my life.

The whole experience has given my confidence a huge boost.

Any student who gets the opportunity to participate in Erasmus+ should take it.

The adventure of a lifetime!

I had a great a time and I've come back with more confidence, and a good idea of what it is like to live and work abroad.

It made me realise that in the future, if I want to travel, I'm not limited to English speaking countries.

I could not have asked for a more amazing experience working abroad.

I gained more independence and confidence in my studies and skills.

Everything I encountered abroad will give me a chance to grow personally and make me a better individual, as well as a better professional.



Celebrating Achievement... Before COVID-19

A packed O'Reilly Hall in UCD awaited the graduates from the 2018/2019 academic year as they took their place in the line-up to receive their certificates from Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD., at the BFEI Annual Graduation Ceremony in December 2019. This is one of the highlights in the year for BFEI staff, as it provides an opportunity to applaud the success of their students and join with students' families and friends in celebrating this milestone in their lives, as they transition from BFEI to the world of work or higher education.

In her words of congratulations, the Minister spoke about the graduates of 2018/2019 being part of the 'selfie-generation' who are entering a rapidly changing world that is facing many challenges including climate change and the impact of social media. She urged graduates to use their skills and qualifications to make a positive contribution to that ever changing world. In addition to awards to Graduates of the Year on each course, a Special Achievement Award was presented to Emma O'Toole, a graduate from the Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing Course. Emma received her award in recognition of her bravery in sharing how she triumphed over personal struggles in her life, in an inspiring talk given to other students as part of Mental Health Awareness Week, and also in recognition of her tremendous contribution to BFEI as President of the Student Social Committee.



Emma O'Toole receiving her Special Achievement Award from Paoline Fogarty



Graduates of the Year for 2019 pictured with BFEI Principal, Tom Taylor, Paddy Lavelle CEO, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board, and Caitriona Murphy, Further Education and Training Director, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board.



Julianne Bloomer receiving the Patrick O'Reilly Graduate Award from Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor.

As part of this ceremony, a former graduate of the Institute is honoured with the Patrick O'Reilly Graduate Achievement Award, and the recipient for 2019 was Julianne Bloomer. Since graduating from the Interior Design Course, Julianne has forged an extremely successful career in the industry with her own thriving business *Julianne Bloomer Interior Design Ltd*. Her success is reflected in her selection as one of the designers to take part in TV3's interior design challenge programme *Showhouse Showdown*. In her acceptance speech, Julianne spoke about how her time at BFEI gave her a solid foundation for her career as well as a licence to let her imagination run wild. She wished graduates well and reminded them that today was not the end but the start of a new chapter, to never stop learning and most importantly to always learn from their mistakes.

The recipient of the BFEI Honorary Graduate was Guidance Counsellor and Irish Times Columnist, Dr Brian Mooney. Recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from The National College of Ireland, Brian was honoured by BFEI for his contribution over four decades to the education sector, and in particular for championing the merits of Post Leaving Certificate Courses as an alternative pathway to higher education or to the world of work. In his address, Brian congratulated graduates on their achievements and encouraged them to have self-belief and he reminded them that they could be anything they wanted to be. Our thanks to Brian for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with our graduates and we look forward to his continued contribution to the sector in his role as columnist and policy advisor.



Dr Brian Mooney receiving the Honorary Graduate Award from Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor.

Course Charges and Funding Information



At BFEI, we make every effort to keep charges to a minimum. Information on financial support and eligibility for funding is available from www.studentfinance.ie.



COURSE CHARGES

- Once you decide to accept the offer of a place at BFEI, you will be required to pay an Acceptance Fee of €40 in order to secure your place.
- There are no tuition fees for EU nationals or those normally resident in Ireland or the European Economic Area (EEA). See www.bfei.ie for further details. If you are a non-EU National, then you should be in compliance with Irish Visa requirements in advance of applying to BFEI.
- You will be required to pay a Student Services Charge of €150 prior to course commencement.
- A Government PLC Levy of €200 is payable prior to course commencement. You will be exempt from this levy if you have a medical card or are in receipt of a PLC (SUSI) Grant, BTEA, or VTOS. See www.bfei.ie for further details.
- Other costs (books, exams, professional membership fees, optional training etc) vary depending on the course you choose. Specific details regarding costs will be confirmed prior to course commencement.

FUNDING

PLC Maintenance Grant Scheme

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) provides a means-tested maintenance grant scheme for those attending full-time further education courses. Applications are made online to SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) at www.susi.ie.

BTEA (Back to Education Allowance)

If you are in receipt of certain social welfare payments, then under the BTEA you may be able to retain your payments while doing a full-time course at BFEI. See www.welfare.ie or www.studentfinance.ie for further details or ask about it at your local Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Office.

VTOS (Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme)

If you are unemployed and over 21, then under VTOS, you will be able to do a full-time course at BFEI and retain your social welfare entitlements. VTOS applies to all courses at BFEI, however, early application is advisable as places are limited. See www.welfare.ie for further details on eligibility or ask at your local Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Office. VTOS Application Forms are available from office@bfei.ie.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Local Partnerships including Southside, Bray, Northside, and Wicklow Working Together may be able to help you out with some funding if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Ask at your Local Partnership Office.

Application Procedure

1

FIND THE COURSE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Read this prospectus or browse the Institute website - www.bfei.ie.

Come to an Open Day. Open Days provide an opportunity to meet staff and students, and view the Institute's facilities.

Contact the Institute for advice. The Guidance Counsellors, Principal, Deputy Principals and Department Heads will be very happy to meet you and help find the best way forward for you – contact us at office@bfei.ie. Still unsure? Check out www.careersportal.ie

2

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORM

You can apply online at www.bfei.ie.

If you do not have easy access to the internet, then you can drop-in to BFEI and make an on-line application using the Institute's facilities.

You should note that, if there are more applicants than places for a course, a waiting list will be formed.

3

CONDITIONAL OFFER

Once you apply, you will receive a conditional offer, subject to availability of places, and you satisfying the course entry requirements.

4

ACCEPT YOUR PLACE

It is important to inform yourself fully about your course, so you can decide if it best suits your needs. Before you accept your place, you should check out further details about the course on our website or attend one of the scheduled Advisory Meetings. In order to accept your place, you will be required to pay a €40 non-refundable Acceptance Fee.


5

REGISTRATION, COURSE CHARGES & COURSE COMMENCEMENT

You will be invited to formally register on your course in late August. Course Charges, as outlined under Course Charges and Funding Information, are payable on/before registration. Courses commence in mid-September.

**Open Days
2021/2022**

 Wednesday 26th May 2021
2pm to 4pm

 Monday 30th August 2021
1pm to 4pm

 Wednesday 19th January 2022
10am to 4pm

Check www.bfei.ie for updates



Accounting Technician

ATI Certification

COURSE CODE: Year 1 AT1, Year 2 AT2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option

Where can these qualifications take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

Graduates can progress, with exemptions, to higher professional accounting qualifications including CPA, ACCA, CIMA, ACA or gain advanced entry to other Business Degree programmes in Ireland including:

BBS (Hons) in Accounting & Finance

Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

3rd year of a 4-year part-time programme or full-time programme.

BBS (Hons) Accounting

Institute of Public Administration – www.ipa.ie

3rd year of a 4-year part-time programme.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas across the public sector, industry, private accountancy practices and self-employment. Accounting Technicians perform a wide range of roles including:

- Bookkeeping
- Financial Accounting & Budgeting
- Costing & Credit Control
- Payroll Administration
- Tax Returns

Is this course for you?

Do you like working with numbers? Have you an eye for detail? Are you logical, methodical and a problem solver? As an Accounting Technician, you will learn how to practically apply these skills in a wide range of finance roles, from accounts to financial controller and beyond. You will be involved in the day-to-day practical work of accountancy and play a key operational role in producing reliable financial information. Opportunities exist throughout industry, commerce and in private accountancy practices for qualified Technicians.

What will I study?

Year 1: Certificate for Accounting Technicians

- Financial Accounting
- Law and Ethics
- Business Management
- Taxation
- Spreadsheets

Year 2: Diploma for Accounting Technicians

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Taxation
- Management Accounting
- Integrated Accounting Systems (IAS)

Will I do anything additional on the course?

Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- Leaving Certificate with pass grades in 5 Ordinary level subjects (including an O5 in English and either Mathematics or Accounting) **OR**
- Pass grades in 2 Ordinary level subjects together with 2 pass grades at Higher level (pass grades to include a minimum of an O5 in English and either Mathematics or Accounting).

- If you completed the LCA, then you will need to submit details of all credits awarded.
- If you are a mature student (aged 21 or over) and do not hold the Leaving Certificate, then you are welcome to apply. Each application will be assessed individually.
- You may be eligible for subject exemptions for previously attained relevant qualifications at the discretion of the ATI.

What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

After Year 1, you will be awarded the **Certificate for Accounting Technicians**. After Year 2, you can achieve the **Diploma for Accounting Technicians**, provided you have two years' work experience. Previous relevant work experience may be considered – see www.accountingtechniciansireland.ie.

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?


Assessment is based mainly on end of year examinations which take place in May each year.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

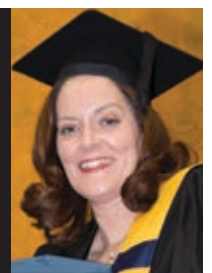
- Prepare financial statements.
- Prepare financial reports and other management information.
- Compute tax liabilities for companies and individuals.
- Set up and manage systems for budgets, stock control, cost accounting, and cash reconciliations.
- Set up and manage credit control procedures.
- Use industry standard software (SAGE) to produce payroll and accounts.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ My decision to return to college as a mature student was somewhat daunting at the start. I picked BFEI as they offered the Accounting Technician Course full-time which suited my needs. The location of the college played a pivotal role in choosing BFEI as it is very accessible by DART and also numerous bus routes. Blackrock Village is a lively area with lots of choices for coffee shops and places to eat for students. As soon as the course started, I knew I had made the right decision as I was put at ease after meeting the Tutors who were extremely professional, friendly and excellent at their work. The class sizes were small which meant all the Tutors got to know the students on a personal level by name. From day one, the Tutors were supportive and exam focused to optimise the results that each student could achieve in the exams. I cannot thank them enough as I am now in full-time employment after having passed all my exams. The course has definitely updated my skills and contributed greatly to gaining employment as it is a highly sought-after qualification in the financial sector. Throughout my experience as a mature student in BFEI, I felt excited and very rewarded. This was due to both the Tutors' constant encouragement and the new friendships I made during my 2 years as a student there. It is a fantastic way of increasing your self-belief for future careers and along the way meeting a mix of other students who can help with their support. ”

Gráinne McLoughlin, Accounting Technician Graduate, 2019



Accounting Technician Apprenticeship

ATI Certification & QQI Level 6

COURSE CODE: Year 1 ATA1, Year 2 ATA2

DURATION: 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 1 Day College Based and 4 Days Work Based

Where can these qualifications take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

Graduates from the Apprenticeship Programme can progress with exemptions to higher professional accounting qualifications including ACA, ACCA, CIMA, and CPA.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

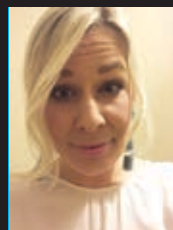
As a graduate of this programme, you can pursue careers in a range of areas across the public sector, industry, private accountancy practices and self-employment. Accounting Technicians perform a wide range of roles including:

- Bookkeeping
- Financial Accounting & Budgeting
- Costing & Credit Control
- Payroll Administration
- Tax Returns

“As a mature student, I was looking into routes that enabled me to study while working, when I came upon the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship Programme (ATA). This involves attending lectures one day a week and working as an apprentice in industry for the rest of the week. I cannot recommend the ATA course at BFEI enough! It is very well structured with a range of interesting subjects. Class sizes are small and intimate, which makes it easier to ask questions than in large impersonal lecture halls. All my lecturers were extremely friendly, approachable and experienced in their respective fields. The facilities at BFEI are top-class and the location is superb. Situated in the heart of Blackrock, BFEI is easily accessible via DART or bus.

I found that the technical knowledge and skills learned in College, and the invaluable insights, and practical experience in the work environment complemented each other perfectly. There is a great support network in place, with each student assigned a workplace mentor and a college mentor. The course is intensive and requires commitment and for me, the hard work paid off and I qualified as an Accounting Technician in just 2 years. I decided to continue and sit my Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) exams. As an Accounting Technician Graduate, I'm exempt from 3 out of the 5 Chartered Accounting Proficiency 1 exams. I'm certain that the skills learned at BFEI, including balancing my time between lectures, work and study, will be beneficial to me in my future studies. The ATA laid down the important foundations which I intend to use and build upon over the coming years.

Laura Cullen, Accounting Technician Apprenticeship Graduate, 2019



Is this course for you?

Do you like working with numbers? Have you an eye for detail? Are you logical, methodical and a problem solver? Why not earn while you learn with the Accounting Technician Apprenticeship programme? On this programme, you will work with a local business or accounting practice four days a week, and engage in intensive study at BFEI for one day a week. You will be trained 'on-the-job', in every aspect of the qualification, and will be closely mentored by a qualified Accounting Technician or Accountant. You will emerge from the programme after two years with a nationally and internationally recognised qualification, solid work experience and the opportunity to become a fully qualified Chartered Accountant within five years.

What will I study?

Year 1

- Financial Accounting
- Law and Ethics
- Business Management
- Taxation
- Spreadsheets

Year 2

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Taxation
- Management Accounting
- Integrated Accounting Systems (IAS)

Will I do anything additional on the course?

As part of the programme, you will be assigned both a college and a work-based mentor to support and guide you.

What are the entry requirements?

- Leaving Certificate holders from 2017 or later: A minimum of 310 CAO points and at least an O5 in Ordinary Level English and either Mathematics or Accounting is required.
- Leaving Certificate holders prior to 2017: A minimum of 300 CAO points and at least a D3 in Ordinary Level English and either Mathematics or Accounting is required.
- You must be at least 18 years of age on or before 1st July in the year of entry.
- You may be eligible for subject exemptions for previously attained relevant qualifications at the discretion of the ATI.
- See full eligibility requirements at www.accountingtechnicianapprenticeship.ie.

What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

On successful completion of the two-year Apprenticeship Programme, you will be a fully qualified Accounting Technician having gained a **Diploma for Accounting Technicians** and a **QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Accounting**.

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Course assessment is based on a combination of work-based assessment documented throughout the programme and exams which are held in May each year.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Prepare financial statements.
- Prepare financial reports and other management information.
- Compute tax liabilities for companies and individuals.
- Set up and manage systems for budgets, stock control, cost accounting, and cash reconciliations.
- Set up and manage credit control procedures.
- Use industry standard software (SAGE) to produce payroll and accounts.

How do I apply for the Apprenticeship Programme?

-  Apply on-line at: www.accountingtechnicianapprenticeship.ie and nominate BFEI as your college-based Tuition Centre.
- ATI will assess your application and send it to employers if it meets the eligibility requirements.
- Employers from industry, practice and the public sector will review your application and may call you for interview.
- If successful, you will start a two-year contract with a company and will earn at least the minimum wage for the duration of the programme.

Auctioneering, Estate Agency and Valuation

QQI Level 5 5M2102

COURSE CODE: AEV

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 4 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

Level 6 Higher Certificate in Real Estate (Valuation, Sale and Management)

Apply directly to IPAV (Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers) – www.ipav.ie for entry to this Level 6 Award delivered part-time in the Technological University Dublin [Tallaght].

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc in Auctioneering, Valuation & Estate Agency or BSc (Hons) Property Economics

Technological University Dublin [City] – www.tudublin.ie

BSc in Construction Management with Building Services

Institute of Technology Carlow – www.itcarlow.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Auctioneering Practice
- Estate Agency and Valuation
- Property Management
- Property Letting

Is this course for you?

Are you intrigued by the dynamic nature of the property market? Do you have a confident, outgoing personality and good communication skills? Are you skilled in the art of negotiation? Then why not consider a career in auctioneering and estate agency? With the upsurge in the Irish property and rental market, there is a demand for qualified estate agents, property valuers and property managers. This course will give you the foundation to build a career in this vibrant sector.

What will I study?

- Estate Agency Practice
- Valuation
- Applied Economics
- Business Law
- Marketing Practice
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.



What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies (5M2102).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

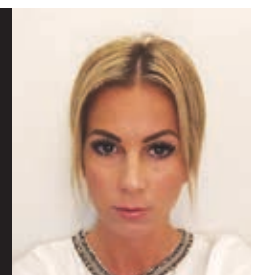
- Understand the principles of property valuation.
- Appreciate the cyclical nature of the property market.
- Understand the legal framework underpinning property transactions.
- Prepare sales brochures and/or catalogues.
- Assist with marketing property for sale or auction.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ Studying at BFEI was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I completed the QQI Level 5 course in Auctioneering, Estate Agency and Valuation. This course is a must for anyone who would like to get into the property industry. After I finished the course, I was accepted to a Level 6 programme at TU Dublin, City Campus, where I am currently studying Business in Real Estate, Valuation, Sale & Management part-time to gain my Property Licence. Upon finishing the full-time course with BFEI, I was offered a full-time position with one of the largest residential management agencies in Ireland. I cannot recommend BFEI and this course highly enough. The lecturers are absolutely amazing and will help you through the whole year to make sure you achieve your goals. ”

Virag Detre, Auctioneering, Estate Agency & Valuation Graduate, 2019



Pre-University Law

QQI Level 5 5M3789

COURSE CODE: LAW

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) or Bachelor of Business and Law (BBL)
University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

Bachelor of Laws, LLB
Trinity College Dublin - www.tcd.ie

Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) Law
Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), LLB
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), LLB
Waterford Institute of Technology – www.wit.ie*
* 5 places reserved for BFEI Graduates
Minimum 3 Merits

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)
Maynooth University - www.nuimaynooth.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Legal Assistant/Researcher
- Legal Researcher
- Paralegal Work
- Administrative Assistant

Is this course for you?

Do you have an enquiring mind? Are you methodical and organised with an eye for detail? Are you interested in legal cases and how the judicial system works? Would you like to take the first steps to get a law degree? This course will introduce you to the core principles of law and the Irish legal system. You will get the opportunity to study several different branches of law and discover the area that interests you most to pursue at degree level. Alternatively, you could use this qualification to gain employment in areas where a background in law is an asset such as the regulatory bodies, citizens advice and human rights advocacy agencies.

“Having missed out on the points to go straight into a law degree, I decided on BFEI based on good reviews. I can honestly say that it is the best teaching environment I have ever been in. BFEI strikes the perfect balance between formality and informality, fun and seriousness, and promotes a good level of active learning. The course had a well thought out curriculum and a progressive assessment scheme – one that gives more weight to assignments than exams. The teaching staff are phenomenal: they are highly knowledgeable, they are some of the most likeable people I have ever met, and instil a sense within you, that they really care about your success. Finally, I think one of the best features of BFEI is its size. Both the building and the small class size create a great sense of community and togetherness, so much so that, it is almost impossible not to make friends. Based on my results at BFEI, I got a place on Trinity College’s Level 8 Law Degree. I could not believe that I had made it into such a prestigious course, especially considering that I was over 130 Leaving Cert points short of that course. BFEI opened a door for me when all the others had been shut.”



Darren Kavanagh, Pre-University Law Graduate, 2019

What will I study?

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Business Law
- Family Law
- Libel and Defamation
- Criminal Law
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will visit the Courts and also attend a Forensic Science Workshop.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Legal Studies (5M3789).

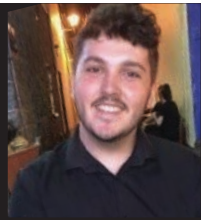
How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“I cannot speak highly enough of the course and staff at BFEI. I’m currently studying my dream course, Law (BCL) at NUI Galway, because of the dedication and work they all put into helping me over the duration of the Pre-University Law course. The course itself offers a comprehensive and invaluable look into law and is still beneficial to me during my current course, I cannot recommend BFEI enough!”



Scott Armstrong, Pre-University Law Graduate, 2020



Pre-University Arts and Social Science

QQI Level 5 5M3114

COURSE CODE: Year 1 PAS

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA Arts or BA Humanities or BSc in Social Sciences or BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology
University College Dublin – www.ucd.ie

Bachelor of Religious Education and English (Post Primary Teacher Education) or BA in Contemporary Culture and Society or BA (Joint Honours) Politics
Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

BA or Bachelor of Social Science in Social Policy and Sociology
Maynooth University – www.nuimaynooth.ie

Bachelor in Science (Education Studies) or Bachelor in Science (Early Childhood Education)
Marino Institute of Education – www.mie.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Are you curious about how people and societies interact and would like to discover more? Are you interested in pursuing a degree in the Arts or Social Sciences or just unsure about what direction to take at 3rd level? This course is designed as a transition year to studying at third level to maximise your potential for success. It provides the fundamental knowledge and skills required for success in a broad based Arts/Social Science programme. It also offers the mature learner who has an interest in understanding the political environment, an opportunity to explore and evaluate issues in a dynamically changing European social context.

What will I study?

- Social Studies
- Political Studies
- Statistics
- Research & Study Skills
- European Studies
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in General Studies (5M3114).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



“ The Pre-University Arts & Social Science course at BFEI has been hugely beneficial to me. After a turbulent Leaving Cert year, I was extremely nervous and anxious about commencing college. I decided to defer my CAO place and apply to BFEI. The BFEI course was extremely eye-catching due to the wide range of subjects taught. Subjects such as Political Studies and Social Studies, helped me to recognise and think about society in a completely different way, while other subjects such as Research and Study Skills allowed me to adjust to the way of learning that is expected at 3rd level. I found that this course allowed me to mentally prepare for 3rd level education instead of being thrown into the deep end. Having completed the course, I felt prepared and excited about going to college. I’m now in first year of a BA in English and Geography at UCD and feel that the year in BFEI has given me an excellent foundation as I am used to independent study, referencing, and reading a broad range of material. ”



Conor Devlin, Pre-University Arts & Social Science Graduate, 2019



Business Studies

QQI Level 5 5M2102

QQI Level 6 6M4985

COURSE CODE: Year 1 BUS1, Year 2 BUS2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then after completing **Year 1** and achieving the Certificate in Business Studies, you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

Bachelor of Commerce
University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

BA (Hons) in Business, Economics & Social Studies (BESS)
Trinity College Dublin - www.tcd.ie

Bachelor of Business Studies
Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

BA in Accounting & Finance
Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

BSc in Business and Management
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BBS in Business Management
Maynooth University - www.nuimaynooth.ie

After **Year 2**, you can apply for advanced entry to 2nd year of the following courses:

Bachelor of Business (Ord) in Enterprise
IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) in Business or BA (Hons) in Human Resource Management
National College of Ireland – www.ncirl.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- General Administration and Management
- Advertising and Marketing
- Sales Management

Is this course for you?

Do you want to gain a solid grounding in the fundamentals of business with a view to identifying the specialist area that best suits you? Have you an entrepreneurial flair? Are you looking to gain employment in the diverse business environment? Or do you see yourself progressing to get a Business Degree? This qualification covers the major functional areas of business including Finance, Marketing, Human Resources and Management and will provide you with the opportunity to advance your career.

What will I study?

Year 1: Certificate in Business Studies

- Accounting
- Mathematics
- Applied Economics
- Business Law
- Marketing Practice
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Work Experience
- Communications

Year 2: Advanced Certificate in Business

- Business Management
- Marketing Communications
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Professional Presentation
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

Direct applications to **Year 2** are welcome from holders of a QQI Level 5 in Business or equivalent.


What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

- After Year 1, you will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies (5M2102).
- After Year 2, you will be awarded a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Business (6M4985).

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ My year in BFEI pushed me to work hard, enjoy myself and to get the college course I always wanted. After my Leaving Certificate, I made the decision that a PLC was the best progression route for me to take at the time. BFEI gave me the resources and every opportunity I needed to progress in all aspects of my education, that is why I am now a 1st year student studying BESS in Trinity College. The highlight of my year was the Erasmus+ Programme. This was a 2 week work placement in The Netherlands, where 10 BFEI students worked in various firms that were connected to the course they were studying. Unfortunately, I did not get to finish my year in BFEI on-site, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the college couldn't have been more helpful at the time and made the transition from in class to online learning seamless. The year I spent in BFEI prepared me for college but I also had a lot of fun. I made a lot of new friends and I enjoyed my time there immensely. ”

Henry Higgins, Business Studies Graduate, 2020





Business and Management

QQI Level 5 5M2102
QQI Level 6 6M4587

COURSE CODE: Year 1 BSM1, Year 2 BSM2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc in Business and Management or BSc in Human Resource Management
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor of Business in Management
Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor in Business Studies – Business and Management
Maynooth University – www.nuimaynooth.ie

After Year 2, you can apply for Advanced Entry to 2nd year of the following courses:

Bachelor of Business (Hons) – Entrepreneurship & Management or Entrepreneurship
IADT, Dún Laoghaire – www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) in Business or BA (Hons) in Human Resource Management
National College of Ireland – www.ncirl.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- General Management
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing/Sales Executive
- Events/Project Management

Is this course for you?

Would you like the challenge of a career in management? Do you enjoy working with people in a dynamic environment? Are you confident, have a positive attitude and good communication skills? Can you see yourself running your own business? With a thriving economy, there are many opportunities in management roles for those with the right skill set. This course is designed to build strong business management skills which are critical in either starting or running a business. This course also offers progression links to third level Business and Management Degree programmes.

What will I study?

Year 1: Certificate in Business Studies

- Accounting
- Mathematics
- Applied Economics
- Business Law
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Marketing Practice
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Communications
- Work Experience

Year 2: Advanced Certificate in Management

- Strategic Management
- Business Management
- Finance
- Leadership
- Marketing Communications
- Human Resources Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Work Experience



Will I do anything additional on the course?
Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

Direct applications to **Year 2** are welcome from holders of a QQI Level 5 in Business or equivalent.


What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

- After Year 1, you will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies (5M2102).
- After Year 2, you will be awarded a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Management (6M4587).

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

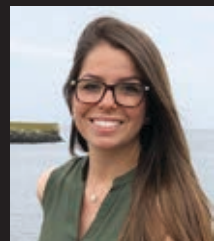
Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I studied Business at BFEI 2019/2020. I had an amazing experience with this great College. In the beginning, I was afraid as I am a mature student and English is not my first language, but I couldn't have had a better experience in my life. My teachers were brilliant, engaging, knowledgeable, helpful and very approachable, they all teach with love and it makes all the difference. The college facilities are great, computer rooms and classrooms are spacious and comfortable, I had everything that I needed to support me during the course. I highly recommend BFEI for everyone who would like to take the first step or change their career path. ”

Barbara Canuto, Business Studies Graduate, 2020





Marketing, Innovation and Technology

QQI Level 5 5M2069

COURSE CODE: MIT

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA (Hons) Business Studies or BSc (Hons) Marketing, Innovation and Technology
Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

BA (Ord) Advertising and Marketing Communications or BBus (Ord) in Marketing
Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

Higher Certificate in Marketing
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Marketing/Sales
- Advertising
- Digital Marketing
- Online Business

Is this course for you?

Have you a confident, outgoing personality and good communication skills? Would you enjoy working in a creative and dynamic environment? Want to learn more about how to use social media as an effective marketing tool? Could you see yourself running your own online business? This course offers you the opportunity to learn and apply the fundamentals of marketing using social media platforms. In the recovering global economy where there is an upsurge in online business activity, there are excellent career prospects for self-motivated individuals. With this qualification, you will be well placed to take advantage of emerging opportunities and launch your marketing career.

What will I study?

- Marketing Practice
- Digital Marketing
- Video Editing
- Behavioural Studies
- Statistics
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Spreadsheets
- Work Experience

Office 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud Licences are provided free of charge for use on personal devices.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice, help with CV preparation and LinkedIn profile is provided by Guidance and Career Service.
- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Marketing (5M2069).



How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have developed the knowledge and skills to:

- Understand and apply the fundamentals of marketing.
- Understand the principles and concepts underpinning buyer behaviour.
- Develop social media marketing and viral video campaigns.
- Develop and run an online marketing campaign via social media platforms.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“I was looking to go to DCU to do the Marketing Innovation & Technology (MINT) Degree and I decided before I invested four years on a course that I would try it out for a year in BFEI to see if I liked it. As it turns out...I did. The BFEI course is very practical with eight modules covering a range of areas. The class sizes are small, which was really nice for me because I could ask loads of questions and I would definitely recommend the course. Since, completing the course, I have taken up the offer of a place on the MINT degree course at DCU and feel that I have a fantastic foundation in Marketing from BFEI.”

Iosac Coleman, Marketing, Innovation & Technology Graduate, 2019





Pre-University Design

QQI Level 5 5M2208

New

COURSE CODE: PUD

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you are interested in doing further study to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

Bachelor of Architecture (Hons)
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor of Architecture (Hons)
Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

BSc Architectural Technology
Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
Dundalk Institute of Technology - www.dkit.ie

BA (Hons) Design for Stage & Screen
IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Design Consultant
- CAD Operator

Is this course for you?

Have you a passion for Design? Do you enjoy visiting buildings and have a curiosity about how they are built? Are you a creative person with good organisational skills? This course is oriented to those wishing to pursue a career in this field. It provides you with a strong foundation in spatial design and combines creative ability with technical skills. This course is based on project work with an emphasis on learning by doing. The work produced will be presented as a portfolio to enable you to progress onto further studies in the design field.

What will I study?

- Drawing
- Design Skills
- Architectural Drawing/Construction
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Computer Aided Draughting
- Combined Materials
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Maths (Optional)

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences, and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Design (5M2208).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of studio projects and assignments submitted throughout the year.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie





Interior Architecture and Design

QQI Level 5 5M5054

QQI Level 6 6M5127

COURSE CODE: Year 1 ID1, Year 2 ID2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option (ID1 only - subject to availability)

Where can these qualifications take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA (Hons) Interior Design

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BA (Hons) Interior Design

Griffith College – www.griffith.ie

BA Interior Architecture and Design

Institute of Technology Sligo - www.itsligo.ie

BA (Hons) Architecture

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie*

* Subject to aptitude test and interview

After **Year 2**, you can apply for advanced entry into the degree courses listed above. Advanced entry applications are assessed on a case by case basis.

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Interior Designer
- Design Consultant
- Furniture Designer
- CAD Operator
- Colour Consultant
- Interior Architect
- Set Designer

Is this course for you?

Have you a passion for Design? Can you see yourself transforming interiors with colour and texture? Have you always been interested in interiors but never got the opportunity to follow your dream? Are you a mature student wanting to change career or progress to study at degree level? This course will provide you with the knowledge, skills and competences to create interiors in line with client specifications including presentation drawings, materials specifications, lighting, furniture proposals and construction detailing.

What will I study?

Year 1: Certificate in Interior Design

- Architectural Drawing
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Design Skills
- Drawing and Autocad
- Furnishing and Fittings
- Colour and Light
- Communications
- Work Experience

Year 2: Advanced Certificate in Interior Design

- 3D Interior Design Methods
- 3D Design Materials
- Critical Studies/History
- Furniture Design
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Autocad
- Personal & Professional Development
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences, and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

Direct applications to **Year 2** are welcome from holders of a QQI Level 5 in Interior Design or equivalent.


What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

- After Year 1, you will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Interior Design (5M5054).
- On completion of Year 2, you will be awarded a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Interior Design (6M5127).

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I always had a keen interest in design and having taken time out of my career to raise my family, I wanted to choose a course that would give me the necessary skills to get a job in an area which I enjoyed and was passionate about. The course content was extremely important for me as I needed a course that would suit my needs but equally where I could get a job. The college building is incredible, so inspirational and very very apt to studying interior design. The course

was very well thought out and structured, from Art Appreciation, Work Experience, Architectural Drawing to CAD - everything was covered and it didn't matter what level you were at. We went on numerous day trips to places like Castletown House, Henrietta St. and The Botanic Gardens to name a few. The lectures were engaging, interesting and above all fun! The course really opened my eyes to my surroundings and how design is relevant to everyday life.

I honestly had the best year ever at BFEI! It gave me a refresh in design and the confidence to get a job in Interior Design. I made lifelong friends and skills that will stay with me forever. I am now working in a leading Interior Design Studio in Monkstown, Dublin where I had completed 2 weeks work experience as part of my BFEI course.

Abbie Walsh, Interior Design Graduate, 2020



Landscape Architecture

QQI Level 5 5M2208

COURSE CODE: LSA

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture
University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

BSc in Horticulture
(Delivered in National Botanic Gardens, Dublin)
Waterford Institute of Technology – www.wit.ie

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Landscape Architects Offices
- Commercial and domestic landscape design
- Consultancy undertaking commissions for both public authorities and private clients
- Local Authorities/Government Departments Architects Offices



Is this course for you?

Are you a creative person with an interest in design, problem solving, and horticulture? Would you like to be involved in the design of public parks, outdoor recreational spaces or green spaces? Landscape Architecture is a broad and emerging domain which centres on building an understanding of how to create functional and aesthetically pleasing outdoor public spaces. It is one of the most interesting, dynamic and rewarding areas of study and career pathways to follow. This course has been tailored to provide you with a range of formative skills, knowledge and experiences needed to pursue a career as a Landscape Architect. It will be of interest to school leavers, professionals, horticulturalists, or contractors wishing to upskill and anyone with an interest in art and design wishing to broaden their skill base.

What will I study?

- Design Skills (Landscape)
- Plant Identification and Use
- Architectural Drawing
- Computer Illustrated Graphics (Photoshop/Illustrator)
- Computer Aided Draughting (2D)
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Combined Materials
- Drawing
- Work Experience
- Communications

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences, and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Design (5M2208).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of studio projects and assignments submitted throughout the year.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I was working as a tree surgeon for a few years when I decided I wanted a change. I wanted to be involved more in the design side of things. I researched the Landscape Architecture course that BFEI were offering and thought it sounded really interesting. The course covered a wide range of subjects which were all very challenging but rewarding in the end. I really enjoyed the course and I think it was a fantastic stepping stone to guide me on to the next step of my chosen career as a Landscape Architect. I am now studying for a BSc in Landscape Architecture in UCD. ”

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Landscape Architecture Graduate, 2019





Garden Design

QQI Level 5 5M2208

COURSE CODE: GDN

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 3 Days College Based and 2 Days Work Practice

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc (Hons) in Landscape Architecture
University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

BSc in Horticulture (Delivered in National Botanic Gardens, Dublin)
Waterford Institute of Technology – www.wit.ie

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Garden Designer
- Architectural Technologist
- Design Consultant
- Draftsperson

BLOOM IN THE PARK

Students from the BFEI Design Department have an unrivalled record in the annual *Bloom in the Park* Festival, held in the Phoenix Park, where their designs have scooped medals several times since the inception of the festival.

Award Winning *Bloom in the Park* Entries by BFEI Students

2006 <i>Mondrian Garden & Tropical Retreat</i>	2012 <i>Ár Ghairdin Cúil</i>
2007 <i>The Garden That Nobody Saw</i>	2013 <i>Urban Clearing & Aspire Gardens</i>
2008 <i>The View Askew</i>	2014 <i>Facing South</i>
2009 <i>The Labyrinth</i>	2015 <i>Urban Oasis</i>
2010 <i>Patterns of Change</i>	2016 <i>Blurred Lines</i>

Is this course for you?

Do you enjoy gardening and want to make a business out of your passion? Have you studied Horticulture but need skills in design, and drafting? Are you interested in getting IT skills in AutoCAD and presentation graphics whilst developing your design skills? With a strong emphasis on design, this course aims to help you develop and combine technical skills with your creative ability so that you can respond to a client's brief with a creative solution. It is project based and will offer you the opportunity to develop a portfolio in this area. Two days per week will be Work Practice.

What is the difference between Garden and Landscape Architecture?

- Garden Design differs from Landscape Design in that it is the creation of a design for a small detailed plot of land with more emphasis on planting, while Landscape design deals with larger plots of private and public spaces.
- This Garden Design Course focuses on developing your skills in a variety of garden scenarios whereas the Landscape Design Course deals with more complex settings.

What will I study?

- Design Skills
- Drawing
- Combined Materials
- Work Practice
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Architectural Drawing (including Construction)
- Computer Aided Drafting (2D)
- Plant Identification and Use
- Start Your Own Business
- Communications

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European Trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Design (5M2208).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of studio projects and assignments submitted throughout the year.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



Blurred Lines, Silver Medal Bloom 2016





Product Design

QQI Level 5 5M2208

COURSE CODE: PDD

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualifications take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc (Hons) Product Design

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BA (Hons) Product Design*

National College of Art & Design - www.ncad.ie

* Leaving Certificate Mathematics is a pre-requisite

BA Industrial Design or BA (Hons) Product Design Innovation

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc (Hons) Product Design

Institute of Technology Carlow - www.itcarlow.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Industrial Design
- Set Design
- Product Design
- Graphic Design

Is this course for you?

Are you curious about how everyday objects are designed and made? Are you inventive and enjoy problem solving? Are you interested in making functional objects beautiful? Product design involves the design of an object from concept stage to design development, employing graphics and model making. This course places a strong emphasis on the design process, and combines creative ability with technical skills. It is based on project work with an emphasis on learning by doing. The work produced will be presented as a portfolio to enable you to progress onto further studies or employment in the design field.

What will I study?

- Drawing
- Design Skills
- Computer Aided Draughting (SketchUp)
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Combined Materials
- Work Experience
- Personal Effectiveness

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences, and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Design (5M2208).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of studio projects and assignments submitted throughout the year.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



“ After I finished school in Coláiste Choilm Swords in 2019, I decided to do Product Design at BFEI. On the course, you learn a lot about a product, like how it's made, its functionality and other reasons as to why it is made. This course also opens your creative mind and the more products you make, the more you begin to come up with different ideas than you normally would have at the start. You'll also find that you will take what you are learning with you everywhere, as you look at products and objects outside the college differently and try to improve them. You will also make loads of friends on the course as everyone is very friendly and the lectures also encourage you to stay creative which is a benefit as you start to come up with more ideas, instead of coming up with one and then just sticking to that. I would highly recommend this course for anyone as it is a very interesting and fun course to do. I am now continuing my studies and I am completing the first year of my Product Design Degree at NCAD. ”

Jamie McGuirk, Product Design Graduate, 2020





Graphic Design

QQI Level 5 5M1995

COURSE CODE: GD1

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA (Hons) Visual Communication Design
IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) Design (Visual Communication)
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc in Multimedia
Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Graphic Design
- Publishing
- Advertising
- PR/Communication Organisations

Is this course for you?

Are you a visual thinker? Do you love graphics in magazines or on the web? Are you constantly doodling and drawing? Do you want to do a degree in Visual Communications but have no time to prepare a portfolio before the Leaving Certificate? Are you a mature student wanting to change careers? Then consider a career as a Graphic Designer. Graphic communication is present all around us - every logo, every newspaper, and every food package. Designers take a concept and develop it into pictures and slogans so that it is reflective and remembered by the audience.

What will I study?

- Drawing
- Design Skills
- Typography
- Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design
- Graphic Design Skills
- Photoshop/Illustrator
- Work Experience
- Personal Effectiveness

Will I do anything additional on the course?

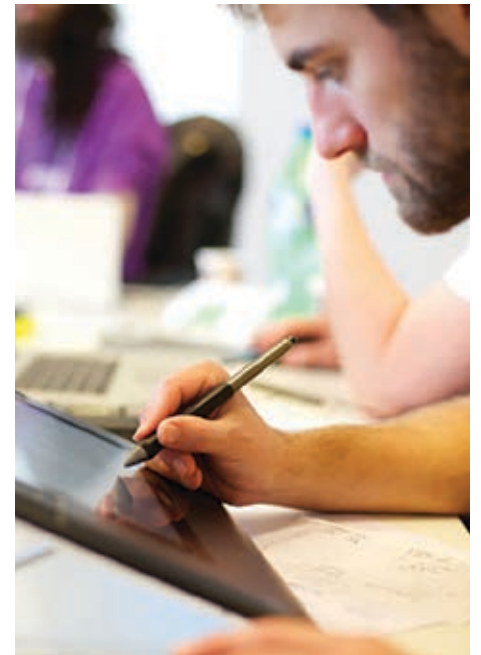
- Field Trips to sites, Museums, Conferences, and Design Projects are an integral part of the learning experience. Educational Tours are organised which may include a European trip.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?


- You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Graphic Design (5M1995).
- On course completion, you will have a portfolio of work to present for entry to third level institutions or to prospective employers.



How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of studio projects and assignments submitted throughout the year.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ At Secondary School, I was very interested in Art and I loved the idea of Graphic Design. I wanted to do a PLC course to make sure it was the right area for me. I really enjoyed my time in BFEI although it was stressful at times, our Tutors were very supportive and understanding. I gained a great knowledge of the Adobe Software and a great appreciation for creating artwork as well which has been extremely helpful in my further studies. The work experience element helped me see how this field operates on a practical level which was incredibly beneficial. I am now studying for a Level 7 in Graphic Design. Although I am enjoying it, I definitely miss the staff at BFEI! ”

Tara Kealy, Graphic Design Graduate, 2019





Pre-Paramedic Fire and Ambulance Service

QQI Level 5 5M4468

COURSE CODE: PFA

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are pursuing careers in a range of areas including:

- The Public Sector – Dublin Fire Brigade & HSE Ambulance Service*
- Private Ambulance Services
- Dublin Airport Fire Service
- London Ambulance Service NHS
- Care/Nursing Homes

* The HSE recognise the BFEI Level 5 course as the equivalent of 2 years full-time Ambulance Service experience at EMT Level.

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then this course opens up a range of progression routes both in the UK and in Ireland.

BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science

Anglia Ruskin University London (Cambridge and Chelmsford) - www.anglia.ac.uk/fms

You may also apply through the CAO system for entry into degree courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA Applied Social Studies in Social Care

Technological University Dublin [Blanchardstown] - www.tudublin.ie

BA (Hons) in Social Care Practice

Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Can you see yourself as a Fire Officer, Paramedic, Garda, or Officer in the Defence Forces? Are you calm, work well under pressure and want to help people? Do you want to work in a caring environment? Are you currently a member of a voluntary organisation and enjoy the experience? Or would you like to progress to study for a degree? Yes? Then an exciting and challenging career in the Emergency Services may be for you. This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills to embark on a successful career in this field.

What will I study?

- Emergency Department Care Skills and First Aid Responder (FAR)
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Safety and Health at Work
- Exercise and Fitness
- Statistics
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Optional Training*

- Fire Warden (Fire Safety and Fire Extinguisher Training)
- Breathing Apparatus
- Hazardous Substances
- Manual Handling
- Safe Pass

Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) Courses*

- Emergency First Response (EFR) incorporating Defibrillator Training
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

* Optional Training Courses are delivered in conjunction with an external provider, currently the Emergency Services Training Institute, and will incur additional costs and take place during term breaks. EMT training starts in June with final exams in September/October.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

Before starting the course, it is advisable to become a member of one of the voluntary organisations such as The Order of Malta, St. John Ambulance or The Civil Defence. You should work towards obtaining a Driving Licence as this will enhance your employment prospects.


What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

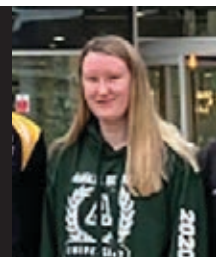
Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I applied to the BFEI Pre-Paramedic course not really sure about what I wanted to do in the future. My initial plan was to get my QQI and EMT qualifications and then work for a couple of years until I could apply as a mature student to do nursing or midwifery, but not even a month into the course, I realised that being a paramedic was my future. With the help of my teachers in BFEI, I did everything possible for that to become a reality. We got to partake in courses that would help us with our skills such as our First Aid Responder (FAR) course and we had the option to further our skills with the Emergency First Responder (EFR) and finally, the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Thanks to my teachers at BFEI, I am studying Paramedic Science at Anglia Ruskin University. The modules taught at BFEI have definitely helped with my current course, particularly, the Anatomy and Physiology module. I can safely say that my time in BFEI was more than enjoyable whilst also helping me achieve my goal to continue my studies, I couldn't recommend the Pre-Paramedic Course more. ”

Lauren Benson, Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance Graduate, 2020





Pre-Garda Studies

QQI Level 5 5M4468

New

COURSE CODE: PGS

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you will be in an advantageous position to successfully apply for entry to the Garda College in Templemore, subject to meeting the relevant qualification criteria.

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc DNA & Forensic Analysis

Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), LLB

Carlow Institute of Technology - www.itcarlow.ie

BA (Hons) Criminal Justice Studies

Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

BCL (Law and Criminology)

Maynooth University - www.nuimmaynooth.ie

BSc in Social Science

University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Can you see yourself as a member of An Garda Síochána? Do you want to gain an insight into the real-life challenges faced by the Gardaí? Are you confident, have a positive attitude, good communication skills and enjoy working with people? Then an exciting and rewarding career in the Garda Síochána may be for you. This one year course provides an ideal foundation for those intending to pursue a career as a Garda by focusing on a number of areas that are of vital importance in the training and career of a Garda. Students will get an insight into the real life challenges faced by the Gardaí and will develop an understanding of how to deal with car crashes, court sessions and conflict resolution as well as gain an awareness of the needs of the community and vulnerable members of society. This approach supports the day to day life of operational Gardaí and will equip you with the knowledge and skills to embark on a successful career in this field.

What will I study?

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Criminal Law
- Conflict Resolution
- Emergency Department Care Skills and First Aid Responder (FAR)
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Exercise and Fitness
- Teamworking
- Work Experience
- Irish (Optional)

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- Aptitude testing and the Garda interview process training will be provided.
- You will participate in a range of workshops including Community Gardaí Workshops.
- Guest speakers and Field Trips such as to the Garda Operational Support Open Day in Westmanstown will be integral to the course.
- You will participate in training for mass casualty incidents in a joint initiative between Dublin Fire Brigade and An Garda Síochána.
- Additional Training Option: Private Security Authority Ireland (PSAI) Security and Guarding Skills.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie





Applied Psychology

QQI Level 5 5M4468

COURSE CODE: APY

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option
(Subject to availability)

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want a degree, then you can also apply through the CAO system for entry into degree courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc Psychology or BSc Social Sciences
University College Dublin – www.ucd.ie

BSc (Hons) in Applied Psychology (PSI Accredited)
IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) Psychology* or BA Applied Social Studies in Social Care**
Waterford Institute of Technology – www.wit.ie

* Two places reserved for BFEI Graduates
Minimum 3 Merits including Psychology Module

** Five places reserved for BFEI Graduates

BA (Hons) Psychology
National College of Ireland – www.ncirl.ie

BA (Hons) Applied Social Studies in Social Care
Technological University Dublin [Blanchardstown] - www.tudublin.ie

Alternatively this course also opens up a range of progression routes in the UK including:

BA Counselling Studies and Psychology or BSc Psychology

Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), the UK equivalent of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

University of Wales Trinity St David and Swansea Metropolitan - www.smu.ac.uk

BA (Hons) Psychology or BA (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
Napier University, Edinburgh - www.napier.ac.uk

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Are you curious about people and what motivates them? Do you have an interest in Psychology and would you like to gain knowledge and understanding of this area? Are you interested in applying psychology theories to areas of management and business? Or would you like to progress to study for a degree? Yes? Then consider studying for this QQI Level 5 qualification and take your first steps to advance in this fascinating area.

What will I study?

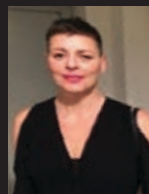
- Human Growth and Development
- Child Development
- Psychology
- Behavioural Studies
- Statistics
- Criminology
- Communications
- Work Experience

“ I was lucky to complete the Applied Psychology Course at BFEI. Although, the ending of the academic year was not what we would term “normal”, the learning experience was something I will be grateful for all my life. I am Hungarian and this was the first experience that I had studying in Ireland and I was blown away. The college environment is outstanding. The building is modern, clean, spacious, and bright with all the facilities you need for studying. It is very close to Blackrock DART station, so the commute is easy.

The whole year was very well organised and went smoothly despite COVID's intrusion. I have made friends in my class with whom I am now continuing my journey studying Applied Psychology at IADT. I left the best part of my learning experience for last: the staff. Teachers are incredible. All of the teachers I had were awesome, very knowledgeable, empathetic, kind, patient, and helpful. As a student, I felt at the centre of the teaching process. We were given immense support, encouragement, and, of course, knowledge that helped me to realise my dream: to do a degree in psychology.

I would highly recommend BFEI to each and every person who would like to learn in an environment that is positive, with encouragement from teachers that are outstanding in their profession and great people.

Klara Gyarmathy, Applied Psychology Graduate, 2020



Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will visit the Central Criminal Court, attend a Forensic Criminology Workshop and other workshops including Mindfulness.
- Presentations from Guest Speakers including Psychologists will be provided.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I wanted to take on a new challenge that would offer me more career opportunities. After some research I discovered BFEI and the Applied Psychology Course really appealed to me. Once enrolled, I found all the staff really helpful and professional. The course was delivered by knowledgeable and experienced Tutors who encouraged student interaction with the materials. All of the modules offered a broad range of material that covered a large area of psychology. As I had enjoyed my time studying in BFEI, I really wanted to carry on and further my education. Graduating from Applied Psychology in BFEI offered me further pathways into third level education. I applied to both IADT and UCD to gain access to their psychology courses. Luckily for me I was accepted to both and chose to accept the offer from UCD where I am studying for a BSc (Hons) in Psychology. This will give me the opportunity to pursue a wide range of careers in the future. I truly believe that my time in BFEI has been instrumental in allowing me to achieve my place in UCD. I would encourage anybody that is uncertain about their career path or wants to get back into education to avail of the opportunities that BFEI can provide.



Darran Gormley, Applied Psychology Graduate, 2020



Psychology with Special Needs Assisting (SNA)

QQI Level 5 5M4468

COURSE CODE: SNA

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option

Where can this qualification take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue employment as an SNA in Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry to courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

**Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Early Childhood Education or
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Social Care**
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
Technological University Dublin
[Blanchardstown] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie



Is this course for you?

Are you curious about people and what motivates them? Do you have an interest in Psychology and would you like to gain knowledge and understanding of this area? Are you interested in applying psychology theories to the area of Special Needs Assisting in an educational setting and gain employment as an SNA/ Inclusion Support Assistant? Would you like to progress to study for a degree? Yes? Then consider studying for this QQI Level 5 qualification and take your first steps towards a career in this area.

What will I study?

- Human Growth and Development
- Child Development
- Psychology
- Understanding Special Needs
- Special Needs Assisting
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience
- First Aid Responder (FAR)

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- Presentations from Guest Speakers including Psychologists will be provided.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.


What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

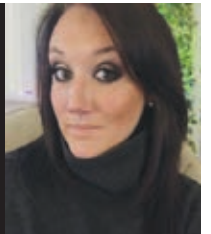
How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

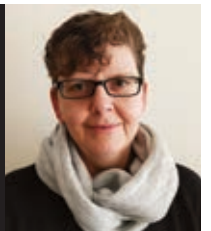
 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I decided to go back to college at the age of 37 and it was the best decision I have ever made. I applied for the Psychology with Special Needs Assisting Course in BFEI and was delighted to get a place in their morning class. I found this course insightful and rewarding, the modules are very well set out and the Tutors are wonderful and very approachable. I have gained so much knowledge and I am able to put this into practice now with my own child and subbing in my local school. During my final term, we had our first lockdown where remote learning was introduced. To be honest, it was such an easy transition, it didn't even feel any different, the Tutors were at the other end of an email the whole time and the course continued as normal. I was thrilled at the end of the year to qualify with a Distinction QQI Level 5. For anyone who is thinking of doing this course, do it - you won't regret it! ”



Shona McElheron, Psychology with Special Needs Assisting Graduate, 2020

“ I returned to education as a mature student and it turned out to be the best decision I could have made. The Special Needs Assisting Course was brilliant, I can't state that enough. The staff in BFEI were amazing. I would encourage anyone to follow what they want to do no matter what age they are. We had to do work experience as part of the course and this was brilliant because one of the schools I did my work experience in gave me work on a substitute basis. This was an amazing way to be able to put all the information into practice and gave me more confidence because I was doing what I was taught while doing the course. With some of my classmates from BFEI, I am now studying for my Applied Psychology Degree in IADT and I am delighted to say that I was awarded the 1916 Bursary to support me throughout my degree under the PATH (Programme for Access to Higher Education) Initiative. ”



Denise Green, Psychology with Special Needs Assisting Graduate, 2019



Over the Counter Pharmacy Assistant

QQI Level 5 5M4468

COURSE CODE: OTC

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Only

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Pharmacies
- Health Stores
- Department Stores – Cosmetic Sales & Skincare Advisor
- Healthcare Sales Rep
- Receptionist in Healthcare field

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

Once you gain employment in a pharmacy, you can apply to study for the:

Diploma in Pharmacy Services Skills
Irish Pharmacy Union – www.ipu.ie

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc Social Sciences
University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

Higher Certificate Pharmacy Technician Studies
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Higher Certificate in Science - Pharmacy Technician Studies
Carlow Institute of Technology - www.itcarlow.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Would you enjoy being at the front-end of pharmacies, interacting with people, giving advice on over-the-counter medicines, and healthcare products?

Would you like to acquire skills in customer service and retail selling?

Could you see yourself advising on beauty and make-up products? There are many new job opportunities in the expanding retail pharmacy sector, and with these qualifications you will be well placed to gain full-time employment and advance your career. Over 85% of course graduates have secured employment in pharmacies.

What will I study?

You will study for the following qualifications:

- **IPU Medicines Counter Assistant Certificate**
- **QQI Certificate in Community Health Services**
 - Nutrition
 - Anatomy and Physiology
 - Retail Selling
 - Reception and Frontline Skills
 - Word Processing
 - Safety and Health at Work
 - Customer Service
 - Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will also be given the opportunity to complete Manual Handling Training which is an essential qualification to work in a Pharmacy.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?


On successful completion of all elements of this course, you will be awarded:

- IPU (The Irish Pharmacy Union) Medicines Counter Assistant Certificate.
- A QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



It is with great satisfaction that I can say that I graduated with Distinction from the Retail Pharmacy Assistant Course at BFEI in 2018. From the word go, I found all staff members and teachers to be pleasant, professional and approachable at all times. The modules covered were all relevant, informative and interesting to study. This was coupled with teachers whose passion for what they teach was a most engaging experience. In particular, I found the Over the Counter (OTC) Medicine Module to be invaluable in opening up my career opportunities. Having a Pharmacist delivering the course was very appropriate and professional and I thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience. Other modules of particular relevance and interest to me were Nutrition and Anatomy & Physiology, again very engaging and informative. The course was challenging and, the work load was heavy at times but manageable and it helped to have continual assessment throughout the year in the majority of modules. Doing the RPA course and graduating with Distinction has been a major stepping stone towards further study as a Pharmacy Technician. I am now working as on OTC Assistant in Allcare Pharmacy with a view to studying for the Pharmacy Technician Award through the Irish Pharmacy Union. I would highly recommend not only the RPA course but also BFEI as a centre of excellence for learning.



Elizabeth Kelly, Retail Pharmacy Assistant Graduate, 2018



Nutrition, Health and Wellbeing

QQI Level 5 5M4468

COURSE CODE: NHW

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc (Hons) Health Sciences* (Common Entry)

Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

* Two places reserved for BFEI Graduates

BSc in Health and Society

Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology - www.gmit.ie

BSc (Hons) in Nutrition & Health Science*

Athlone Institute of Technology – www.ait.ie

* Leaving Certificate Mathematics is a pre-requisite

BSc (Hons) in Health & Physical Activity

Dundalk Institute of Technology - www.dkit.ie

BSc Social Sciences

University College Dublin – www.ucd.ie

Higher Certificate in Science - Physiology and Health Science

Carlow Institute of Technology - www.itcarlow.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Nutritional Advisor
- Health Food Stores
- Self-employed Food Related Business
- Food/Healthy Living Blogger
- Trainer in the area of Healthy Eating & Lifestyle

Is this course for you?

Are you interested in diet, nutrition and all things health related? Do you have a desire to connect with people and help them understand their relationship with food? This course offers you the opportunity to learn about diet and nutrition while also exploring how our behaviour can motivate and empower lifestyle choices. Studies show that we are facing an obesity crisis of enormous proportions. Addressing this crisis is a Government priority, and this course will help you take advantage of emerging opportunities in this area.

What will I study?

- Dietetics
- Nutrition
- Menu Planning & Applied Nutrition
- Behavioural Studies
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Exercise & Fitness
- Word Processing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will attend workshops and health promotion events.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.




What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Community Health Services (5M4468).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

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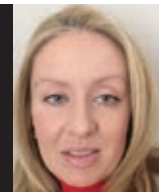
“ I came to BFEI a little lost and unsure what to do with my studies. The moment I stepped inside the BFEI building, I was met with a friendly smile and I felt a wave of comfort and reassurance in my decision. I found myself each day finding more enjoyment in the array of modules we studied. I also really enjoyed having a small class as we became a really close group. I loved the whole experience of becoming President of the Social Committee, creating experiences for others in the college was super creative and fun to pursue! The course prepared me in more ways than one for further study in this field. For instance, we practised group work assignments, led presentations, and learned how to present assignments. This course not only allows you entry into the field of nutrition/exercise but also provides an introduction into psychology. The Tutors always gave me a boost of confidence and were available if I had any query or concern. I am so glad I chose to study at BFEI, and I could not recommend the college enough, thanks so much to everyone I met and was lucky to share the experience with. ”

Emma O’Toole, Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing Graduate, 2019



“ I choose BFEI as a route back to College as a mature student and I had an incredible journey. I decided to do the Level 5 Nutrition, Health and Well-being Course. I would recommend this course as a great platform to further your studies. All the teachers are amazing and supportive. It gave me the courage to want to keep going and see how far I can go. ”

Sarah Dillion, Nutrition Health & Wellbeing Graduate, 2020





Sports Massage Therapies

QQI Level 5 5M5146 & ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: SMT

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 4 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Sports Injuries Clinics
- Health & Wellbeing Centres
- Hotels
- Leisure Centres
- Remedial Massage Clinics

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry to courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

Bachelor Degree of Science – Sports Science & Health*

Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

* Leaving Certificate Mathematics is a pre-requisite

Bachelor of Science (Hons) Strength & Conditioning or Sport & Exercise Science or Sports Rehabilitation & Athletic Therapy

Institute of Technology Carlow - www.itcarlow.ie

BEd (Hons) Sports Studies and Physical Education

University College Cork - www.ucc.ie

Higher Certificate in Science - Physiology and Health Science

Carlow Institute of Technology - www.itcarlow.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Are you interested in the treatment of muscular pain and injury? Would you like to develop your massage skills to a new level by learning advanced anatomical, physiological and pathological principles relevant to the application of Sports Massage? Do you see yourself working in leisure centres, with sports clubs, or with competitive athletes and teams? This course offers you internationally recognised qualifications that will ensure you are educated to the highest industry standards so that you can take on this new and exciting career. It also offers you the potential to progress your studies to degree level.

What will I study and what qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

You will study for the following qualifications:

- **ITEC Diploma in Sports Massage**
 - Functional Anatomy and Physiology
 - Nutrition
 - Principles of Health and Fitness
 - Principles of Soft Tissue Dysfunction
 - Subjective and Objective Assessment
 - Sports Massage Techniques

Graduates may join many professional associations and obtain the requisite insurance cover for professional practice.

- **QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sports Recreation and Exercise (5M5146)**
 - Sport and Recreation Studies
 - Exercise and Fitness
 - Sports Anatomy and Physiology
 - Body Massage and Figure Analysis
 - Nutrition
 - Sports Exercise and Injury Prevention
 - Communications
 - Work Experience

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

- Assessment is based on a combination of Evidence of Treatments (Case Studies), assignments and exams which mainly take place in April and May.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.


Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will get the opportunity to work with clients in an Open Clinic in BFEI.
- You will also be given the opportunity to complete Industry Training Courses such as Dry-needling and Kinesio Taping.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I studied the Sports Injuries and Soft Tissue Massage Therapy course in BFEI completing both the ITEC Certificate and Diploma in Sports Massage. While the course was challenging at times, it gave me an excellent foundation and an interest to learn more. I was accepted onto a Physiotherapy course in Holland after graduation from BFEI. The knowledge that I gained at BFEI has been a huge benefit to me and really helped me with my further studies. ”

Carl Clarke, Sports Massage Therapies Graduate, 2018





Holistic Therapies

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: Year 1 HOL1, Year 2 HOL2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option (HOL1 Only)

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Healing Centres
- Health & Wellbeing Centres
- Care Homes
- Spa Salons/Destination Spas
- Hotels/On-demand Massage
- Beauty Salons
- Cruise Ships
- Leisure Centres

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

As an alternative to entering the world of work when you finish the course, you could consider taking further courses at BFEI to enhance your chances of advancement in the industry such as:

Sports Injuries & Soft Tissue Massage Therapy or Beauty & Body Therapy.

Is this course for you?

Do you see alternative holistic therapies as a way to enhance general health and wellbeing? Are you interested in the human body? Do you have a desire to connect with and help others? Want to get away from a routine desk job? Would you enjoy flexible working hours in a calm environment, either as part of a team or working alone? This course offers you the opportunity to get internationally recognised ITEC qualifications in a range of therapies to engage in professional practice. As a Holistic/Complementary Therapist you will use therapies to enhance the mind, body and soul of your clients to maximise vitality.

What will I study and what qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

Year 1: ITEC Diplomas in:

- Holistic Massage
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Indian Head Massage
- Reflexology
- Nutrition

Year 2: ITEC Diplomas in:

- Aromatherapy
- On-Site Massage
- Stone Massage

Graduates may join many professional associations and obtain the requisite insurance cover for professional practice.

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

- Assessment is based on a combination of Evidence of Treatments (Case Studies) and exams which mainly take place in April and May.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will get the opportunity to work with clients in an Open Clinic in BFEI.
- You will engage in workshops in additional therapies to enhance your employability such as Pregnancy Massage, Aromatherapy Blending, Ear Candling and Facial Skincare.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

Year 1

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

For entry to **Year 2**, you must have successfully completed Year 1 or hold an Anatomy, Physiology and Body Massage qualification from CIBTAC, ITEC or equivalent. You may be eligible for exemptions from some subjects if you already have recognised qualifications.



“ I studied Holistic Therapies at BFEI for two years. The course offered a large variety of modules and I graduated with an extensive range of qualifications. As a result, I got a job very easily. My new employer quickly recognised the exceptional practical skills, client care and attention to detail I had learned from my teachers at BFEI. Within six months of starting work, I was appointed as one of the managers at a growing chain of Spas in Dublin city. None of this would have been possible without the guidance and help from the wonderful staff at BFEI. ”

Ella Noonan, Holistic Therapies Graduate, 2018



How do I apply?

Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



Beauty and Body Therapy

ITEC & CIDESCO Certification

COURSE CODE: Year 1 BD1, Year 2 BD2

DURATION: 1 or 2 Years

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

You will have a range of professional qualifications with up-to-date additional trainings and links within the industry which will ensure that you are widely sought after within this profession. You can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Beauty Salons
- Laser/IPL Therapy Clinics
- Health and Wellbeing/Leisure Centres
- Cruise Liners
- Mobile Therapist
- Salon Owner
- Complementary Therapist
- Technical Sales Representative
- Franchising
- Spa Industry
- The Hotel Industry
- Teaching/Training

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

As an alternative to entering the world of work when you finish the course, you could consider taking further courses at BFEI to enhance your chances of advancement in the industry such as:

Holistic Therapies, Sports Injuries & Soft Tissue Massage Therapy, Theatrical, Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry or Nail Technology.

Is this course for you?

Do you see yourself working in a thriving and dynamic profession? Are you interested in the latest beauty products, equipment, new practices and procedures? Perhaps you enjoy travelling and seeing the world? Would you like to work within the luxury hotel and spa industry? At BFEI, we deliver internationally recognised qualifications in beauty and body therapy that will ensure you are educated to the highest industry standards. In recognition of this, BFEI has been awarded the prestigious title of Dermalogica College of Excellence. As well as providing you with the skills to set up a solid career in the Beauty Therapy Profession, ITEC and CIDESCO qualifications could be your passport to travel and an exciting future.

What will I study and what qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

Year 1

You will study for ITEC qualifications in the following:

- Beauty Specialist:
 - Skin and Eye Treatments
 - Make-Up
 - Manicure
 - Waxing
- Facial Electrics
- Body Treatments with Body Electrics
- Electrolysis

Year 2

You will study for CIDESCO Facial and Body Therapy including SPA Treatments and ITEC qualifications in the following:

- IPL/Laser
- Microdermabrasion
- Eyebrow Treatments and Eyelash Enhancements (tinting, shaping, semi-permanent lashes, perming, cluster lashes and brow lamination).
- Body Electrics (ITEC)

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

- Assessment is based on a combination of Evidence of Treatments (Case Studies) and exams which mainly take place in April and May. To achieve the CIDESCO certification, you will also be required to undertake a project based on advanced therapies.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will get the opportunity to work with clients in live 'pop-up' salons.
- You will stay up-to-date with all the latest trends in the industry through workshops such as Crystal Toes, Tanning Training, Nail Art, Advanced Waxing, Threading and training with professional skincare products.
- You will gain experience in using Salon Management Software (Momento).
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.


What are the entry requirements?

Year 1

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

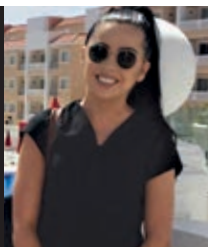
For entry to **Year 2**, you must have successfully completed Year 1 or hold Facial, Electrical and Body qualifications from CIBTAC, ITEC or equivalent. You can apply directly from a different training establishment. You may be eligible for exemptions from some subjects if you already have recognised qualifications.

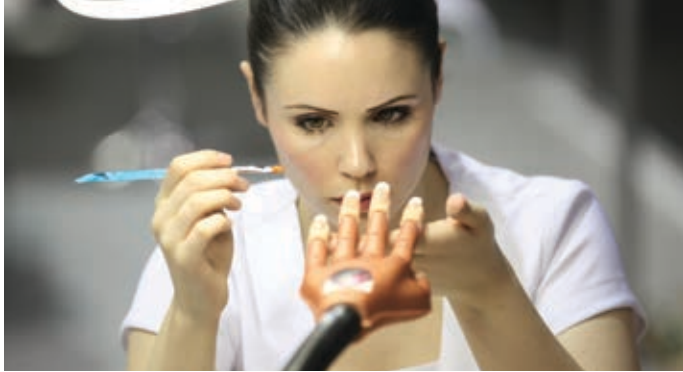
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“ I studied Beauty Therapy in BFEI full-time from September 2017 to June 2019. Studying in BFEI has played such a huge role in where I am in my career today. The standard of training is so high, it thoroughly instils those standards in you as a therapist before you even start working in the industry. I can honestly say that having the course behind me, along with additional opportunities such as the Erasmus Programme to Tenerife, made me stand out when it came to getting employment. I am working as a Beauty Therapist, I adore my job and I am so passionate about our industry. I am so grateful that I got to study in a college that set such a strong foundation for my career as a Beauty Therapist! ”

Aislinn McNicholl, Beauty & Body Therapy Graduate, 2019





Nail Technology with Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: NET

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

You will have a range of professional qualifications with up-to-date additional trainings and links within the industry which will ensure that you are widely sought after within this profession. You can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Freelance Nail Technician
- Nail Bars
- Lash Bars
- Beauty Therapy Salons
- Cruise Ships
- Spa Industry
- Care Homes
- Franchising
- Training

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

As an alternative to entering the world of work when you finish the course, you could consider taking further courses at BFEI to enhance your chances of advancement in the industry such as:

Holistic Therapies, Theatrical, Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry or Beauty & Body Therapy.

Is this course for you?

Have you a passion for nails? Are you interested in the latest trends and technologies in the nail industry? Can you see yourself working as a Nail Technologist in a thriving and dynamic profession? Are you interested in learning the latest trends and technologies in eyebrow and eyelash enhancements? Perhaps you enjoy travelling and seeing the world? The options open to qualified technologists with cutting edge skills are endless.

This course offers you internationally recognised qualifications that will ensure you are educated to the highest industry standards so that you can take on this new and exciting career. As well as providing you with the skills in Nail Technology, Nail Art and Eyelash Extensions to embark on a successful career, these ITEC qualifications could be your passport to travel and an exciting future.

What will I study and what qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

You will study for the following ITEC qualifications:

- Diploma in Nail Technology (gel, acrylic, and fibreglass nail extension systems)
- Diploma in Nail Art
- Certificate in Eyebrow Treatments & Eyelash Enhancements (tinting, shaping, semi-permanent lashes, perming, cluster lashes and brow lamination)
- Certificate in Waxing

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

- Assessment is based on a combination of Evidence of Treatments (Case Studies) and exams which mainly take place in April and May.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.


Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will get the opportunity to work with clients in live 'pop-up' salons.
- You will stay up-to-date with all the latest trends in the industry through workshops such as Crystal Toes, E-filing, Trudip, Mixed Media, One Stroke Nail Art, Tanning Training and Threading.
- You will gain experience in using Salon Management Software (Momento).
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

How do I apply?

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“ I thoroughly enjoyed the four years I spent studying various beauty courses at BFEI. I cannot speak highly enough of the resources available at BFEI and the support I received during my time there. The training is provided in a professional manner by Tutors, some of whom I am still in contact with today, they are so passionate about what they do. I graduated with internationally recognised qualifications in Beauty Therapy from ITEC & CIDESCO and ITEC qualifications in Theatrical, Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry and Nail Technology. Although I loved all of the courses I completed, it became clear to me early on that nails are my passion. The course in Nail Technology was one year long with weekly open salons which allowed me to continuously practice and develop my skills. Since leaving BFEI, I have opened up a successful Nail Salon and I continue to watch it grow. I would not be where I am today without the support and guidance I received at BFEI and I would highly recommend it to anyone considering a career in the beauty industry. ”

Emma Percival, Nail Technology Graduate, 2012





Theatrical, Media and Fashion Make-Up Artistry

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: TMM

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Freelance Make-Up Artistry
- Cosmetic Sales
- TV, Film & Theatre

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

As an alternative to entering the world of work when you finish the course, you could consider taking further courses at BFEI to enhance your chances of advancement in the industry such as Beauty & Body Therapy, Holistic Therapies or Nail Technology.



Is this course for you?

Have you a confident out-going personality with a creative flair? Do you have an eye for colour? Want a career that you are passionate about? Do you want to be a trend setter for make-up looks? Make-Up Artistry is a rapidly developing profession. The upsurge in retail sales, and the growing media and entertainment industries present exciting career opportunities for motivated individuals. With these internationally recognised qualifications, you will be well placed to take advantage of emerging opportunities and launch your career as a professional make-up artist.

What will I study?

- Fashion and Photography Make-Up
- Theatrical Make-Up
- Make-Up Charts
- Make-Up Techniques
- Media Make-Up
- 3 Dimensional Make-Up
- High Definition Make-Up
- Special Effects
- Camouflage
- Airbrush
- Body Paint
- Skin and Eye Treatments
- Lash and Brow Enhancements
- Threading
- Retail Selling

What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded the following qualifications:

- ITEC Diploma in Fashion, Theatre and Media Make-Up
- ITEC Certificate in Eyebrow Treatments and Eyelash Enhancements
- ITEC Certificate in Skincare
- ITEC Professional Conduct and Business Awareness
- QQI Retail Selling (Level 5 Component Award)

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

- Assessment is based on a combination of portfolio, assignments and exams. Your portfolio will cover a wide range of techniques and demonstrate artistic flair, and creativity.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.


Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Additional workshops such as Tanning, Fashion Trends, Film Grade Make-Up Demonstrations, Casting and Inglot Master Classes will be provided to keep you up-to-date with all the latest trends and treatments within the industry.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the BFEI Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

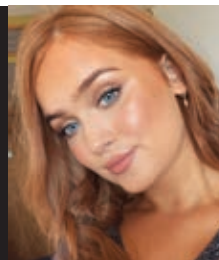
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How do I apply?

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I loved every minute of the Theatrical Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry Course in BFEI. Without the course, I wouldn't be where I am in the industry today. I've been working in the beautiful Irish owned *One Dame Lane* owned by Lyndsey Cavanagh, also a past student of BFEI. The many experiences and opportunities I was given when in BFEI gave me the confidence I have today. As a Make-Up Artist having completed the course in BFEI, I was prepared and ready to start my journey in the industry. In addition to 'regular make-ups', since graduating, I have done many magazine shoots, modelling shoots and TV. I love the diversity on the course as it made me ready for work the industry. I left BFEI with qualifications in Beauty, Facial, Eye Treatments along with Make-Up & SFX and Sales & Salon knowledge. It covers everything!



Jennah Loughman, Theatrical, Media and Fashion Make-Up Artistry Graduate, 2018



Salon Management

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: SM

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 3 Days College Based and 2 Days Work Practice

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers at management level in a range of areas including:

- Beauty Salons
- Hair Salons
- Spa Resorts
- Cruise Ships
- Brand Ambassadors
- Brand Managers

Is this course for you?

Would you like the challenge of a career in management? Do you enjoy working with people in a dynamic environment? Are you confident, have a positive attitude and good communication skills? Have you been working in the Hair or Beauty industry and want to take the next step in your career to Counter Manager, Front of House Manager, Store Manager or Area Manager? Or can you see yourself running your own business? With a thriving service economy, there are many opportunities in management in the Hair & Beauty industry for those with the right skill set. This course is designed to build strong management skills including managing clients, scheduling and managing staff and salon marketing which are critical in starting or running a business. You will learn through engagement with real scenarios in live 'pop-up' salons which simulate the day to day work of a salon manager. You will be able to take advantage of promotion opportunities in this field.

What will I study?

- Management of Health, Safety and Security in the Salon
- Quality Management of Client Care in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Sales Management in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Public Relations (PR) in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Salon Management
- IT and Data Handling in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Marketing in the Hair & Beauty Sector

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded an ITEC Diploma in Salon Management (equivalent of Level 6 on the Irish Framework of Qualifications).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?

- Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.
- Please be advised that students doing ITEC certified courses are required to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance and complete Consultation, Disclaimer forms and other documentation as necessary - please see www.itecworld.co.uk for further information on requirements.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- You will get the chance to apply skills learned on the course in live 'pop-up' salons.
- You will gain experience in using Phorest Salon Software.
- You will get the opportunity to gain additional ITEC qualifications in a range of areas such as Skincare, Microdermabrasion, Waxing, and Body Treatments.
- Additional workshops to upskill in the latest industry trends will also be provided.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved a recognised ITEC qualification in Hair or Beauty or hold relevant industry experience.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.



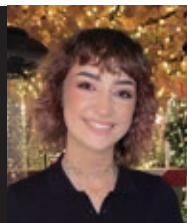
I chose BFEI because of its reputation for the Theatrical, Media & Fashion Make-Up Artistry Course. Doing the course was the best decision of my life! It was really hard work but I got through it and it gave me such a broad insight into all this industry has to offer. After finishing the Make-Up course, I did Salon Management as I wanted the qualification for my future. I would love to work in Fashion Photographic Make-Up and travel the world but then I want to come back and settle down and hopefully run my own business. The course covers the skills I need to be a manager and business owner. We did sales techniques and marketing, how to use salon booking systems, cash-flow forecasts, health and safety in the salon, client care and so much more. We also did modules to get extra qualifications such as Waxing, Microdermabrasion and Bridal Make-Up. After finishing I decided to do a Marketing Degree to further my career. BFEI really gave me the confidence and skills to go out and work in the industry, and also to apply myself in something new. It opened my eyes to new opportunities and led me down new paths in my career to explore.

Xaviere Altzinger, Salon Management Graduate, 2020




I studied on the Theatrical Media Make-Up Course in BFEI last year and once the year had finished, I knew I wasn't finished with the college. The Salon Management Course really delves deeper into the ins and outs of running a salon. Between Health & Safety and Marketing, they really do cover all the bases and I find it really interesting. There are so many optional classes to choose from too, so you can have whatever qualifications you'd like for your CV going forward. BFEI has given me so much experience in the make-up sector as well. Last year I was given the opportunity to do a three-week Erasmus+ placement in Tenerife and I worked alongside some extremely talented people and gained some credible references for my CV. My experience in BFEI so far has been so informative and has really helped me with my technique and time management skills. Salon Management, in my opinion, is that final cherry on top of the cake to make you a highly employable person and/or a successful salon owner or freelance artist. I know this experience in BFEI will stand to me forever and I couldn't recommend it enough.

Leanne Browne, studying Salon Management, 2020/2021



How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



Office IT Skills

QQI Level 5 5M18294

COURSE CODE: OIT

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option

Where can this qualification take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of the course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas such as:

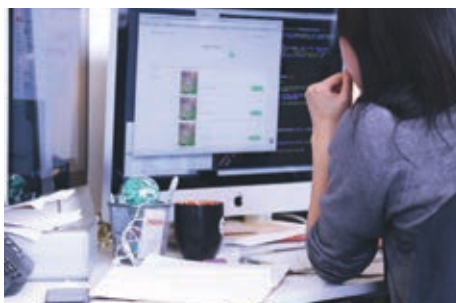
- Office Administrator
- Office Manager
- Personal/Executive Assistant
- Customer Service

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you are interested in doing further study to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BBus (Hons) in Information Technology
Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie



Is this course for you?

Are you interested in acquiring the essential skills to use computer technologies to enable you to accomplish a range of administrative duties? Would you like to update your computer skills and work proficiently in an office environment by learning how to integrate office applications, how to use online technologies such as Office 365 to manage an online diary system and share files? On completion of this course, you will have more confidence, a nationally recognised IT qualification and hands-on experience with office technologies.

What will I study?

- Database Methods
- Word Processing
- The Internet
- Spreadsheets Methods
- Professional Presentation
- Integrated Office Methods
- Digital Presentations
- Work Experience

Office 365 Licences are provided free of charge for use on personal devices.

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Office Informatics (5M18294).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Carry out a range of administrative duties using office technology.
- Share documents online using the latest technologies such as Office 365.
- Design a spreadsheet to analyse business strategies.
- Design documents using advanced features of word processing.
- Use a wide range of database functions in order to manipulate, retrieve and output targeted information using queries and reports.
- Deliver presentations with confidence.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ The Office IT Course at BFEI was a fantastic experience. It gave me the confidence to realise my worth to the workforce after a long absence. It equipped me to walk into an office and feel confident about how to use the various Microsoft packages. The teachers were very supportive and I made great friends throughout the year. The course was a great bridge from full-time motherhood to full-time work. I now have my ideal job working as a School Admissions Officer and this is thanks to BFEI. ”

Suzanne Murphy, Office IT Skills Graduate, 2018



Computer Science

QQI Level 5 5M0529

COURSE CODE: CSC

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you are interested in doing further study to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc in Computer Science

University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

BSc in Computer Science

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc (Hons) in Computing

Technological University Dublin [Tallaght] - www.tudublin.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in the IT industry including:

- Programming
- Web Design
- Localisation
- Database Administrator

Is this course for you?

Are you a logical thinker? Are you interested in finding out how computer software works? Are you interested in a career in Ireland's expanding computing industry? Are you looking for an alternative pathway to a degree in computer science? This computer science course may be the course for you. You will learn the fundamentals of computer science including software development, software testing, web design and database design.

What will I study?

- Object Oriented Programming (Java)
- Software Architecture
- Web Authoring (HTML, CSS3 & Dreamweaver)
- Maths
- Database Methods (SQL)
- Mobile Technologies
- Communications
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Seminars on current and emerging technologies such as cloud computing and 3d technologies will be delivered.
- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Software Development (5M0529).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Understand programming concepts.
- Apply software design principles.
- Write computer programs using Java.
- Create and maintain databases.
- Plan, design and build websites.

How do I apply?

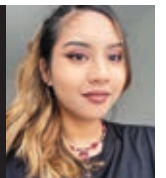
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“After secondary school, I was confused about what I wanted to study or which college I wanted to go to. I knew that PLC courses were a great stepping stone into Higher Education and I wanted to try it out to get a good idea of the differences between school and college, so I applied to do Computer Science at BFEI. I found the year informative, fun and interesting and I would recommend it to all who are looking for a detailed introduction to computer science. We did nine modules which covered a wide range of topics. The class was small, so we got to know each other quickly and the teachers were very helpful and encouraged us to do our best in the various assessments. I also was privileged to be selected as a participant in the Erasmus+ Program for two weeks work experience. We went to Utrecht in The Netherlands and had a great time touring the city as well as learning from our mentors at the company where we did our placement. With my qualification from BFEI, I progressed to UCD to further my studies in Computer Science. Although the modules and the coding language are different, there is no doubt that my year at BFEI is playing a major part in my understanding of the course content at UCD. I am very happy I decided to go to BFEI. I am thankful for the help from the lecturers, the friendships I made, as well as the opportunities presented to me to build my confidence and develop useful skills for a future in computer science.”



Mercy Musenga, Computer Science Graduate, 2020

“I was uncertain of my college choice after the Leaving Cert and took the Computer Science Course offered by BFEI and truthfully, it was the best decision I have ever made. My experience in BFEI was unimaginable. The lecturers were passionate, professional, and pleasant to be around with. The small class size helped students connect more with their lecturers. The subjects given were practical and helped me build a foundation before going to do Computer Science at TUD. Due to COVID-19, online classes can be very difficult as a first year, but thanks to my previous knowledge from studying in BFEI, I was able to apply my skills onto my projects without worry. While at BFEI, I took part in the Erasmus+ Program for Work Experience. I went to Utrecht, Netherlands with 9 other students and it was the most memorable trip I have ever experienced. Not only was I able to expand my knowledge and improve my skills while working abroad, but also gained many precious memories for the future. It was an amazing way to connect with new people and associate with a company that I could possibly work with again in the future.”



Jaycel Estrellado, Computer Science Graduate, 2020



Computer Networks and Cyber Security

QQI Level 5 5M0536

COURSE CODE: CNS

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can these qualifications take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you can pursue careers in the IT industry including:

- Technical Support Specialist
- Field Service Technician
- IT Security Technician
- Help-desk Technician

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BTech Networking Technologies or Bachelor of Engineering

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc in Computing - Digital Forensics & Cyber Security

Technological University Dublin [Blanchardstown] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc in Cybercrime and IT Security

Institute of Technology Carlow - www.itcarlow.ie

BSc in Computer Science

University College Dublin - www.ucd.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Do you want to get hands-on practice in building and troubleshooting networks? Are you interested in learning the skills to defend networks against cyber attacks? By doing this course, you will be able to build and configure local area networks (LANs) to enable the sharing of computing resources among users. Protection of data is now a priority for all businesses. As well as learning the fundamentals of computer network security, this course will equip you with the skills to identify security threats and appropriate mitigation strategies.

What will I study?

QQI Certificate in Computer Systems and Networks

- Computer Systems Hardware
- Operating Systems
- Networking Essentials
- Distributed Systems
- Virtualisation
- Maths
- Communications
- Work Experience

CISCO:

- Cyber Security Essentials

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualifications will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Computer Systems and Networks (5M0536) and CISCO Cyber Security Essentials.

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?


Assessment for the QQI Award is based on a combination of assignments and exams. CISCO certification is awarded following successful completion of on-line testing.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

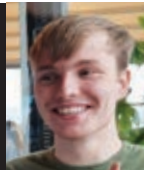
- Setup and troubleshoot networks.
- Respond to customer technical support queries in a professional manner.
- Implement mitigation techniques to secure networks.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I found the Computer Networks course in BFEI to be genuinely fantastic. I already had an interest in computers and cybersecurity so this course was perfect for me. Before doing the course, I didn't do well in the Leaving Cert and I had dropped out of my previous course so I was feeling a little lost but I decided to give my education one more shot and enrolled at BFEI. After successfully completing it, I can say my only regret is not doing the course sooner. The learning environment was excellent and so were all of the Lecturers. The smaller class size meant I could ask more questions and had more one to one attention from the Lecturers. As well as being great for my studies, BFEI also provided me the opportunity to meet a mix of fun and interesting people. I'm delighted to say that I'm now studying Computer Science at UCD and it wouldn't have been possible without this course and the great teachers behind it. Thank you BFEI for providing this opportunity. ”

Myles McManus, Computer Networks & Cyber Security, Graduate, 2020



“ After completing my Leaving Certificate, I spent ten years working as a barman. I had always had an interest in fixing computers and IT networking. I decided to enrol in the Computer Networks & Cyber Security course in BFEI. I found all the elements of the course very enjoyable and instructive. Having started from a position of having little experience with the inner workings of a computer, the course gave me great confidence in assembling and disassembling computers. The hands-on elements of building and troubleshooting IT systems were very enjoyable. Shortly after completing the course, I started work as a Technician with CompuB, I am now employed by Milestone Technologies as an IT Technician, currently I am sub-contracted to work in Facebook. The work is very interesting and varied. I am delighted with the choice I made to go to BFEI, it has opened many doors for me that otherwise would not have been possible. ”

Paul Lynch, Computer Networks & Cyber Security Graduate, 2018



Creative Writing and Digital Publishing

QQI Level 5 5M5048

COURSE CODE: CDP

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Mornings

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA (Hons) Contemporary Visual Culture or BA (Hons) Print and Digital Media Technology Management

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BA (Hons) English, Media and Cultural Studies

IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) Marketing and Digital Media

Waterford Institute of Technology - www.wit.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of the course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Digital Publishing
- Online Content Design
- Graphic Layout
- Digital Marketing
- Journalism

Is this course for you?

Do you want to find your own voice? Do you want to explore your creative potential in the world of literature, writing for online journalism, film and television? Or maybe start that novel you always promised yourself you would write one day! On this course, you will learn the craft of writing, reading and editing. You will be guided by a committed department of writers and designers, alongside well know guest writers/speakers. You will also learn how to present your creative work online with key skills such as script writing, photography, content layout and image editing.

What will I study?

- Creative Writing
- Script Writing
- Communications
- Desktop Publishing (InDesign)
- Computer Illustrated Graphics (Illustrator)
- Digital Photography
- Digital Marketing
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice, help with CV preparation and LinkedIn profile is provided by Guidance and Career Service.
- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Creative Media (5M5048).

How will I be assessed for the qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Use language to set the tone of the narrative and plot the development to create intrigue for the reader.
- Employ the skill of characterisation and construct different ways of telling the same story.
- Critique your own work and the work of others.
- Design and layout the story using InDesign.
- Design and manipulate images.
- Source publishers and agents.
- Develop a social media marketing campaign for your publication.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie

“ I really enjoyed the Creative Writing & Digital Publishing course at BFEI where I acquired invaluable skills. The beautifully renovated building with state-of-the-art facilities was a pleasure and conducive to study with dedicated supportive teaching staff. As well as learning the software InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop and Premier Pro, I became proficient in the intricacies of Digital Marketing and Social Media Campaigns. I was inspired by visiting authors. In addition to creative writing for novel and short story, I acquired the skill of script writing for tv, film and radio. My favourite was the hands-on immersive deep dive into film making. Now I understand what it takes to create a really good movie. I would wholeheartedly recommend this course. I am using all these skills in my further studies at the UCDC Innovation Academy. ”

Phil Tung, Creative Writing & Digital Publishing Graduate, 2020





Games Design and Development

QQI Level 5 5M5048

COURSE CODE: GDD

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BA in Games Design

Technological University Dublin [City] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc (Hons) Computer Games Development

Institute of Technology Carlow - www.itcarlow.ie

BSc (Hons) Games Art & Design

Limerick Institute of Technology – Clonmel www.lit.ie

BSc (Hons) Computing in Games Development

Institute of Technology Dundalk – www.dkit.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

Is this course for you?

Have you ever played a game and thought “I could have created a better game”?

Do you have a flair for drawing and sketching? On this course you will learn how to take the design and software tools of game design to create new gaming experiences. We believe the key to becoming a successful games designer is not just having the skills but having the knowledge of how to use creative and technical skills together. You will learn how to fuse the technical and the creative aspects of game development by combining the skill of art and design (storyboarding, character development and drawing) with computing (3D, coding and graphics). This will provide you with a well-rounded foundation to further your game development career either at degree level, or follow an indie path.

What will I study?

- Animation Layout Design (Drawing)
- Games Analysis Design (Unity)
- Imaging Processing (3D Photoshop)
- Computer 3D Modelling and Animation
- Object Oriented Programming (C#)
- Responsive Web Design (HTML5, CSS3 & Dreamweaver CC)
- Communications
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice, help with CV preparation and LinkedIn profile is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- You will use the eLearning system Moodle.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Creative Media (5M5048).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Understand gaming concepts.
- Conceptualise and storyboard a game.
- Apply creative design principles.
- Design, build and program games.
- Create assets for use on multiple platforms.
- Create a basic 3D game.
- Animate basic 3D models.

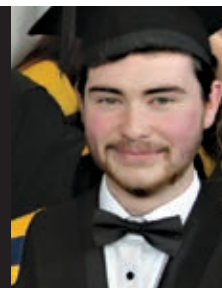
How do I apply?

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“ BFEI gave me the confidence and attitude needed for success. Being surrounded by like-minded people, down-to-earth Lecturers and an accepting environment made me feel like I knew what to do. With great modules, it set me up for many fields of work even outside of the gaming industry, while also strengthening my skills and knowledge in creating games. The C# Programming, 3D Modelling and Game’s Analysis classes were extremely helpful to me, especially now being in TU Dublin’s Games Design degree course. ”

Jason Quinn, Games Design & Development Graduate, 2019





Web Design and Digital Media

QQI Level 5 5M5048

COURSE CODE: WDM

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days Mornings Option
(Subject to availability)

Where can this qualification take me?

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDIES

If you want to get a degree, then you can apply through the CAO system for entry into courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme such as:

BSc (Hons) in Creative Computing
IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) in Creative Digital Media
Technological University Dublin
[Blanchardstown] - www.tudublin.ie

BSc (Hons) Creative Multimedia
Limerick Institute of Technology – Clonmel
www.lit.ie

BSc in Multimedia
Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

Check out more progression options by downloading the BFEI Progression Pathways Chart at www.bfei.ie

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of the course, you can pursue careers in a range of areas including:

- Digital Media
- Web Design and Development
- Advertising
- Digital Publishing
- Mobile Technologies
- eLearning and Training

Is this course for you?

Do you enjoy working with computers and have an aptitude for creativity and design? Are you interested in designing and coding for the web and mobile devices? This Web and Digital Media course will respond to your needs by providing you with a strong foundation for entry into the online digital media sector. A practical approach to teaching and learning is taken and assessments are modelled on industry practices.

What will I study?

- Image Processing (Photoshop)
- Computer Illustrated Graphics (Illustrator)
- Web Design (HTML5, CSS3 & Dreamweaver CC)
- Graphic Design Skills
- Advertising
- Animation (Animate)
- Team Working
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Field Trips and participation in the Annual Design Exhibition.
- In conjunction with an external Government agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- Career advice, help with CV preparation and LinkedIn profile is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- You will use the e-learning platform Moodle.



What are the entry requirements?

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- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually for suitability.

What qualification will I get when I finish the course?

You will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Creative Media (5M5048).

How will I be assessed for this qualification?


Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

What skills will I have when I finish?

You will have gained the knowledge and skills to:

- Plan, design, and build websites based on the fundamental principles of usability, accessibility and search engine optimisation.
- Design and manipulate photographs and vector graphics for web and print.
- Apply the principles of graphic design to all projects.
- Understand the principles of advertising and working in teams.

How do I apply?

 Apply on-line at www.bfei.ie



I chose the Web Design and Digital Media Course with trepidation, as a complete 'newbie' to graphic design and all things media but really, I did not need to worry. This course is varied, it accommodates all levels, it is fully engaging, practical and most of all, extremely enjoyable. This course gives you such a wide insight into the world of Digital Design and Creative Media and allows you to define your strengths and preferences along the way. The content is interesting and relevant, and the teachers are helpful and generous, as well as providing a lot of additional knowledge from their wealth of experience. I thoroughly enjoyed this course, especially all the practical project work and the teamwork elements. I also really enjoyed working alongside my fellow students in a close and friendly environment. It gave me a huge sense of achievement and confidence to pursue a career in a subject which was so new to me.

Alison Fulluck, Web Design & Digital Media Graduate, 2020



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Classes are held on Monday, and Tuesday evenings: 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Applications for September 2021 are accepted from June 2021

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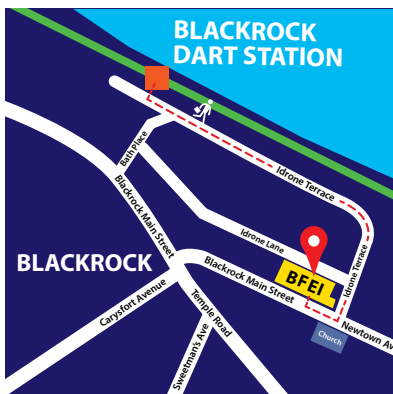
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