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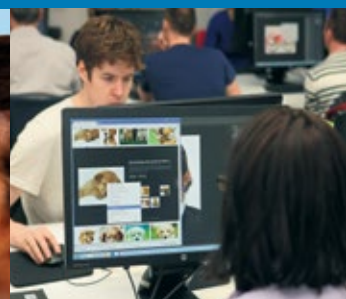
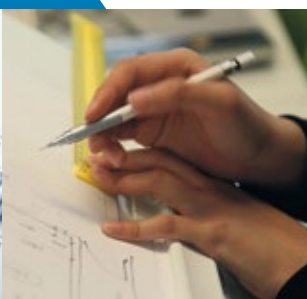
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COMPUTING,
NETWORKS &
DIGITAL DESIGN

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
2023/2024

 Wednesday 24th May 2023
2pm to 4pm

 Monday 4th September 2023
1pm to 4pm

 Wednesday 17th January 2024
10am to 4pm

Check www.bfei.ie for updates

Welcome to Blackrock Further Education Institute's (BFEI) prospectus for the 2023/2024 academic year. We are glad that you have picked up this prospectus as we are extremely proud of all that is on offer here in the Institute. This Prospectus gives you a flavour of what we believe makes BFEI such a vibrant, happy and exceptional place to continue your studies. At BFEI, we strive to create an environment that is committed to excellence and innovation, where we all give our best, in order to achieve the best possible academic standards.

Our aim is to prepare our learners for further study or for entering the workforce and to participate fully in the community in which they live and work. Choosing the right course in the right place is an important decision. We have exciting and interesting courses that you may like to enrol on. We offer courses at Levels 5 and 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications, as well as International Qualifications, in areas including Computing, Business, Community & Emergency Services, Beauty & Holistic Therapies and Design.

We want you to succeed and our courses are designed to help our learners achieve their full potential. BFEI welcomes learners of all ages, abilities and nationalities. We are proud of our learner-centred approach, one that places the needs of each learner first and foremost. We have high expectations of all our students, motivating and supporting them to achieve to the highest level and reach their full potential.

Our professional team of teachers and staff are deeply committed to engage students with best practice methodologies and create a positive learning environment. Our College is staffed by professional teachers who work with you to achieve your goals. We see the student/teacher relationship as a team; your success is our success. We provide the best opportunities, to ensure each student can meet their academic goals, be that gaining an internationally recognised qualification that leads to employment, or the opportunity to undertake a qualification with BFEI, that prepares graduates to progress to and transition to a Higher Education Institute. Our philosophy is based on the highest expectations, doing the simple things right and that academic effort will be rewarded.

BFEI is an Erasmus+ accredited college. This means that BFEI now has greater flexibility and sustainability, when planning to send students on work placement mobilities and that we can build on and foster international relationships with our educational partners in Malaga, Tenerife and the Netherlands. Participation in these programmes adds an extra dimension to the learning experience for students and allows travelling students to expand their horizons.

We are confident that BFEI's calm and friendly working atmosphere, combined with our strong focus on achievement, along with our excellent facilities and campus, provides students with a great place to learn and succeed in Dublin.

As a teaching team of Principal, Deputy Principals, Assistant Principals and teachers, we believe in setting high expectations for our students, supporting their further growth and development, creating opportunities and space for students to experience a sense of belonging and working towards academic excellence and their individual potential.

We are as excited about your future as you are and look forward to working with you, if you choose to apply to the Institute, to realise your goals whatever they may be. Learning is for everyone. Whatever your starting point, you will find a warm welcome in BFEI. Why not come to one of our Open Days and experience it for yourself? We wish you well in whatever course you choose.

Tina Reddin
Principal



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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 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.

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/OR 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 <https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/qqi-awards/going-to-higher-education-using-my-qqi-award-learner>



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, UCD, NUI Maynooth 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.



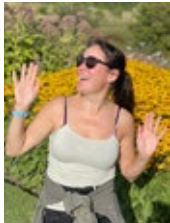
"After many years travelling, I decided to return to Ireland and enhance my education. After looking at various options, I applied for a place on the Computer Networks & Cyber Security course in BFEI, and I was accepted.

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



"If you are at all in two minds about returning to study, I would say "Do it, do it, do it!!!!". There are so many reasons why some of us never fully engage with learning in the first two decades of our lives. Whatever your reason, should you choose to return to study,

you will find in BFEI, a very dedicated team of tutors and support staff whose input and collaboration will enhance your experience from the outset. It is a place where the old and the new come together offering the perfect backdrop for grasping the merit of your total life experience and merging it with new learning. Outside the classroom, ornate features, leafy ferns, sweeping sun-filled windows and coffees with classmates by the sea are some of the highlights. Inside the classroom, the course content is varied, thought-provoking and often confronting. Personal and educational challenges lurk in every assignment. Excitement and enthusiasm turn to overwhelm, fears of being out of your depth or not belonging, but slowly and steadily turn to self-belief, good command and friendship. Before you know it, you will begin to confidently plan your next step. Be yourself, make known any areas in which you need support. Use the Guidance Counselling service, not just for educational needs, but also for personal ones - they are an amazing resource and you will be all the better for it. It is a short year, one that may alter the course of your life. It offers deep understanding of yourself and those around you and is a fantastic way to identify if you're headed in the right direction. I am now furthering my studies and undertaking a degree in Counselling and Psychotherapy at the Irish College of Humanities & Applied Sciences.

Meg Cooney,

Applied Psychology Graduate, 2022

The Essential Office Applications 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,

Essential Office Applications Graduate, 2018



"Having recently crossed the 50 years of age milestone, the plan to return to full time education wasn't top of my to-do list, but then again neither was the idea of staying at home full time along with the rest of the world to stem the spread

of COVID-19. I've always been creative, but never had much confidence to explore my creativity. The full-time Product Design Course at BFEI allowed me the freedom to design and make items I never even thought of before. The Tutors, having obviously come from design professions were wonderfully encouraging and very patient and just lovely folk! In the topsy turvy world we find ourselves in, since completing the course, I have returned to working in broadcasting, but now I know how to use Adobe software properly, I can use AutoCAD with confidence and I can explore my creative side professionally - all from a few months of expert guidance from some really wonderful people. Doing the course was definitely a good decision. I would encourage anyone young or old, who's wondering if they should do a course in BFEI to do it. Worst case - you can back out, but you might just enjoy it and discover some hidden talents and some new friends along the way!"

Declan Browne,

Product Design Graduate, 2021

"My passion always lay with the beauty industry but after school I chose to go to university. But my heart was just not in the course at university, so I entered the workforce. Having worked for a while, I decided to do Beauty Therapy at BFEI.

I had the best 2 years in BFEI, qualifying in both ITEC Beauty & Body Therapies and CIDESCO - I cannot recommend this year enough, it will take you anywhere in the world. My CIDESCO qualification helped me massively to get where I am today in the industry. Throughout my CIDESCO year, I also qualified in ITEC Laser Hair Removal and IPL. I went on to become Area Manager for one of Europe's Largest Aesthetic Companies - Thérapie Clinic, having worked my way up from a skin and laser specialist over the years and into management.

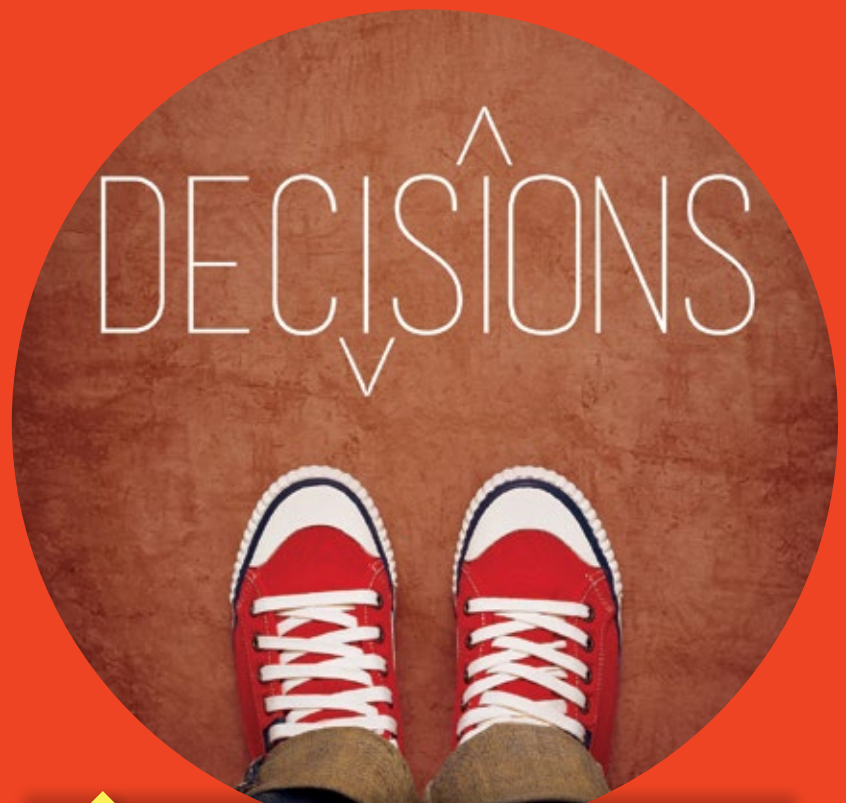
I am forever grateful for the encouragement and support from the Tutors at BFEI, I could not have done it without them or the friends I had made during my time there. The Tutors invest so much time and energy into their students to guide them on their journey. I would advise budding therapists that this is the most rewarding career, and the world is your oyster.

Sarah Kelly,

Beauty & Body Therapy Graduate, 2014



Decision Time? Don't Mind The GAP!



"I went back to full time study to pursue law after a Mobile App Company that I co-founded was acquired by another company. The BFEI Pre-University Law Course was recommended by a friend who had graduated from the course a few years ago. This course is a fantastic springboard to further study but is equally valuable as a standalone course. As well as breaking down complex subjects in a very understandable way, the Lecturers are incredibly supportive and the college is really engaged in helping students plan their path forward. As a smaller college, the level of access students have to Lecturers makes for a much less daunting experience than some of the larger universities and while the emphasis is, of course, on achieving academic results, being able to engage like this, gives students a very practical knowledge of the subjects studied. Students also get the opportunity to see the law in practice through court visits and the opportunity to gain work experience with legal professionals.



For students hoping to go on to further studies, the breadth of subjects covered gives an invaluable insight into the areas that most appeal to you. I am now lucky enough to be studying for the Diploma in Legal Studies at King's Inns and without doubt the course in BFEI was a major factor in gaining my place there and the grounding in law subjects we studied, now stands to me every day. "

Caroline Malone,
Pre-University Law Graduate, 2021



"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. The BFEI 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 highly recommend BFEI as a place to begin your study adventure, you never know where it may take you".

Martha Byrne,
Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing Graduate, 2019

Q:

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

Q:

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

Q:

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

A:

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 with Oculus Quest 2 VR Headsets
- ICT Learning Centre
- Access to the Blackrock Public Library
- 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



Spreading the *Love*...

Valentine's Day was celebrated in style with a spectacular balloon drop in the BFEI atrium. The sound of the countdown to the balloon drop reverberated around the campus to the cheers of all and signalled the start of a return to some normality for the students of 2021/2022. A special thanks goes to the organisers and to the BFEI Caretakers who brought many of the remaining balloons to the children in the neighbouring crèches. It was lovely to see the children coming out at the end of their day shouting to their Mums, "I got a balloon". Spreading the love to the next generation...



It's Speakers **IN** and Trips **OUT**!

Entrepreneurs & Dragons...

Entrepreneurship is integral to many courses, and to help foster and develop this important area, some guest speakers are invited to the Institute and we also work with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO). We were thrilled that one of the founders of **BiaSol**, Ruairi Dooley took the time to meet our Business and Marketing students and tell them about their journey to start upcycling food and rethink the "take, make, waste model". **BiaSol's** highly nutritious foods are made from repurposed leftover grains from the brewing industry. Their proposition is simple, it's **good for you and good for our planet**. Established in 2020, **BiaSol** has gone from strength to strength, winning awards and featuring on many programmes including RTE's Nationwide and Ear To The Ground. We wish them continued success in the future.

The **BiaSol** presentation from Ruairi was a wonderful opportunity to bring practice to life in our classrooms and offered great insights into setting up a business. This provided food for thought for student's own projects where they take ideas, from a concept to the next level, in a Dragon's Den style format with support and mentoring from the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown LEO. We will have to watch this space to see what budding entrepreneurs emerge!



After BFEI... Progression Pathways

Many talks and trips are organised in the Institute throughout the year to enhance student's experience on their courses and also so that students have information on progression pathways after successful completion of their course at BFEI. A wide variety

Careers Day for Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance and Pre-Garda Studies Courses

Pre-Paramedic and Pre-Garda students enjoyed a very successful trip to the Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI). Now well established in the academic calendar, the Careers Day, included talks on the optional Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) approved training courses which are offered to the Pre-Paramedic and Pre-Garda Studies students, in conjunction with their QQI qualification, including Fire Week, Emergency First Responder (EFR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Courses. Students also heard information on the varied career paths that our BFEI Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance graduates can follow in the Army, Gardai, Airport, Private Ambulance Sector, HSE and NHS.



Highlights of the day included talks by BFEI graduates who are now working in the Emergency Services. Combat Medic Jamie Bowes chartered out his progression path since graduating at BFEI and completing the EMT course at ESTI. Having started his career in the Dublin Airport Search Unit, where many BFEI graduates have worked, Jamie then moved into the Army in the Cavalry Corps. From there he progressed to work in the Air Corps as an EMT Airman on their helicopters and has since returned to work as a Combat Medic in the Army. BFEI graduate, Laurie Baxter, now a Firefighter & Paramedic with Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB), gave an insight into a more traditional progression route. Laurie told students that she has achieved a career goal working in DFB. She explained how she began her career by doing a course in Life Guarding and then progressed to BFEI in 2016. Having completed her EMT training with ESTI in 2017, Laurie later joined the DFB.

BFEI Graduates Jamie Bowes & Laurie Baxter picture at the Careers Day at ESTI



of on-line events were organised for students in the Computing, Networks & Digital Design Department including online workshops on *Rock Your LinkedIn Profile*, and a *Growth Mindset Workshop*. There was a talk on National Apprenticeships in IT delivered by FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology) and a talk from **Havok** for the Gaming students.



We were also delighted that on-site talks resumed including informative presentations from Maynooth University and UCD, to students undertaking courses in the Business & Law and Community Emergency & Healthcare Departments.



Both Jamie and Laurie sincerely thanked BFEI for a great start in their careers and gave a very inspirational insight into their careers to current BFEI students who returned to the Institute with renewed enthusiasm to get their qualifications and follow in their footsteps.



Erasmus+ Mobility Programme - More Opportunities for BFEI Students

As a leading participant in Erasmus+ Programmes throughout Europe, BFEI is delighted to announce the resumption of this programme in 2023 following a hiatus arising from COVID-19. More BFEI students than ever before will avail of this initiative, whereby students are funded and supported to do work placements across Europe.

In Spring 2023, students from the Beauty Therapy and Make-Up Courses will head to Tenerife, students from the Business, Psychology and Design courses will make a trip to Malaga for their placement and Utrecht will be the destination for the placement for students from the Computing Department. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students and brings an international dimension to studying at BFEI. We wish them well on this exciting journey and we know that they will gain hugely from this experience. Feedback from past participants has been overwhelmingly positive as illustrated below 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 time and I've come back with more confidence, and a good idea of what it is like to live and work abroad.

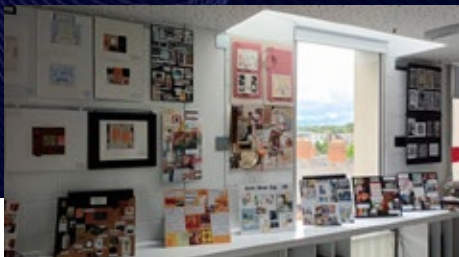
It made me realise that in the future, if I want to travel, I'm not limited to English speaking countries.

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.





More Success for BFEI Design Students

It was wonderful to be able to hold the Annual Design Exhibition once again at our Blackrock Campus. The students put on an amazing show. Exhibits were on display from all disciplines including Interior Architecture & Design, Landscape Architecture, Graphic Design and Product Design. The end of year exhibition was an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students who had presented their portfolios for entry to degree programmes and had received excellent points, and also to mark the success of a group of Landscape Architecture students who had secured their places on the UCD BSc in Landscape Architecture.



An integral element of the work of the Design Department is engagement with the local community where design students use their skills in real life projects working to client's briefs. We were delighted when the entry from Graphic Design student, Olga Porcu (pictured above), was selected as the winner of a competition to design a tourist map of Blackrock. This competition was sponsored by the Blackrock Business Network (BBN), coordinated by Vivienne Bradley and awarded by Tom Feeney, Chair of the BBN. All at BFEI congratulate Olga on this achievement and we are very pleased to support and to be associated with this local community initiative.



Welcome... Witamy... Próshu...

BFEI welcomes a broad student profile each year. This year, we were particularly delighted to welcome the many Ukrainian students who took up offers of places on a range of our courses. They, along with all other international students, who participate on BFEI courses, greatly contribute to and enrich the learning experience for all. To extend a welcome to them, a small get together, that was held in our cafeteria in November, was enjoyed by all who attended.



Enjoying pizza day in the cafeteria... Buonissimo...



Winners All Round...



In March 2022, students competed for the prestigious Matis student of the year award, which was held in the Matis Headquarters in Dublin. Two winners emerged from the event, Sadhbh Cosgrave, from the BFEI Make-Up Artistry Course and Tracey Doolan from the BFEI Beauty & Body Therapy Course. While all of the participants received a big goodie bag of products and certificates to acknowledge their participation, the two winners were presented with a voucher each for €1000 to spend on Matis products. What a terrific prize! So well done to all involved. The winners are pictured above, receiving their award from Matis Trainer, Barbod Kavanagh.

And the Silver Axe Award goes to...

At Dublin Fire Brigade's (DFB) passout parade for their 2022 recruits, which was held in front of the Lord Mayor of Dublin & South Dublin County Council, Peter Kavanagh, along with the Chief Fire Officer, Dennis Keely. The prestigious **Silver Axe Award** from DFB for best recruit went to BFEI Graduate, Conor Barry. Well done Conor, all at BFEI are very proud of your success and wish you all the best in your future career.



BFEI Student Council

The Student Council is formed by the cohort of elected class representatives and is the student voice in the college. The remit of the representative is to ensure that BFEI continues to remain relevant to the needs of the student body and to inform future development. Class representatives also act as a communication channel between their class group and their Course Co-ordinator. Two representatives from the Student Council become the student nominees on the BFEI Board of Management.



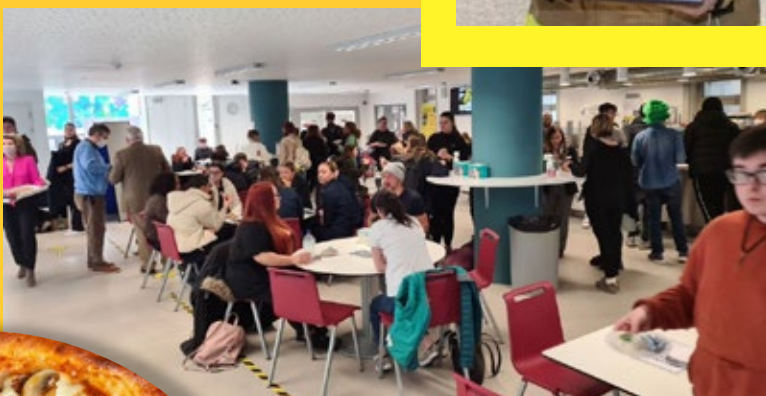
BFEI Student Society

As a constituent College of Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), the BFEI Student Society links in with the DDLETB Student Society which comprises of representatives from the other DDLETB Further Education Colleges. The BFEI Student Society is a group of 5-7 volunteers that are invited to organize and encourage social events. The BOM provides support for the Student Society and welcomes ideas that bring a social dimension to the college experience and create a fun environment conducive to learning.

The events organised by the DDLETB Student Society vary year to year. Past events have included:

- A Zombie Run
- A Christmas Charity event in aid of St. Vincent de Paul
- A Christmas Social Outing
- Inter college competitions in bowling, football and also some quizzes.

Participation is actively encouraged in activities organised by the Student Society as these activities provide opportunities for personal development, teamwork and leadership development.



Celebrating the Class of 2021/2022



We were delighted to be able to return to the familiar surrounds of the O'Reilly Hall in UCD in May 2022 to mark the achievements of the graduates of 2021/2022 in person at the annual Graduation and Awards Ceremony. Taking time to acknowledge the success and accomplishments of our graduates in the company of their families and friends is always a very special occasion. In his address, BFEI Principal, Tom Taylor, paid special tribute to the graduates of 2021/2022 for overcoming the challenges posed by COVID-19 throughout the year and said, that while their college experience could not be described as 'normal', they succeeded nonetheless.

The CEO of Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB, Caitriona Murphy was on-hand to present the certificates and offer congratulations to graduates as they embark on the next stage of their journey whether that was to further studies or employment.

There were a number of special Awards presented at the ceremony. The Dr Alistair Somerville Ford Award for Academic Excellence is awarded to the academically highest achieving student from the Business and Computing Departments. Aoife Cosgrave was the recipient of the Award in the Business Department and she is pictured below being presented with her Award by Brian Mooney, Chair of the BFEI Board of Management.



The final Award presented at the ceremony was the CIDESCO Excellence Award for 2022 which went to Shauna Balfe from the Advanced Beauty Therapies Course.

Shauna is pictured below receiving the CIDESCO Excellence Award from Brian Mooney, Chair of the BFEI Board of Management.



Alyena Narbey pictured receiving the Dr Somerville Award for Academic Excellence in Computing from Brian Mooney, Chair of the BFEI Board of Management.

In the Computing Department, the Dr Somerville Award for Academic Excellence was jointly awarded to Computer Science graduate Aleyna Narbey and Computer Networks graduate, Herberts Martinsons.



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 €100 prior to course commencement.
- 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 may qualify 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 into 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

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. Applicants who complete the registration process will secure their place on their chosen course. Early registration is advisable. You should note that if a course is over-subscribed, it will be deemed that places will have been secured by applicants paying their fees on a firstcome basis. Courses commence in mid-September.

**Open Days
2023/2024**



Wednesday 24th May 2023
2pm to 4pm



Monday 4th September 2023
1pm to 4pm



Wednesday 17th January 2024
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
- Business Law
- Business Management
- Taxation
- Spreadsheets

Year 2: Diploma for Accounting Technicians

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Taxation
- Management Accounting
- Financial Data Management

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 online 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
- Business Law
- Business Management
- Taxation
- Spreadsheets

Year 2

- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Advanced Taxation
- Management Accounting
- Financial Data Management

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 online 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
South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.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.
- You will gain experience using Oculus Quest 2 VR Headsets.

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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ I started the Auctioneering course in my twenties, having done my Leaving Cert five years earlier. From the second we started, everything was positive. The teachers interacted with us very clearly, so we knew exactly what was required to succeed. Being part of a small group helped a good deal, as it meant we could ask questions and seek support throughout the year, and this helped me to really understand the property business. I would 100% recommend BFEI - the course provides lots of options, and the excellent career guidance and support helped throughout the year, but also on future plans. I am now studying at Technological University, Dublin. ”

Matas Galinis, Auctioneering, Estate Agency & Valuation Graduate, 2022





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
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.ie*

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.



“ I graduated from the Pre-University Law Course in 2022, which is a Level 5 qualification in Legal Studies. I was always interested in law and started this course after some time in engineering.

I thoroughly enjoyed the course, and despite no previous experience, I gained tremendous knowledge.

The BFEI facilities are excellent, with PCs and laptops in every room, a beautiful building, and great access to public transport. The progression routes to third level were key to my reasons for studying for the Pre-University Law course. I would 100% recommend the course to anyone hoping for a career in law.



Cathal Maher, Pre-University Law Graduate, 2022

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 online 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 & 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 & 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 online 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 am now doing 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 & 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 Applied 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:

- 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

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 online 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 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 & 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 & 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) - Business 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
- 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.

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

How will I be assessed for these qualifications?

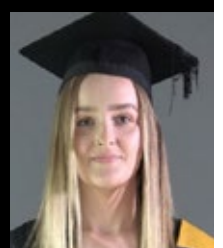
Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“ I completed the Certificate in Business Studies in 2021/2022. I really enjoyed the classes. The teachers were very supportive, and I made some amazing friends in a lovely class. The facilities, including the Learning Centre, were great. I was delighted to be honoured at graduation with the Dr Alistair Sommerville-Ford Award for Academic Excellence which is an annual award to the highest achieving student from the Business Department. I am now studying Business and Law in UCD, which I secured as my CAO first choice through the Higher Education Links Scheme. The Business Studies course at BFEI really helped me to identify my interests and I highly recommend it. ”

Aoife Cosgrave, Business and Management Graduate, 2022





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) in Digital Marketing
Technological University Dublin
[Blanchardstown or Tallaght]
- www.tudublin.ie

BA (Hons) Digital Business & Innovation
Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

BSc (Hons) Marketing, Innovation & Technology
Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

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

BA (Hons) Digital Marketing & Sales
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:

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

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

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?

- In conjunction with the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 online 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





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)
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.ie

BSc Architectural Technology
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.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.
- You will gain experience using Oculus Quest 2 VR Headsets.
- 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 online 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 & Design

Atlantic Technological University [Sligo] - www.atu.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 online 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)
South East Technological University
[Waterford] – www.setu.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 online at www.bfei.ie

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I decided to study at BFEI after I did some research into the Landscape Architecture course and believed that it would be a good stepping-stone into university. I found the course to be such a perfect mix of exploring environmental factors with aspects of design and encouraging us to change the world around us for the better. The course has such a wide approach to the different design mediums and through the help of the teachers, and my own persistence with the course content, I gained confidence in my own abilities as a designer. As a result of this course, I was able to progress onto a Bachelors in Urban Planning & Design in the Netherlands, where I am currently in my first year. I believe this course allowed me to develop my own underlying talents and even allowed me to achieve things, such as moving away from home, that seemed completely out of reach just a year ago.

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Afric Gaynor, Landscape Architecture Graduate, 2021





Garden Design

QQI Level 5 5M2208

COURSE CODE: GDN

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 4 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)
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.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 online 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

South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.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
- 3d Modelling and Animation
- 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.
- 3d Printing and Digital 3d Scanning.

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 online 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 third 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
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ I am extremely grateful for the amazing experience I had during my time on the Graphic Design Course at BFEI. I was worried that not having studied Art in secondary school, I would find the adjustment to a creative course difficult. I quickly learned that my teachers were positive, collaborative, and reassuring. They took the time to teach me valuable skills in my chosen discipline, as well as encourage my growth as a student. There was a rewarding balance of project-based and theory-based work, which was very beneficial in preparing me for a Bachelor's Degree. My favourite assignments completed during the course were the Album Cover and Movie Poster design projects. My teachers in BFEI were also incredibly helpful when creating my portfolio used for entry into higher level programmes. Without their support, I wouldn't be where I am now in my college career, studying for the BA in Design for Film at DLIADT. ”

Saskia Miller, Graphic Design Graduate, 2022





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

BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science & Out of Hospital Care

University of Sunderland - www.sunderland.ac.uk

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 Sports Science & Health

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, 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 & Fire Extinguisher Training)
- Breathing Apparatus
- Hazardous Substances
- Manual Handling and Patient Handling

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?

- You will be trained in the use of the new LUCAS Chest Compression Device which is used extensively by the National Ambulance Service.
- You may participate in training for mass casualty incidents in a joint initiative between Dublin Fire Brigade and An Garda Síochána.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.
- ESTI Careers Day.

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 online at www.bfei.ie

“During my year in BFEI, I qualified as a First Aid Responder (FAR), An Emergency First Responder, and a Fire Warden while also studying my QQI Level 5 subjects. I also completed the training for my Emergency Medical Technician qualification. This training allowed me to work as a FAR Instructor and enabled me to assist in COVID vaccination centres. Looking back in my year in BFEI, I must say that, even though it was mostly online, it has been the best year of my life so far and I would do it all again in a heartbeat. The teachers are honestly the best! I have dyslexia and the support I got from them and all the staff in BFEI was second to none. This included providing assistive technology and one-on-one tutorials and this has helped to me to succeed and progress to where I am today. I thought about progressing to study Paramedic Science in St George's University in London, but I've changed my plans for now. I'm working with the Lifeline Ambulance Service and really enjoying the job. I honestly couldn't thank the teachers and staff in BFEI enough for helping me to achieve my goals and get me to where I am.”

Corey Delahunt, Pre-Paramedic Fire & Ambulance Graduate, 2022





Pre-Garda Studies

QQI Level 5 5M4468

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

South East Technological University [Carlow] – www.setu.ie

BA (Hons) Criminal Justice Studies

South East Technological University [Waterford] – www.setu.ie

BCL (Law & Criminology)

Maynooth University – www.nuimmaynooth.ie

BA Forensic Investigation & Analysis

Atlantic Technological University [Sligo] – www.atu.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. You will get an insight into the 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 course 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
- First Aid Responder (FAR) awarded by (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council) PHECC
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Exercise and Fitness
- Teamworking
- Work Experience
- Word Processing



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 training on the Garda interview process will be provided.
- You may participate in a range of workshops including Community Gardaí Workshops.
- Guest speakers and Field Trips.
- Additional Training option may be offered: Private Security Authority Ireland (PSA) Security and Guarding Skills.
- You may participate in training for mass casualty incidents in a joint initiative between Dublin Fire Brigade and An Garda Síochána.
- You will be trained in the use of the new LUCAS Chest Compression Device which is used extensively by the Emergency Services.

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 online at www.bfei.ie

“On completion of the Pre-Garda Studies course I took at BFEI during 2020/2021, I went on to work in the private security sector while awaiting the next Garda recruitment to come up. BFEI helped me gain an in-depth understanding of the workings of An Garda Síochána and the confidence to apply, knowing that I have a great chance of being successful in the next competition, due to the knowledge I learned on the course and the help from my Lecturers. As a past student of this course, I would honestly encourage anyone who has the intention of applying to the Gardaí to take this course.”

Glen Wallace, Pre-Garda Studies Graduate, 2022





Security Studies with Criminology

QQI Level 5 5M2110

New

COURSE CODE: SSC

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Retail Security
- Prison Service
- Armed Forces
- Door Security
- Security Guarding

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) Law with Criminal Justice

Atlantic Technological University
[Letterkenny] – www.atu.ie

BA Law & Criminology

Maynooth University – www.nuimaynooth.ie

BA in Criminology

University College Cork – www.ucc.ie

BSc in Social Sciences

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?

Would you like to work as a Security Guard?

Do you want to enter a career in the private security industry or Defences services or Prison services? This Security Studies with Criminology Course at BFEI will provide you with a strong foundation in the skills necessary to pursue a career in the private security sector or progress to

Third level. You will obtain a grounding in the various legal aspects of security while also obtaining your Security Licence under the Private Security Services Act 2004.

You will also qualify as a FAR (First Aid Responder) awarded by PHECC (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council).

On successful completion of this course, you will have the skills and qualifications to work in the private security industry and in Retail Security as either Door Security or Static Guarding in both Ireland and abroad.

What will I study?

- Legal Practice and Procedures
- Security Industry Procedures
- Safety and Health at Work
- Retail Security
- Criminology
- Door Security Procedures
- Teamworking
- Work Experience

Optional Training*

- First Aid Responder awarded by PHECC
- Door Security Skills (Private Security Authority (PSA) Licence)
- Security Guarding Skills (PSA Licence)
- Manual Handling

* Optional training courses are delivered in conjunction with external providers currently the Emergency Services Training Institute, and will incur additional costs and take place during term break.



Will I do anything additional on the course?

- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided through the Guidance and Career Service
- Workshops
- Visits to Criminal Courts of Justice

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 Award in Security Studies (5M2110)

How will I be assessed for the qualification?

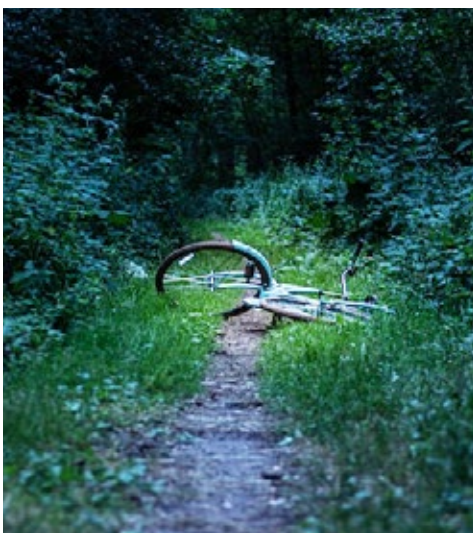
Assessment is based on a combination of assignments and exams.



How do I apply?



Apply online 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 or BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology
University College Dublin – www.ucd.ie

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

BA (Hons) Psychology or BA (Hons) in Social Care Practice
South East Technological University [Waterford] – www.setu.ie

BA (Hons) in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care Practice
South East Technological University [Wexford] – www.setu.ie

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

BA Psychology
Maynooth University – www.nuimaynooth.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 Europe (see www.eunicas.ie) or in the UK including:

BSc in Psychology or BSc in Psychology and Counselling
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.uwtsd.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

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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ I did the Applied Psychology Course in BFEI four years ago and then got into IADT, alongside four other students in my class. All five of us graduated from IADT in October 2021. Some of us are working now, some doing further study. I'm doing a Masters in Clinical Health Psychology at Queen's University Belfast this year and was awarded student of my year and student of the Institute at the IADT graduation ceremony. I just wanted to thank all at BFEI for providing me with the opportunity to get into college when I thought I had no other options. It has changed my life unimaginably and I think the QQI level 5 courses with links to Institutes and Universities are wonderful alternatives. So thank you all so much. What you guys do, really makes such a difference for some people! ”

Louise Horan Gahan, Applied Psychology Graduate, 2017



“ I thoroughly enjoyed my time at BFEI. Not only were the Lecturers both helpful and very kind but the friends I have made, I know I will have for life. My time there gave me clarity as to what career I would like to pursue and I am now studying on a degree programme at UCD. At BFEI, I really liked that I had the opportunity to develop a CV, interview skills and overall professionalism, as well as the relevant studies for our course. I would highly recommend BFEI to anyone looking to achieve a Level 5/6 Award. ”

Georgia Duff, Applied Psychology Graduate, 2022





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

BA Early Childhood Care & Education
South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.ie

BSc Early Childhood Education
Marino Institute of Education - www.mie.ie

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

BEd in Montessori Education
St. Nicholas Montessori College [Dún Laoghaire] - www.smsi.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 gaining 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 online 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





Course Graduate from 2022, Lynn Megan, pictured with her colleague, working in Lloyds Pharmacy, Frascati Centre, Blackrock.

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

BSc (Hons) Pharmaceutical Science*
South East Technological University [Waterford] – www.setu.ie

* Leaving Certificate Mathematics is a pre-requisite

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
South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.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.

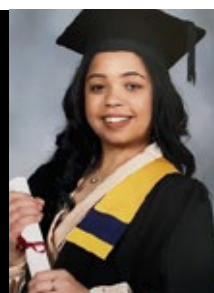
How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“ I always had an interest in working in healthcare, and after doing some work in a pharmacy, I was intrigued to know more about over the counter medication. I decided to do some research and I came across the OTC pharmacy course on the BFEI website, the course overview was so interesting, I had to apply straight away.

I was definitely expecting to learn about the OTC products and active ingredients but I came out with so much more knowledge on how these ingredients affect the body, nutrition, anatomy and physiology and even the retail sales side of working in pharmacy. The course was structured perfectly with just the right amount of information in each module to prepare you for the workplace.

I felt ready at the end of the course to start applying for jobs, as there are now many job opportunities available since completing this course. I am now applying to jobs as an OTC assistant where I can train in the pharmacy to be a Technician and work at the same time.



Nazlee Blows, Over The Counter Pharmacy Assistant Graduate, 2022



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)
South East Technological University
[Waterford] – www.setu.ie

BSc in Health & Society
Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition
Atlantic Technological University
[Galway] – www.atu.ie

BSc (Hons) in Nutrition & Health Science*
Technological University of Shannon
[Athlone] – www.tus.ie

* Leaving Certificate Mathematics is a pre-requisite

BSc (Hons) in Home Economics
Atlantic Technological University
[St. Angelas Sligo] – www.atu.ie

BSc (Hons) in Health & Physical Activity
Dundalk Institute of Technology –
www.dkit.ie

Higher Certificate in Science - Physiology and Health Science
South East Technological University
[Carlow] – www.setu.ie

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

As an alternative pathway, you could consider doing the Holistic Therapies Course or the Sports Massage Therapies Course at BFEI.

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 such as Healty Eating Day, Introduction to Meditation and Reflexology.
- 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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ 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 Wellbeing 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

South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.ie

BEd (Hons) Physical Education, Sports Studies & Arts

University College Cork - www.ucc.ie

Higher Certificate in Science - Physiology & Health Science

South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.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
 - Professional Practice
 - Principles of Health and Fitness
 - Principles of Soft Tissue Disfunction
 - 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.

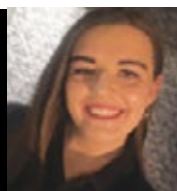
What are the entry requirements?

- 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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ I recently graduated from the Sports Massage Therapies Course at BFEI with two separate qualifications - the ITEC Certificate & Diploma in Sports Massage and the QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sports Recreation & Exercise. The range of modules on this particular course attracted me and led me to choosing BFEI over other institutes. Modules such as Anatomy & Physiology, Sports Exercise & Injury Prevention were very informative and linked well with the practical element of sports massage. Whilst a lot of the course took place during the pandemic, the Lecturers were extremely helpful and always willing to help with any questions about assignments and practicals etc. During my time at BFEI, I applied to several courses through the CAO with the aim of furthering my studies. There are also many options to study abroad such as in Scotland and the Netherlands, if Physiotherapy is your ideal course. I was offered a place through the CAO on a Sports Rehabilitation & Athletic Therapy Degree Course but turned it down as I was then offered my dream course of Physiotherapy in Edinburgh. Studying at BFEI gave me an insight into what a career in sports/physiotherapy might involve and for that I am grateful, as I gained invaluable knowledge, helping me to further my studies whilst solidifying my career choice.



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Ciara Jones, Sports Massage Therapies Graduate, 2021



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 Massage Therapies, Beauty & Body Therapy or Salon Management.

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 Qualifications in:

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

Year 2: ITEC Qualifications in:

- Aromatherapy
- Facial Skincare
- Lymphatic Drainage 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 On Site Massage.
- 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.

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie



I was a Beauty Therapist looking to change career and I chose to do the Holistic Therapies course at BFEI because of the college's fantastic reputation, and the great selection of subjects and workshops the course offers. I found the Tutors to be incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about the therapies, and they could not have been more supportive, both personally and professionally. The building and equipment are state of the art, and the treatment rooms are warm and pristine, it was always a very comfortable and relaxing environment which helped create a very pleasant learning experience. Towards the end of our academic year, we went into lockdown and the staff were amazing, they ensured we had all the resources and support we needed to successfully complete our assignments and exams online. After graduating, I went on to do the BFEI Salon Management Course, which gave me valuable skills to start my own business.

Deciding to study at BFEI was the best decision I ever made, it completely changed my life. I am now running a very successful Holistic Centre in Drogheda with another BFEI Holistic Therapies graduate. I cannot thank the staff enough for their hard work and dedication during my time there. Even after graduating, Tutors still offer any support when needed. Highly recommended! Thank you!



Gemma Donnelly, Holistic Therapies Graduate, 2020 & Salon Management Graduate, 2021





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:

Beauty & Body Therapy, Make-Up Artistry, Holistic Therapies or Salon Management

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, Threading and BIAB.
- You will gain experience in using Salon Management Software (Memento).
- 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 online at www.bfei.ie

“Applying to the Nail Technology Course in a pandemic year was daunting but absolutely worth every second. The teachers and staff at BFEI took everything in their stride and they were all a great help. Remote learning at home with online demos was difficult for everyone but we had constant support from very dedicated teachers. I couldn't recommend the course highly enough, from teachers, to class subjects and, of course, new friends during a difficult COVID-19 year. It was, in fact, a great year and we almost forgot all about the pandemic!”

The knowledge and expertise passed onto me from my nails teacher allowed me to gain well respected and recognised qualifications along with up-to-date techniques for the industry which gave me the confidence to feel work ready. In fact, thanks to my teacher, I have landed myself a job in an award-winning salon and I am really happy working at what I love to do. It's never too late to turn your life around and go after what you want, so bite the bullet and go for it!”

Hannah Thornton, Nail Technology with Eyelash & Eyebrow Treatments Graduate, 2021





Beauty and Body Therapy

ITEC & CIDESCO Certification

COURSE CODE: Year 1 BD1

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 & Hotel Industries
- 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:

Advanced Beauty Therapies, Salon Management, Nail Technology, Holistic Therapies or Make-Up Artistry.

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 for 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?

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

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 stay up-to-date with all the latest trends in the industry through workshops such as Micro Needling, Tanning Training, Thermal Auricular Candling, 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?

- 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**, Advanced Beauty Therapies, 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.

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“ I started in BFEI in 2017 when I was 20 years old. I had heard about the course through a family member and after researching the course myself, I saw they had so many great qualifications available for their students, as well as new facilities. I decided to do the Beauty & Body Therapy Course for two years and really enjoyed it. I obtained a wide skill set with ITEC and CIDESCO qualifications, met a great group of new friends and even got the opportunity to travel to Tenerife for 3 weeks on an Erasmus+ which was an incredible experience.

After two years in Beauty & Body Therapy, I decided I would like to broaden my qualifications further and do the Nail Technician Course because I know how popular nails are in the industry. That course includes acrylic and gel applications, gel and shellac polish application, nail art, e-file and true dip training. All of this equipped me so well for my new salon job which I got straight out of college. I would highly recommend these courses in BFEI to anyone considering working in this industry. Not only are the qualifications extremely useful but the Tutors are also amazing to work with and always go out of their way to make sure we're all working to our best potential. Attending the college was such a great decision for me. ”

Sarah Golden, Beauty & Body Therapy Graduate, 2019





Advanced Beauty Therapies

ITEC & CIDESCO Certification

COURSE CODE: ABT

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 4 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 & Hotel Industries
- 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:

Salon Management, Nail Technology, Holistic Therapies or Make-Up Artistry.

Is this course for you?

Would you like to further your career within the Beauty Industry? Do you want to take your current qualifications and bring them to the highest industry standards? The Advanced Beauty Therapies Course will provide you with first class training using state-of-the-art equipment and skin care products that are widely recognised within the industry. As a Dermalogica College of Excellence, BFEI can provide advanced skincare training along with other top brands such as Image and Matis. You will gain the theory and practical skills to study for high level qualifications including IPL/ Laser hair removal, skin rejuvenation, microdermabrasion, micro needling and microcurrent. You will also study for the highly sought after and prestigious CIDESCO Diploma in Beauty Therapy which includes body and spa treatments. In addition to this high-level training, you will be able to apply for the Erasmus+ Programme. This offers the opportunity to travel abroad and work in 4 and 5 star hotels and spas during your college year.

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

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, semipermanent lashes, perming, cluster lashes and brow lamination).

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 and CIDESCO 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 Micro needling, LED light therapy, Thermal Auricular Candling, Tanning Training, Advanced Waxing, Threading and training with professional skincare products including the Dermalogica Aspire Award and Image Signature Peels.
- Career advice and help with CV preparation is provided by the Guidance and Career Service.

What are the entry requirements?

- You must have successfully completed the BFEI Beauty and Body Therapy Course 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.

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“Continuing my studies into a second year and completing the Advanced Beauty Therapies Course at BFEI, really made all the difference. Gaining advanced skills such as Laser, Micro-Dermabrasion and Lash Treatments really made me stand out from the crowd when applying for professional therapist roles and because of this, I managed to obtain a job straight after college. The second year not only gave me new skills but also helped me perfect my beauty basics (manicures, facials etc). This extra time training made me a more confident and competent therapist.

The never-ending help and encouragement from my teachers to be the best I can be was second to none. I am where I am today, working as a senior Beauty Therapist in Peach Beauty Salon, Dundrum, doing what I love because of them and my two years at BFEI. I highly recommend everyone completes the advanced beauty course as you will not regret the difference it will make in your career.

Niamh Casserly, Advanced Beauty Therapies Graduate, 2022





Make-Up Artistry

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: MUA

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, Nail Technology or Salon Management.

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
- Make-Up Charts
- Make-Up Techniques
- Media Make-Up
- High Definition Make-Up
- Special Effects
- Airbrush
- Body Paint
- Skin and Eye Treatments
- Lash and Brow Enhancements
- 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
- Retail Selling

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?

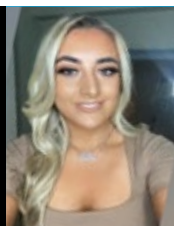
- You must have achieved 5 passes or 5 O6/H7s or a combination of 5 O6/H7s or have achieved the LCA with a Merit profile, or have achieved a full relevant QQI Level 4 Award.
- Mature applicants (aged 21 and over) and other applicants without the formal entry requirements will be assessed individually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

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“ I really felt this course helped me a lot with getting me to where I am today. I've been recently working in Charlotte Tilbury, and I can honestly say that having the course behind me, along with all the additional qualifications included in the course has definitely helped me with making my CV stand out to employers. I can confidently stand on counters and make good recommendations tailored to each customer and that's thanks to what this course has taught me from skin care to colour matching. I would highly recommend this course to any aspiring Make-Up Artist. ”

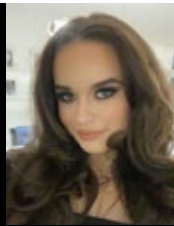
Aoife Stafford, Make-Up Artistry Graduate, 2021



“ Studying Make-Up Artistry at BFEI is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I always knew that my passion lay within the beauty industry and this course covers nearly every side of it. I learned so much and tried everything from lash and brow treatments, facials and massage, threading, all kinds of make-up and special effects. The course gave me so many opportunities such as winning the overall Matis student of the year which was an amazing experience for me, as it got me out of my comfort zone and tested my ability to work under pressure. Having this course behind me, without a doubt, has made my CV stand out to employers. ”

I am forever grateful for the encouragement and support from the Tutors at BFEI, I could not have done it without them or the amazing lifelong friends that I have made. The course has now inspired me to go onto study Beauty & Body Therapy at BFEI. I would highly recommend this course to any aspiring Make-Up Artist. ”

Sadhbh Cosgrave, Make-Up Artistry Graduate, 2022





Salon Management with ITEC Education & Training

ITEC Certification

COURSE CODE: SM

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 4 Days

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 & 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 & Data Handling in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Marketing in the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Education & Training

What qualifications 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).
- An ITEC Award in Education & Training

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 get the opportunity to gain additional ITEC qualifications in a range of areas such as Skincare, Microdermabrasion, Waxing, and Body Treatments.
- 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. During the course, 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 was 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, Salon Management Graduate, 2021

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie



Essential Office Applications

QQI Level 5 5M18294

COURSE CODE: EOA

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

Is this course for you?

Are you interested in updating and/or acquiring new computer skills to enable you to work in the modern office environment on-site or on-line? On this course, you will learn how to use the Office 365 suite to share files and collaborate remotely using the most popular applications. On course completion, you will have more confidence, a nationally recognised IT qualification in Office Informatics 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 the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 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 online at www.bfei.ie



“ After I was made redundant, I knew I needed to learn new office IT skills to become employable. BFEI offered an exciting Office Applications Course that included Excel, Word, and Customer Service, a perfect fit for me. The Lecturers were engaging, supportive and we were worked as team, and had fun along the way. The class timetable was very attractive, projects were scheduled well in advance, so you never felt under pressure. As a student with dyslexia, support was always at hand, and I never felt overwhelmed by the course content.

One of the best things on the course was the work experience, where you got the opportunity to put your newly acquired IT skills into practice, and in advance of doing it, you received coaching on how to construct a CV and how to conduct yourself with mock interviews. All of this was excellent preparation for when looking for employment.

Long lasting friendships were formed and getting my QQI Level 5 Certificate at the end was the icing on the cake. Immediately following the course and a successful interview, I gained employment as an Administrative Assistant, where I have been using the skills learned on the course. I am totally grateful to BFEI for the support, wonderful new office skills that I gained and, that now, I am gainfully employed.

Marie-Therese Swan, Essential Office Applications Graduate, 2019



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CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media Influencer

QQI Level 5 5M5048

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COURSE CODE: SMI

DURATION: 1 Year

TIMETABLE: 5 Days

Where can this qualification take me?

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Social Media Influencer
- Social Media Executive
- Digital Marketing
- Sales/Marketing
- Advertising
- Online Business

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) in Digital Marketing
Technological University Dublin
[Blanchardstown or Tallaght]
- www.tudublin.ie

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

BA (Ord) Advertising & Marketing Communications
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?

Would you like to work as a Social Media Influencer? Do you have expertise in a niche area and are interested in learning digital skills that can broaden your employment opportunities? Social Media Influencers are increasingly being employed by organisations as an element of their marketing strategy. Strategic digital communication is essential in today's business environment to effectively reach huge audiences and influence them to make purchases based on their recommendations. Social Media Influencers are active in many niche areas including in the Hair & Beauty Industry, Fashion and Sports. If you have expertise in any of these fields, then you can use that expertise to engage with large numbers of social media followers to market various goods and services based on brand collaborations and become a Social Media Influencer.

On this course, you will learn the fundamentals of marketing, how to engage with your audience, and how social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and Podcasting can help achieve marketing goals. The course covers content creation, attracting followers, building blogs, creating videos and developing a YouTube channel. It will provide you with a strong foundation in the skills necessary to work independently or as part of a marketing team.

What will I study?

- Digital Marketing
- Digital Photography
- Digital Editing
- Digital Movie Processing
- Media Analysis
- Computer Illustrated Graphics
- Behavioural Studies
- Communications
- Work Experience

Will I do anything additional on the course?

- In conjunction with the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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.

How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie



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 Computer Science
Dublin City University – www.dcu.ie

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)
- Maths
- Database Methods
- Spreadsheets
- Communications
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- In conjunction with the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 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?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie

“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 & IT Security
South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.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 computers and computer 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 the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 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 online 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 online at www.bfei.ie

“ 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

“ I had been planning on getting an IT qualification for a while, as I was always passionate about computing. I was constantly postponing joining a course due to lack of time and maybe the fear that I wouldn't manage being a student again at age 40. After a bit of research, I came across BFEI's Computer Networks & Cyber Security Course, it looked interesting so I applied for it. And I'm glad I did! It's a very well-structured course with great progression opportunities. The course was extra challenging due to COVID restrictions but the wonderful teachers we had went above and beyond to guide us through. I finished with distinctions in all modules and managed to secure a place through the CAO system in a very good program in TU Dublin where I'm studying at the moment. I'm sure I will have a brilliant career in IT and the first step was BFEI. Big thanks to all my Lecturers and BFEI staff for making it possible! ”

Bogdan Cimpean, Computer Networks & Cyber-Security Graduate 2021



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) in Creative Industries & Visual Culture

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

BA (Hons) Communications

Dublin City University - www.dcu.ie

BA (Hons) English, Media & Cultural Studies

IADT, Dún Laoghaire - www.iadt.ie

BA (Hons) Marketing & Digital Media

South East Technological University [Waterford] - www.setu.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 known 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?

- In conjunction with the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 of the story 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 online 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 UCD 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

South East Technological University [Carlow] - www.setu.ie

BSc (Hons) Games Art & Design

Technological University of Shannon [Clonmel] - www.tus.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)
- Communications
- Work Experience

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Will I do anything additional on the course?

- In conjunction with the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and you will get the opportunity to do a practice interview with industry specialists.
- You will experience the latest VR content using Oculus Quest 2 Headsets.
- You will use the eLearning 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 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 games.
- Apply creative design principles.
- Design, build and program games.
- Create assets for use on multiple platforms.
- Create basic 3D games.
- Animate basic 3D models.

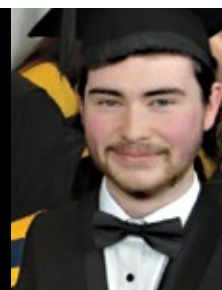
How do I apply?

 Apply online at www.bfei.ie



“ 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 Games 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

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 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

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)
- Graphic Design Skills
- Advertising
- Digital Photography
- 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 the agency FIT (Fast Track into Information Technology), you will do workshops on CV's, LinkedIn and interviews and 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 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 online at www.bfei.ie

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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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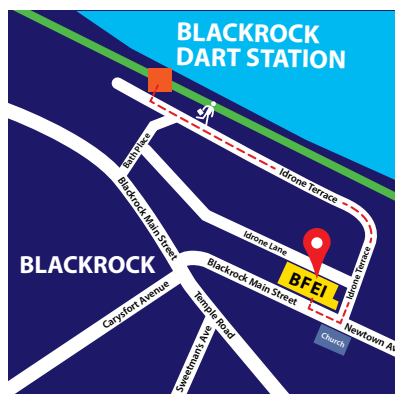
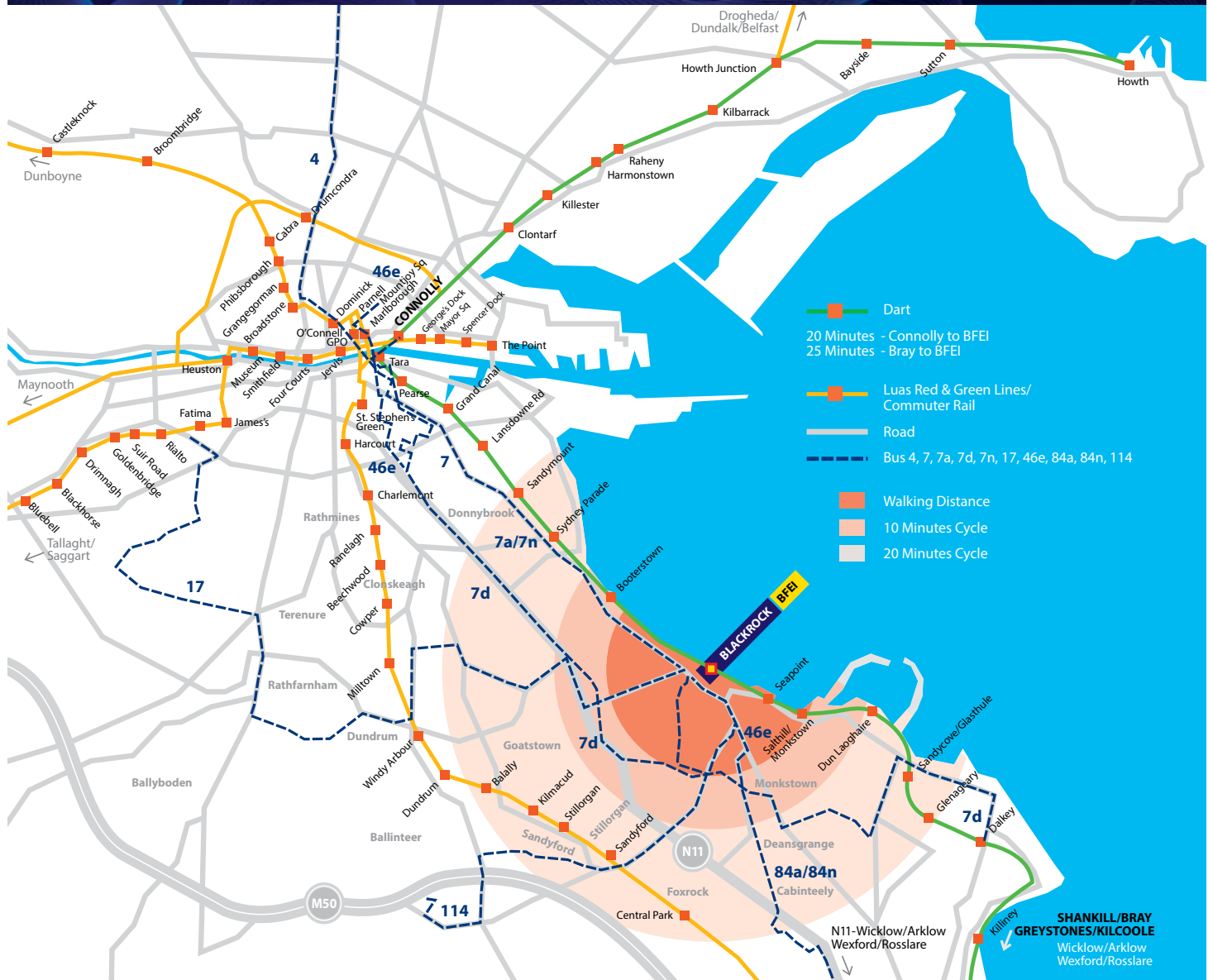
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