On behalf of the management and staff of Mallow College of Further Education, I am pleased to present the College’s new prospectus, setting out the range of courses, services and progression opportunities on offer in this academic year.

Mallow College of Further Education has expanded rapidly in recent years, both in terms of student numbers and in terms of the teaching and learning facilities available. This expansion is testament to the quality and diversity of the courses provided and to the commitment and expertise of the teaching staff. It also reflects the positive perception which the College enjoys in the wider community as a centre of excellence in the provision of courses and programmes which can lead students on to further educational opportunities or directly into employment.

We are proud to be one of the largest providers of further education in Munster and our sustained growth over recent years indicates our continuing ambition to providing the highest standards so that our students may attain their goals. Our teachers are highly motivated by the prospect of enabling students to fulfil their potential and are innovative in their use of different methodologies towards effective teaching and learning including the utilisation of the most up-to-date software and technology in the classroom.

We are confident that you will find a course to meet your needs from the comprehensive range outlined in this prospectus and we can assure you that your learning will be facilitated in a stimulating, positive and supportive environment. The College community welcomes the opportunity to work with you and will strive to support your personal and academic development. We look forward to meeting you during the forthcoming academic year in Mallow College of Further Education.

Denis Healy
Principal
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate CAO points are not required for entry to courses at Mallow College of Further Education. Applicants under 23 are generally required to have successfully completed the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied, a full FETAC Level 4 award or equivalent. However, some courses may have additional entry requirements so it is important to check specific course requirements prior to application.

Mature students who do not have the above qualifications are also welcome and encouraged to apply. Mature students may be exempt from minimum entry requirements.

There are limited places on our courses and some may fill up quickly so early application is advisable.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL
Mallow College of Further Education is committed to equality of opportunity in recruitment of learners for courses and in the provision of courses to learners. Mallow College is committed to promoting an environment that is free from discrimination. It will ensure that no applicant or learner receives less favourable treatment due to their gender, civil status, family status, age, sexual orientation, political persuasion, religion, disability, race, colour, nationality or ethnic origins, including membership of the Travelling Community, when applying for a course, seeking help from staff members, or while attending a course.

INTERVIEW
Course places will be allocated on the basis of an interview. The interview is a short, informal process whereby an applicant’s education, experience, interest and motivation to do the course will be taken into account. The applicant’s suitability for the course will be assessed as well as the likelihood that the applicant would benefit from their participation on the course.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
The College welcomes applications from international applicants. Non-EU students must comply with Irish immigration requirements and must present either a student visa or a letter of permission to remain in Ireland issued by the Immigration section of the Department of Justice and Equality. Non-EU students may be required to pay a tuition fee for their course, determined by the Department of Education and Skills. For further details, please contact the college.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Students need to have a good standard of English to be able to manage their course work. Therefore, applicants from countries where English is not the first language may be required to sit an English language test in May or late August prior to commencing
a course. The College Admissions office will assign you a date for sitting this test. Please contact the office if you do not receive a date for the English language test.

The test is one hour long. Applicants complete a written exercise and an English comprehension task. It is not possible to re-sit this test. Management decisions are final.

Applicants who sit the Leaving Certificate examination in English are exempt from this test. However, a copy of Leaving Certificate results must be provided at interview or registration.

GARDA VETTING
Garda Vetting is a requirement on courses where students have access to children or vulnerable adults. Prior to attending work experience students must be vetted by the Garda Vetting Unit. Applicants who need Garda Vetting for their course will be notified about and required to attend a Garda Vetting Information day in Mallow College where information and support will be provided to assist students with completing the Garda Vetting form.

HOW TO APPLY
Some guidelines for applying to Mallow College of Further Education:

1. Choose the course that’s right for you.
2. Apply online now at www.mallowcollege.ie. Applicants are advised to apply early as course places are limited.
3. You will need an email address and your PPS number to complete the application. You will receive a personal account and ID when you apply. All college correspondence to do with your application can be viewed by logging into this account. Therefore you should keep your ID and log in details safe.
4. All course places are allocated by interview. You will receive notification informing you of your interview date. Bring a signed passport photograph with you to interview.
5. Successful applicants will receive an offer of a place on a course by post or by email.
6. A course place can then be reserved by paying a deposit, generally €50. The remainder should be paid on or before registration day. Payment can be made online using your application ID. Failure to pay a deposit may result in the place being offered to another applicant.
7. Successful applicants will be informed by letter of the registration and induction dates for their course. All students must attend the college for registration and induction.
8. If you experience difficulty accessing or completing the online application, we welcome you to call into the College for assistance or contact the College on (022) 43309 or info@mallowcollege.ie.
COLLEGE FACILITIES

LOCATION
Mallow College of Further Education is ideally located in the heart of Munster. Situated just a few minutes’ walk from the centre of Mallow town, we are 100 metres off the main Cork-Limerick road. The campus is a 5 minute walk from both the train station and bus stop.

STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES
Mallow College of Further Education offers student access to our state-of-the-art computer facilities, complete with high-speed broadband access. The campus also operates a Computer Resource Library where students can avail of computers in their free time.

LIBRARY
A select library for textbooks is also available.

PURPOSE-BUILT TRAINING FACILITIES
Mallow College of Further Education also offers purpose-built facilities including Hairdressing Training Salons, Beauty Therapy Training Salons, Complementary Therapy and Sports Injury treatment rooms, Animal Care Clinic and Grooming rooms, as well as a Sound Engineering Control room and Studio where students can gain and develop practical skills and experience.

STUDENT CANTEEN
The campus has its own canteen facilities with hot food and a wide range of snacks available.

PARKING
Free, on-site parking is available to all students.

ACCOMMODATION
Mallow College of Further Education can provide students with a list of housing options should they wish to live in Mallow.

STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS AND DIARY
All enrolled students are issued with a student identity card that they can use to avail of student discounts in travel and retail outlets nationwide. Students are also issued with a College diary and Handbook.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Mallow College of Further Education has its own Facebook page at fb.com/MallowCollege. Subscribe or like the page for updates on news, activities and photos of the College. You can also follow us on Twitter @MallowCollege.
SUPPORTS FOR LEARNERS WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, HEALTH CONDITIONS AND/OR DISABILITIES

Mallow College of Further Education is committed to the provision of equal opportunity in education and to ensuring that students with a disability have complete access to all aspects of college life as can be reasonably accommodated.

Applicants who may have special requirements should email or call the college Disability Support Officer at info@mallowcollege.ie or (022)43309 prior to applying for a course.

Upon registering, students should immediately make an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor to discuss their needs and bring appropriate documentation with them.

If you have a specific learning difficulty or disability, the College may be able to apply for funding to provide assistance and support for you during your studies. Applications to the Higher Education Authority (HEA) Fund for Students with Disabilities will only be processed if accompanied by a consultant’s report of a disability or illness or a psychological report in the case of specific learning difficulties. In the case of specific learning difficulties, reports older than five years cannot be accepted.

Assessments of disability are carried out for the following categories: Physical/Mobility Disabilities, Significant ongoing illness, Specific learning difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD, Blind/Low Vision, Deaf/Hard of hearing, Mental Health or Psychiatric or Psychological Difficulties and Head/Traumatic Brain Injury. The Fund for students with Disabilities is funded by the Irish Government and part-financed by the European Union under the National Development Plan 2007-2013.

CAREER & GUIDANCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

The Career and Guidance Counselling Service at Mallow College of Further Education is a professional and confidential service aimed at providing support to learners in their educational, career and personal development. The Guidance Counsellor, Suzanne Powell, is available for one-to-one consultations with learners and provides workshops and information sessions to class groups throughout the academic year. You can make an appointment to see the Guidance Counsellor to seek support in any of the following areas:

• **Educational Guidance & Counselling**: Study Skills, Examination Techniques, Stress Management, Further Study Options, CAO & UCAS Applications, Grants & Funding information.
• **Career Guidance & Counselling**: C.V. Writing, Cover Letters, Application Forms, Job Search Skills, Transferable Skills Audit, Career Management, Interview Training & Practice, Exploring Options.
• **Personal Counselling**: Learners are supported with any personal difficulties they may encounter during their time in College. Counselling provides a private space where personal issues and reflect on feelings and thoughts without being judged.

Appointments can be made at reception.
**STUDENT SERVICES**

**INTERVIEW TRAINING**
Students can also avail of an interview preparation service from the Career & Guidance Counsellor. Practice interviews give experience of formal interview settings and allow learners to receive feedback for improvement.

**JOB SEEKING SKILLS**
Mallow College of Further Education has links with industry and aims to prepare graduates for employment. Learners receive advice from recruitment agencies and guest speakers. Guidance and support is available to students preparing for work experience. Students receive help in compiling C.V.’s, Cover Letters, in how to approach potential employers, and interview techniques.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**
Mallow College of Further Education has established a Student Council. The Student’s Council is made up of student representatives from each course in the college and its role is to plan and develop an active student body for the College. Several events are organised throughout the year to encourage student involvement and enjoyment. Sports clubs, intercultural events, fitness week, and live music help to promote a positive college experience for students.

Learners are encouraged to participate in social activities in the College as these activities provide opportunities for development, teamwork and leadership.

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION**
Many courses offer additional training opportunities that are related to their field of study. Examples include First Aid Certification, Manual Handling, Patient Handling, Client Moving, Elderly Abuse Training, Non Violent Crisis Intervention, Self-defence, Private Security Licences, Gel & Acrylic Nails, and in house training in Art Deco Make-up, Reiki, Body Exfoliation, and Crystal Therapy.

**VISITS AND EXCURSIONS**
Course co-ordinators also organise visits and excursions for their students. The Beauty department attend a number of beauty trade shows and exhibitions. Applied Social Studies and Security and Criminology classes attend Cork Circuit Court. Art, Craft & Design students attend exhibitions and Art colleges. Sound Production students attend regular sessions in a professional sound recording studio. Small Animal Care students make excursions to Fota Wildlife Park, the Donkey Sanctuary, ISPICA, and various Veterinary Clinics. Teambuilding excursions are a feature of many courses.

**ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**
Every year Mallow College of Further Education hosts its Prize Giving Awards ceremony where students receive their QQI, ITEC, Accounting Technicians Ireland, Hairdressing Junior and Senior Trade Certificates and Diplomas. ‘Student of the Year’ recipients are also acknowledged on the night in recognition of their contribution to the ethos of the College.

**ART EXHIBITION**
The students of Art, Craft & Design organise an end of year Art and Design Exhibition displaying their year’s work. Previous Art Exhibition titles included ‘New Beginnings’, ‘Endless Possibilities’ and ‘Look Again’.
Fees & Funding

College Fees
All courses at Mallow College of Further Education are funded through the National Development Plan (NDP) and there are no tuition fees for EU nationals (non-EU students should contact the College for details on eligibility and course fees). However, students are required to pay a student services fee of €250. A deposit of €50 is required to reserve a course place. Failure to pay this deposit may result in the course place being allocated to another applicant.

Students may also be required to pay an annual Government participation fee of €200.

- However, Full Medical Card holders and those in receipt of the Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) or Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) allowances are exempt from paying this contribution.
- Students awarded a student maintenance grant will be refunded the Government participation fee subject to proof of receipt of the grant.

Fees for examinations and certification will be outlined by course co-ordinators. Students who are Medical Card holders may be exempt from some state examination fees. Certain courses also carry additional course related costs, further details of these can be found in the relevant course details. For more information please contact the College on (022)43309 or email info@mallowcollege.ie.

Student Funding Information
Students can avail of funding through either the Student Maintenance Grant scheme or VTOS (Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme) or BTEA (Back to Education Allowance).

Student Maintenance Grant
Means tested student grants are available to students who are progressing to a QQI Level 5/6 Award or equivalent, and who have not previously studied an award at similar or higher level on the National Framework of Qualifications. The amount of the grant depends on the distance a student travels from their place of residence to the college.

Student Grant applications can be made online only to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) through www.studentfinance.ie. Applications can be made from May and should be made before starting a course. Further information can be found on www.studentfinance.ie and www.citizensinformation.ie.

Note: BTEA or VTOS recipients are not eligible for the student grant.

Social Welfare Recipients
All Social Welfare recipients are advised to contact their local Social Welfare Office before commencement of a course. This is to get permission to do a course while continuing on their benefits and also to ensure that they get full entitlements.

Note: If you are in receipt of Jobseeker’s Benefit or Jobseeker’s allowance you must transfer to VTOS or BTEA.

1. VTOS – Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme
Applicants over 21 years of age and in receipt of Social
Welfare payment for at least 156 days before commencement of course, may apply for VTOS funding.

**Benefits**

Students continue to get their full Social Welfare entitlements and are not required to sign on. In addition students may be eligible for:

- Additional weekly allowance if more than one year on benefit.
- Meal and travel allowances.
- Childcare allowance (for children under 5 years) under the CETS scheme.
- Students are not liable for student services or examination fees.
- However certain courses may carry additional course related costs.

**Application**

If you are eligible, fill in a VTOS application form (available from Mallow College reception) and return it with your Course application form to the College. As VTOS places are limited it is advisable to submit an early application. Students who are eligible for VTOS, but who do not secure a VTOS place are advised to apply to their local Social Welfare office for a Back to Education Allowance (BTEA).

2. **BTEA – Back to Education Allowance**

BTEA is a scheme administered by the Department of Social Welfare. Applicants over 21 years of age and in receipt of certain Social Welfare payments for at least 3 months may apply to their local Social Welfare Office for the Back to Education Allowance.

**Benefits**

The BTEA allows students in receipt of certain Social Welfare benefits to retain those payments while attending a full-time day course in the College.

- Students receive the maximum standard rate of payment which is not means-tested and participants are not required to sign on.
- A Cost of Education Allowance of €300 is also payable.

Students are liable for their student services fee and certain courses may also carry additional course related costs.

**Application**

Applications for BTEA must be made prior to starting an approved full-time course but late applications will be accepted up to 30 days after commencement of a course. Please contact your local Social Welfare Office to obtain the BTE1 application form and for full details and advice on eligibility. The BTE1 application form can also be found on [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie) and should be returned to your local Social Welfare Office.

Further information on all of the above is available on [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie), [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie), or [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).
NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS
Your FETAC/QQI qualification explained:
Prior to 2003, it was very difficult for people in Ireland to compare courses or to understand which courses demanded more in-depth study than others. The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) was introduced as a system of 10 levels to represent all levels of formal learning from the very initial stages to the most advanced stages. Learners can now clearly see where their course stands in relation to other courses. Learners can also see what courses represent progression from what they have done already. The fan diagram illustrates the 10 level framework and the major award types that are included in it.

Mallow College of Further Education run QQI (FETAC) Level 5 and Level 6 qualifications. Level 5 qualifications are equivalent to achieving an Honours Leaving Certificate and allow learners to progress within the College to Level 6 Advanced Certificates. Furthermore, holders of FETAC Level 5 Certificates and FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificates have the opportunity to apply for Level 6, Level 7 or Level 8 college places in over 40 participating Universities and Institutes of Technology nationwide.

Apply online at www.mallowcollege.ie
Routes to Higher Education

Higher Education Links Scheme
Federal Technical and Educational Awards Council (FETAC) awards can be used as an alternative to the Leaving Certificate to access Higher Education (CAO) courses. The Higher Education Links Scheme links specific FETAC/QQI courses with a range of Level 6, Level 7 and Level 8 courses in Institutes of Technology and Universities.

Students wishing to progress to third level complete a CAO application form by the deadline February 1st. In July, the student’s FETAC/QQI results are issued to the CAO and forwarded to the Universities and/or Institutes of Technology the student has applied to. Places may be limited and are offered competitively dependent on the applicants FETAC/QQI score ranking.

To be considered for a CAO course a student must present a full Major FETAC/QQI award worth 120 credits. Each component a learner takes is assigned a credit value. A component is usually 15 credits but may be more or less than this so it is important to check this for calculation purposes. For more information on how to calculate your FETAC/QQI Major award go to www.qqi.ie or www.careersportal.ie.

Applicants should ensure that their FETAC/QQI qualification meets the minimum requirements of the third level college they wish to apply to. Students are advised to contact the Admissions Office of the individual higher education institutions prior to application as some courses may have specific entry requirements, FETAC/QQI component, or certificate requirements.

You will find more detailed information about course progression opportunities for each course online or using our comprehensive progression routes database mallowcollege.ie/progression-links.

Students interested in progression are advised to make an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor who can assist with your career planning, research and application.

Special Progression Agreements
At Mallow College of Further Education we are committed to improving and enhancing progression opportunities for all of our students. To this end we have negotiated special progression agreements with various colleges in order to improve progression opportunities for Mallow College graduates.

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT)
Cork Colleges Progression Scheme
Mallow College of Further Education are part of the Cork Colleges Progression Scheme which enhances progression opportunities for Mallow College students who want to study at CIT. Under the CCPS CIT reserves a number of places on its linked awards for Mallow College students who achieve specified levels and other requirements in their awards. For further information go to www.cit.ie.

CIT Advanced Progression
Graduates of our Accounting Technician’s course can apply for entry to third year of CIT’s Bachelor of Business in Accounting after completing specified bridging modules.

Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT)
Advanced Progression
Mallow College of Further Education has developed strong
links with Institute of Technology, Tralee. Currently, our FETAC/QQI Advanced Business students can apply for direct entry into second year of Tralee’s BA (Honours) in Information Systems Management. Advanced Early Childhood Care & Education learners can apply for direct entry into second year of ITT’s BA in Early Childhood. Advanced Media Production learners can apply for direct entry into second year of TV, Radio & Broadcasting.

**LIMERICK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (LIT)**

**Bonus Points Scheme**
Mallow College of Further Education has developed special links with Limerick Institute of Technology. A Bonus Point Access Scheme guarantees that a quota of reserved places on specified programmes will be kept for Mallow College students presenting with certain FETAC/QQI qualifications and meeting pre-agreed component criteria.

This agreement will be reviewed annually as Mallow College strives to continually improve progression opportunities for students.

**Advanced Progression**
Mallow College and LIT have also reached agreement that our Year two Accounting Technician graduates may apply for direct entry into Year three of LIT’s Accounting and Finance degree programme which has full exemptions from Accounting Bodies. Alternatively, our Year two Accounting Technician graduates can enter Year two of LIT’s Law and Taxation degree.

**WATERFORD INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**
Mallow College of Further Education has a special progression agreement with Waterford Institute of Technology. WIT reserve places on specific linked programmes for our students. A list of linked courses can be found on [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie) under Progressions.

**THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**
The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) allows graduates from Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) at Mallow College to take its highly regarded part-time Bachelor of Business Studies (Honours) in just two years. This degree, accredited by UCD, is delivered through evening lectures in Mallow.

**NURSING STUDIES - LINKS TO UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**
Mallow College of Further Education is committed to providing optimum opportunities for our students and has developed links with a number of Universities in the United Kingdom. There are no tuition fees for Irish students who want to study in Scotland and Irish applicants to Nursing/Midwifery degree programmes in England may be eligible to have their tuition fees paid by the NHS.

Some of the Universities we have links with are University of Southampton, Buckinghamshire New University, Edinburgh Napier University, Kingston University and St. George’s University of London, Middlesex University, Edge Hill University, London South Bank University, and Greenwich University.

Further information on applying to U.K. colleges can be found on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).
AWARDING BODIES

QQI (QUALITY AND QUALIFICATIONS IRELAND)
QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland) is a state agency established by the Quality Assurance and Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 2012 with a board appointed by the Minister for Education and Skills. QQI now carry out the functions previously conducted by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC). QQI is the national body responsible for awards and standards in Ireland. One of its areas of responsibility is the further education sector. QQI (FETAC) awards offer more opportunities than ever to learners, opening doors to new and better jobs or to further and higher education and training through a vast array of learning and training programmes. QQI (FETAC) awards are placed within the National Qualifications Framework which means that QQI awards are nationally and internationally recognised thereby affording QQI holders more opportunities to access, transfer and progress into higher education institutes and universities.

INTERNATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (ITEC)
ITEC is the premier International awarding body for qualifications in Beauty Therapy, Body Therapy, Complementary Therapy, and Sports Injury Therapy. The high standards and quality assurance maintained by ITEC ensure that graduates can enter employment both nationally and internationally.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS IRELAND
Mallow College of Further Education is an accredited centre with Accounting Technicians Ireland. Accounting Technicians Ireland (formerly IATI) is the leading professional body for Accounting Technicians in Ireland. They provide an internationally recognised business qualification and promote the highest educational, technical and ethical standards to their members. Accounting Technician qualifications combine professional examinations with practical work experience. They are a partner body of Chartered Accountants Ireland and an associate member of the International Federation of Accountants.

MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST (MOS)
Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification on Microsoft Office programmes and Windows operating systems validates the skills needed to get the most out of Microsoft Office. Microsoft Certification is internationally recognised certification attractive to potential employers.
ANIMAL CARE
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Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Animal Care - 5M2768.
This is a one year full-time course for those interested in a career in animal care and veterinary science. The course provides practical hands-on experience in the area of small animal care.

- Career Prospects:
  - Animal grooming
  - Boarding kennels
  - Veterinary industry
  - Pet shop.

- Calendar:
  One year full-time.

- Entry Requirements:
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established).
  - Preference will be given to those who have successfully completed a science subject at Leaving Certificate.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- Certification:
  - QQI Certificate in Animal Care, Level 5 - 5M2768

- Work Experience:
  Work experience in a veterinary practice, pet show or grooming establishment is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie

- Additional Costs:
  Additional costs for textbooks and grooming kit will be incurred.

Course Content

- Animal Welfare
- Animal Anatomy & Physiology
- Biology
- Safety & Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Animal Grooming
- Veterinary Assisting Skills
- Customer Service

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Introduction

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Animal Science - 6M5153.
This QQI Level 6 course offers progression from a Level 5 qualification in animal care. It provides learners with the required knowledge to be a valuable staff member in many areas of the animal care industry, veterinary clinic or boarding kennels. The course prepares learners with knowledge of small, exotic and large animals. Practical experience will reinforce material studied in a theory setting.

Career Prospects:
• Animal care assistants
• Boarding kennels and catteries
• Grooming Industry
• Laboratories
• Veterinary industry
• Agricultural industry

Calendar:
One year full-time.

Entry Requirements:
• No CAO points required.
• Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
• QQI Level 5 award in Animal Care 5M2768 (including Veterinary Assisting Skills 5N1363).
• An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

Career Prospects:
• Animal care assistants
• Boarding kennels and catteries
• Grooming Industry
• Laboratories
• Veterinary industry
• Agricultural industry

Certification:
• QQI Advanced Certificate in Animal Science, Level 6 - 6M5153

Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie

Additional Costs:
Additional cost of €80 for textbooks and excursions will be incurred.

Course Content

» Animal Science and Health
» Large Animal Husbandry
» Animal Behaviour
» Animal Grooming
» Canine Obedience and Training
» Grooming Science
» Kennel and Cattery Management
» Work Practice
» Communications
» Animal Trading

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This one year full-time course offers a foundation in art, craft and design. The course is structured to introduce students to all aspects of art, craft and design. From drawing, painting, and printmaking to combined materials, sculpture and design, learners acquire the necessary skills to develop an art portfolio. This course is designed for people who have a keen interest in art but will be of particular interest to students preparing a portfolio for art college.

• Career Prospects:
  • Fine art
  • Art, craft and design industry
  • Photographic and commercial art

• Calendar:
  One year full-time.

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Art, Craft and Design, Level 5 - 5M1984

Course Content

» Drawing
» Design Skills
» Sculpture
» Painting
» Graphic Design
» Printmaking
» Combined Materials
» Communications
» Work Experience

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.
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QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sound Production - 5M2149.

This is a full-time course for those interested in a career in music and sound engineering or music promotion, professional DJ, or radio broadcasting. The course examines the music industry with a particular emphasis on sound technologies. There is a large practical element to the course which focuses on developing creative and organisational skills. No previous experience in music or musicianship is needed to be successful on the course.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Music journalism
  - Local & national radio
  - Music promotion
  - Sound engineering/ live/ event/ studio

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time.

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI: Certificate in Sound Production, Level 5 - 5M2149
  - QQI: Minor Award in Mathematics, Level 5, 5N1833 (optional, offered for learners who may not meet progression requirements to higher education)
  - QQI: Minor Award in Media Analysis 5N1298 (optional, offered to learners who wish to progress to Arts Music)

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

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**Course Content**

- Sound Engineering & Production
- Music Technology
- Music Industry Studies
- Music Theory & Practice
- Radio Programme Production
- Electronics
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
- Communications
- Work Experience
**Introduction**

QQI Level 6 Creative Media - 6M5130.
This is a one year full-time course which will benefit students who have successfully completed sound engineering and media production (Level 5) or equivalent. The course examines sound engineering and music techniques with particular emphasis on radio broadcasting, digital photography and video production. It will suit those who are seeking to progress in their professional development and who have a good understanding and knowledge of sound engineering, radio and media related topics.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Radio broadcasting
  - Music journalist
  - Professional DJ
  - Music promotion
  - Sound engineering
  - Radio engineer
  - Radio presenter

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time.

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - Level 5 in Sound Production or equivalent.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI: 6M5130 Media Production
  - QQI: Minor Award in Mathematics, Level 5, 5N1833 (optional, offered for learners who may not meet progression requirements to higher education)
  - QQI: Minor Award in Media Analysis 5N1298 (optional, offered to learners who wish to progress to Arts Degrees)

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of the course. Dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
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**Course Content**

- Media Ethics and Legal Framework
- Media Industry Awareness
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Film and Digital Video Production
- Radio Techniques
- Sound Engineering and Music Technology
- Studio and Location Sound Production
VIDEO & MEDIA

Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Video and Media - 5M5158.
This course is designed for those learners who are interested in careers in the growing video, film and multimedia industries. This is a full-time course leading to QQI certification at level 5 with links for progression to degree course at CIT, LIT and IT Tralee. Practical skills in camera work, lighting and movie processing are included as well as art components designed to maximise learners understanding of colour and its relationship with successful film composition.

- Career Prospects:
  - Local TV
  - Film/video camera work
  - Video journalism
  - Film/video editing
  - Film set lighting

- Calendar:
  One year full-time.

- Entry Requirements:
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- Certification:
  - QQI Certificate in Video and Media, Level 5 - 5M2146

- Work Experience:
  Work Experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

- Film Production
- Television & Film Editing
- Work Experience
- Communications
- Safety & Health at Work
- Digital Movie Processing
- Sound Engineering & Production
- Desktop Multimedia Audio Production

Electives

- Maths
- Media Analysis
- Music & Theory Practice
- Music Technology
BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION
ACCOUNTING
TECHNICIANS IRELAND (ATI)

Introduction

ATI Member of Accounting Technicians Ireland (MATI) - MATI.
This ATI course prepares school leavers and mature students for employment in accounting departments of commercial, industrial and public sector organisations or in the offices of practicing accountants. When qualified, graduates become members of Accounting Technicians Ireland (MATI) which is an internationally recognised qualification.

- Career Prospects:
  - Executive officer
  - Cost assistant
  - Credit controller
  - Accounts supervisor
  - Audit assistant
  - Payroll administrator
  - Assistant accountant

- Calendar:
  Two years full time, four days a week.

- Entry Requirements:
  - No CAO points required.
  - A minimum of five passes in the Leaving Certificate (ordinary level); to include English and Mathematics or Accounting.
  - Applications are taken for both first and second year students (applicants seeking an exemption from year 1 must have successfully completed ATI Level 1 or an approved equivalent qualification).
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.

- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA). Students must have achieved an overall distinction with a pass in English and a distinction in Mathematics.

- Certification:
  - ATI Member of Accounting Technicians Ireland (MATI) - MATI

- Work Experience:
  As per Accounting Technicians Ireland specifications.

- Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

- Additional Costs:
  ATI registration fees and examination fees.

Course Content

- Year 1: Financial Accounting ATI.
- Year 1: Taxation ATI.
- Year 1: Business Management ATI.
- Year 1: Law and Ethics ATI.
- Year 2: Advanced Financial Accounting ATI.
- Year 2: Advanced Taxation ATI.
- Year 2: Integrated Accounting Systems ATI.
- Year 2: Management Accounting ATI.
## Business Administration

### Introduction

**QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Administration - 5M2468.**

This one year full-time course is designed to meet the needs of those seeking administrative and clerical positions in the business sector. Students will be introduced to subjects that will provide them with essential skills for work in these areas. The course provides ongoing assessment of student competency with overall QQI Level 5 certification on completion.

### Career Prospects:
- General secretarial and office administration in local offices
- Receptionist
- Administration in banking, insurance, medical, solicitors and travel industries
- Clerical work in health services and local authorities

### Calendar:
One year full-time.

### Entry Requirements:
- No CAO points required.
- For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
- Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
- An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
- Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

### Certification:
- QQI Certificate in Business Administration, Level 5 - 5M2468
- Microsoft Office Specialist

### Work Experience:
Work experience is an integral part of the course. Dates and duration will be specified by the college.

### Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

### Course Content
- Text Production
- Word Processing
- Database Methods
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Business Administration Skills
- Bookkeeping - Manual & Computerised
- Payroll - Manual & Computerised
- Reception Skills
- Audio Transcription
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Microsoft
Introduction

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Business - 6M4985.
This full time, Level 6 course provides advanced training in business management, administration and the main computer applications used in the workplace. The course broadens the concepts introduced in previous QQI level 5 computer courses and provides students with an internationally recognised qualification.

• Career Prospects:
  • Office administration and management in local offices
  • Administrative roles in banking, insurance, solicitors and travel sectors
  • Administration in health services and local authorities

• Calendar:
One year. This is a half day course to suit those with family commitments

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  • QQI Level 5 major awards covering Word Processing 5N1358, and Spreadsheets 5N1977; is a minimum entry requirement.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Certification:
  • QQI Advanced Certificate in Business, Level 6 - 6M4985
  • Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Expert (Word Processing and Spreadsheets)

• Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

» Business Management
» Word Processing
» Communications
» Human Resource Management
» Spreadsheets
» Professional Presentation
» Word Processing (MOS) Expert Microsoft
» Spreadsheets (MOS) Expert Microsoft
» Work Experience
**Introduction**

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Administration - 5M2468.
The course is aimed at mature students (over 21) who wish to acquire the confidence and skills to use computers and those seeking business and computer knowledge to return to the workforce. Students will be introduced to subjects that will provide them with essential skills for work in the business sector. Provided in association with F.I.T (Fast Track to IT), this course has a one year or two year option with full QQI Level 5 certification in year two.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Clerical work in health services and local authorities
  - General secretarial and office administration in local offices
  - Administration in banking, insurance, medical, solicitors and travel industries
  - Receptionist

- **Calendar:**
  2 years full-time.

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - This course is designed to benefit mature learners (over 21).
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Business Administration, Level 5 - 5M2468 (Year 2)
  - QQI Minor Awards, Level 5
  - Microsoft Office Specialist

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of year two. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

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**Course Content**

- **Year 1:**
  - Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Microsoft.
  - Business Administration Skills
  - Word Processing (MOS) Microsoft.
  - PowerPoint
  - Communications

- **Year 2:**
  - Database Methods
  - Bookkeeping - Manual & Computerised
  - Payroll - Manual & Computerised
  - Work Experience
  - Text Production
Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Administration - 5M2468.

This one year full-time course is designed to meet the needs of those seeking administrative and front office roles as medical secretaries in the public or private sector. Students will gain essential knowledge and skills for work in these healthcare settings. Medical secretaries need excellent communication skills in helping doctors to help their patients. They are usually responsible for scheduling appointments, billing patients, compiling medical charts and reports and handling correspondence. They may also assist doctors with writing reports, arrange for patient hospitalisation, bill insurance companies and order supplies.

• Career Prospects:
  • General secretarial and office administration in doctor’s or dental surgeries
  • Clerical work in health services and local authorities
  • Administration in banking, insurance, solicitors, and travel industries
  • Receptionist

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

• Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Business Administration, Level 5 - 5M2468
  • Microsoft Office Specialist

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of the course. Dates and duration will be specified by the college.

Course Content

» Anatomy & Physiology.
 » Medical Terminology.
 » Text Production.
 » Word Processing
 » Database Methods
 » Spreadsheet Methods
 » Business Administration Skills
 » Bookkeeping - Manual & Computerised
 » Audio Transcription
 » Reception Skills
 » Communications
 » Work Experience
 » Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Microsoft.
**Introduction**

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Computer Systems & Networks - 5M0536.
This full-time day course gives the learner a firm foundation in computer science. It covers computer hardware, operating systems, programming, database and networks; as well as maths for computing and the trending virtualisation technology. It prepares the learner for progression to level 6 Software Development or Computer Systems and Networks as well as progression routes to CIT, UCC, and other third level colleges. Learners will be competent with building, repairing, maintaining and supporting computer systems and networks with a solid foundation in computer programming.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Database/programming intern
  - IT user support technicians
  - Corporate technical support sector
  - IT operations technicians
  - IT user support technicians
  - IT operations technicians

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - This course is designed to benefit learners who already have a good working knowledge of computers.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Computer Systems & Networks, Level 5 - 5M0536
  - VMware VMware Certified Associate: Cloud Fundamentals - VCA-Cloud

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

**Course Content**

- **Computer Systems Hardware**
- **Networking Essentials**
- **Operating Systems**
- **Maths for Computing**
- **Communications**
- **Work Experience**
- **Programming and Design Principles**
- **Virtualisation Support**
- **Database Methods**
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Introduction
QQI Level 5 Certificate in Software Development - 5M0529.
This full-time day course prepares the learner for a career in programming, either as part of software development team or as an independent program or app developer. Learners will gain a firm foundation in programming principles, software project design and planning, database development; with the technical backup of operating systems and networks expertise.

• Career Prospects:
  • IT user support technicians
  • IT operations technicians
  • Software development teamwork
  • Programmers and software development professionals
  • Database/programming intern
  • Independent program/app development

• Calendar:
  One year full-time.

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • This course is designed to benefit learners who already have a good working knowledge of computers.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Business Administration, Level 5 - 5M2468 (Year 2)
  • QQI Minor Awards, Level 5
  • Microsoft Office Specialist

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of year two. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content
  » Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
  » Software Architecture.
  » Communications
  » Work Experience
  » Database Methods
  » Programming and Design Principles
  » Maths for Computing.
  » Networking Essentials
  » Operating Systems

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Introduction

This full-time day course continues studies for a career in programming with network expertise. Learners will gain the knowledge and experience for a future working either as part of a software development team or as an independent program or app developer. Learners will develop a competence in object-oriented and graphical user interface programming, software project design and planning, relational-database development; with the technical backup of networks expertise.

• Career Prospects:
  • Software development teamwork
  • Database/programming intern
  • Programmers and software development professionals
  • IT project and programme managers
  • Independent program/app development

• Calendar:
One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  • QQI Level 5 award in Computer Systems & Networks 5M17814, or Software Development 5M17817, or Computer Network and Maintenance CCNMX, or Information Technology CITXX, or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Certification:
  • QQI Advanced Certificate in Software Development, Level 6 - 6M0691

• Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

» Project Management
• Object Oriented Programming
• Software Architecture
• Graphical User Interface Programming
• Communications
• Work Experience
• Relational Database
• Physical and Logical Networking

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Education and Welfare
APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Applied Social Studies - 5M2181. This one year full-time accredited course is designed for people interested in pursuing further study or a career in the area of social studies and related disciplines. The broad range of components enables learners to develop the personal qualities, knowledge and professional skills required for further study in social care, social work or youth and community Work.

• Career Prospects:
  • Intellectual disability services
  • Social care assistant
  • Voluntary organisations
  • Community and youth work projects
  • Community childcare opportunities

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Applied Social Studies, Level 5 - 5M2181
  • QQI Occupational First Aid Certificate, Level 5 - 5N1207

• Garda Vetting:
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college at the commencement of this programme.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

» Social Studies
» Applied Psychology
» Intercultural Studies
» Legal Practice & Procedures
» Human Growth & Development
» Intellectual Disability Studies
» Safety & Health at Work
» Occupational First Aid
» Communications
» Work Experience
Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education - 5M2009.
This one-year full-time childcare course is designed to equip learners to work as members of a professional team in a variety of childcare settings. The course covers all aspects of working with children. It will suit both school leavers and mature students who are interested in working with children.

- Career Prospects:
  - Nursery assistant
  - Crèche assistant
  - Childminder
  - Special needs assistant
  - Playschool assistant

- Calendar:
  One year full-time

- Entry Requirements:
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- Certification:
  - QQI Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education, Level 5 - 5M2009

- Garda Vetting:
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

- Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. Students spend four days a week in College and one day a week on practical work placement. There is also block placements throughout the year. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

» Child Development
» Early Care and Education Practice
» Early Childhood Education & Play
» Child Health & Well Being.
» Understanding Special Needs
» Creative Arts for Early Childhood
» Irish for Pre-school Services
» Communications
» Work Experience

Apply online at www.mallowcollege.ie
**Early Childhood Care, Education and Montessori**

**Introduction**

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education - 5M2009.

This one-year full-time childcare course is designed to equip learners to work as members of a professional team in a variety of childcare settings. The course covers all aspects of working with children. It will suit both school leavers and mature students who are interested in working with children. This programme offers an introduction to the Montessori approach in early years education.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Crèche assistant
  - Montessori assistant
  - Special needs assistant
  - Childminder
  - Playschool assistant
  - Nursery assistant

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
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- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education, Level 5 - 5M2009

- **Garda Vetting:**
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. Students spend four days a week in College and one day a week on practical work placement. There is also block placement throughout the year. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

**Course Content**

- **Child Development**
- **Early Care and Education Practice**
- **Early Childhood Education & Play**
- **Child Health & Well Being**
- **Understanding Special Needs**
- **Approaches to Early Childhood Education**
- **Creative Arts for Early Childhood**
- **Communications**
- **Work Experience**
**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE, EDUCATION AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Introduction**

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education - 5M2009. This full-time course prepares students to work as a special needs assistant (SNA) in pre-school, primary and secondary school settings. It is suitable for both school leavers and for experienced, mature persons seeking a formal qualification.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Primary school special needs assistant
  - Secondary school special need assistant
  - Personal care assistant
  - Pre-school special needs assistant

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education, Level 5 - 5M2009

- **Garda Vetting:**
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

- **Work Experience:**
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. Students spend four days in College and one day a week on practical work placement. There are also block placements throughout the year. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

**Course Content**

- Child Development
- Early Care and Education Practice
- Early Childhood Education & Play
- Child Health & Well Being
- Understanding Special Needs
- Special Needs Assisting
- Irish for Pre-school Services
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Creative Arts for Early Childhood

Apply online at www.mallowcollege.ie
**Introduction**

This course will benefit those who have a particular interest in learning about the Montessori approach and in furthering their career in Montessori childcare. The course is designed for students who have already qualified to QQI Level 5 and wish to continue their studies. It will suit those who have a good knowledge of childcare and are seeking to progress in their career.

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**Course Content**

- Child Development
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- Childhood Social, Legal & Health Studies
- Supervision in Early Childhood Care
- Early Childhood Literacy & Numeracy
- Early Learning Environment
- Early Learning Philosophy
- Occupational First Aid
- Communications
- Work Experience
**Introduction**

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education - 6M2007. This QQI Level 6 course will benefit those who have a particular interest in further developing a career in childcare or special needs. The course is designed for students who have already qualified to QQI Level 5 and wish to continue their studies. It will suit those who have a good knowledge of childcare and are seeking to progress in their career.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Nursery supervisor
  - Special needs assistant
  - Pre-school leader
  - Crèche leader
  - Playgroup leader

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  - QQI Level 5 award in Early Childhood Care and Education 5M2009.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education, Level 6 - 6M2007

- **Garda Vetting:**
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

- **Work Experience:**
  Students spend three days a week in the classroom environment and two days out in practical placement.

- **Progressions:**
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie)

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**Course Content**

- Child Development
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- Childhood Social, Legal & Health Studies
- Supervision in Early Childhood Care
- Disability Awareness
- Special Needs Assisting
- Occupational First Aid
- Communications
- Work Experience

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**Introduction**

**QQI Level 5 Certificate in Beauty Therapy - 5M3471.**
This is a one year, full-time course leading to nationally and internationally recognised qualifications from QQI and ITEC in Beauty Therapy and Body Therapy. High levels of motivation, commitment and dedication are required by learners to undertake this training as it is intensive and designed to deliver the high standards required by the beauty industry. On completion, successful learners are fully qualified to enter the workplace or choose to progress to advanced qualifications at level 6. These courses are certified by the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) who apply a rigid set of standards governing attendance, learning and examinations.

**Course Content**

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Cruise liners
  - Retail sales/sales representative
  - Training and sales
  - Cruise liners
  - Hotel/leisure centres
  - Health spas
  - Beauty salons
  - Chemist shops

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Beauty Therapy, Level 5 - 5M3471
  - Diploma for Beauty Specialists, ITEC Level 2
  - Diploma in Body Treatments, ITEC Level 3
  - Diploma in Facial Electrical Treatments, ITEC Level 3

- **Progressions:**
  - Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at [www.mallowcollege.ie](http://www.mallowcollege.ie).

- **Additional Costs:**
  - Additional costs for textbooks, uniforms, student kits, extra courses and exam fees etc will be incurred during the year. Details will be made available at interview.

- **Placements will be allocated on the basis of an interview.**

**Calendar:**
One year full-time

**Entry Requirements:**
- No CAO points required.
- For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
- This intensive course is designed to benefit learners who have a strong aptitude, interest, and a high level of commitment.
- An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

- **Certification:**
  - QQI Certificate in Beauty Therapy, Level 5 - 5M3471
  - Diploma for Beauty Specialists, ITEC Level 2
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- **Additional Costs:**
  - Additional costs for textbooks, uniforms, student kits, extra courses and exam fees etc will be incurred during the year. Details will be made available at interview.

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Introduction

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Beauty Therapy - 6M3479.
This is a Level 6 programme in Advanced Beauty and Spa Therapies that incorporates both QQI Level 6 and ITEC awards. This qualification is recognised both nationally and internationally. Learners are given the opportunity to further enhance their skills and to specialise in areas like advanced skincare, microdermabrasion, epilation, and spa and salon management. These courses are certified by the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) who apply a rigid set of standards governing attendance, learning and examinations.

• Career Prospects:
  • Beauty salons
  • Retail sales/sales representative
  • Training
  • Cruise liners
  • Self employment
  • Health spas
  • Cruise liners
  • Hotel/leisure centres

• Calendar: One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience (minimum of 3 years relevant work experience) will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • QQI Level 5 award in Beauty Therapy 5M3471, or equivalent.
  • This intensive course is designed to benefit learners who have a strong aptitude, interest, and a high level of commitment.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Advance Certificate in Beauty Therapy Level 6 (6M3479)
  • Diploma in Spa Treatments ITEC Level 3
  • Diploma in Microdermabrasion Treatments ITEC Level 3
  • Diploma in Electrical Epilation ITEC Level 3
  • Diploma in Indian Head Massage ITEC Level 3

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

• Additional Costs:
  Additional costs for textbooks, uniforms, student kits, extra courses and exam fees etc will be incurred during the year. Details will be made available at interview.

Course Content

QQI Level 6
  • Body and Beauty Science and Treatments
  • Microdermabrasion and Laser IPL
  • Electrical Epilation & ITEC Level 3
  • Indian Head Massage & ITEC Level 3
  • Marketing Management
  • Communications
  • Work Experience

ITEC
  • ITEC Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments.
  • Microdermabrasion ITEC Level 3
  • Diploma in Spa Treatments ITEC Level 3

Additional Courses:
  • Professional Guest Speakers
  • Specialist Training Workshops
**Introduction**

Complementary Health combines holistic therapies which help to balance mind, body and spirit and improve overall health and wellbeing. As a massage and holistic therapist you will acquire the practical skills and knowledge to help people regain balance and improve performance. At Mallow College we maximise the hands-on approach to learning. As part of your course you will work and gain invaluable experience working in a state-of-the-art facility using the latest equipment. These courses are certified by the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) who apply a rigid set of standards governing attendance, learning and examinations.

- **Career Prospects:**
  - Hotel spas
  - Self-employment
  - Cruise liners
  - Complementary therapist
  - Holistic centres

- **Calendar:**
  One year full-time

- **Entry Requirements:**
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- **Certification:**
  - Diploma in Reflexology ITEC Level 3
  - Diploma in Stone Therapy ITEC Level 3
  - Award in Providing Thermal Auricular Therapy Level 2
  - Award in Massage using Pre-Blended oils ITEC Level 3
  - Body Massage & Figure Analysis Level 5 QQI (5N3465) with optional ITEC Diploma in Holistic Massage.
  - Indian Head Massage Level 6 (6N3477) with optional ITEC Diploma in Indian Head Massage.
  - Occupational First Aid Level 5 QQI (5N1207)

- **Additional Costs:**
  Additional costs for textbooks, uniforms, student kits, exam fees will be incurred during the year. Details will be made available at interview.

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**Course Content**

**ITEC**
- Reflexology Diploma
- Stone Therapy
- Thermal Auricular Coning Therapy (Ear Candling)
- Massage with Blended Oils
- Business & Professionalism
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Holistic Massage Diploma Optional
- Diploma in Indian Head Massage Optional

**QQI**
- Body Massage & Figure Analysis
- Indian Head Massage
- Occupational First Aid

**Additional Courses**
- Additional in-house courses may be run in body exfoliation, hot stone facial and Reiki.
Introduction
This two year in-depth course is designed for those with an enthusiasm and ability to obtain a recognised qualification in hairdressing in a real salon environment. Mallow College has a fully equipped working salon on site. This dynamic course will provide the knowledge and foundation that is needed pursue an exciting career in hairdressing. Certified by the Department of Education Senior Trades Certificates, learners will be ready for their two year apprenticeship to becoming fully qualified hairdressers; and after a further two years’ experience, becoming qualified hairdressing trainers.

• Career Prospects:
  • Colourist in a salon
  • Stylist
  • Trainer

• Calendar:
  Two years. Full-time

• Workshops:
  • Barbering
  • Up styling
  • Colouring

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview and a competency assessment.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Hairdressing, Level 5 - 5M3351
  • Department of education Senior Trades Certificate

• Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

• Additional Costs:
Additional costs for student kits, workshops, and exam fees etc. will be incurred at the start of the course. Details will be made available at interview.
HEALTHCARE SUPPORT
(CARE OF THE ELDERLY)

Introduction
QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Care Support - 5M4339 / Health Service Skills 5M3782
Learners will develop the knowledge, skills and qualifications to work as healthcare assistants in various settings. Graduates of this course can work as part of a care team assisting nurses in hospitals and in Nursing homes. Graduates can also help with an individual's personal care as home help.

• Career Prospects:
  • Healthcare assistant
  • Voluntary care services
  • Nursing home/day care centre employee
  • Carer
  • Home help/personal care

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • This course is designed to benefit mature learners with life and work experience.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Health Care Support
  • QQI Occupational First Aid Certificate
  • Patient Moving and Handling

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. Two days per week plus block release of two weeks duration. The dates will be specified by the college. Each student is responsible for securing their own work placement.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content
» Care Skills
» Care Support
» Care of the Older Person
» Infection Control & Prevention
» Safety & Health at Work
» Disability Studies
» Occupational First Aid
» Communications
» Work Experience
» Palliative Care
NURSING STUDIES

Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Nursing Studies - 5M4349

This course is ideal for any individual interested in nursing. The course provides learners with the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to gain employment as a carer or health care assistant or to pursue a Nursing degree with this QQI qualification or as a mature applicant through the CAO or UCAS.

- Career Prospects:
  - Home help/personal care
  - Nursing home/day care centre employee
  - Special needs assistant
  - Healthcare assistant

- Calendar:
  One year full-time

- Entry Requirements:
  - No CAO points required.
  - For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  - Leaving Certificate (established).
  - An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  - Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

- Certification:
  - QQI Certificate in Nursing Studies
  - QQI Occupational First Aid Certificate

- QQI Minor Award in Mathematics (optional, offered for learners who may not meet progression requirements to higher education)
- Certificate in patient moving and handling

- Garda Vetting:
  Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

- Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

- Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

Course Content

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Growth & Development
- Nursing Theory & Practice
- Care Skills
- Care Support
- Care of the Older Person
- Nutrition
- Infection Control & Prevention
- Occupational First Aid
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Optional: Mathematics

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Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Sports, Recreation and Exercise - 5M5146

Sports, Recreation & Massage Studies is an ideal course for individuals with an interest in fitness and Sport who would like learn more about how the body works best and how to treat and prevent sports related injuries. The course combines a full QQI award in Sports, Recreation and Exercise as well as ITEC qualifications in Sports Massage. Learners can build on the skills and knowledge acquired in this course to progress onto the Advanced Certificate in Sports, Recreation & Injury Therapy. These courses are certified by the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) who apply a rigid set of standards governing attendance, learning and examinations.

• Career Prospects:
  • Health clubs
  • Salons
  • Health studios
  • Self-employment as sports massage therapist

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  • For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
  • Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Certification:
  • QQI Certificate in Sports, Recreation and Exercise, Level 5 - 5M5146.
  • ITEC Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy, Level 3
  • ITEC Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology, Level 3
  • Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym based exercises)

• Work Experience:
  Clinical and field work is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

• Additional Costs:
  Additional costs for certification, textbooks, uniforms, etc. will be incurred. Details will be made available at interview.

Course Content

• Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy (including pre and post event massage) Level 3 ITEC
• Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology related to Sports Massage ITEC
• Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym based exercises)
• Business, Professionalism and Ethics ITEC
• Sports & Recreation Studies
• Exercise & Fitness
• Safety & Health at Work
• Nutrition
• Anatomy & Physiology
• Body Massage & Figure Analysis
• Occupational First Aid
• Communications
• Work Experience

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Introduction
Advanced Certificate in Sports, Recreation and Injury Therapies at Mallow College of Further Education is intended for those who wish to pursue a career in the health and fitness or sports injuries industry. On completion of this programme learners will have acquired the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of not only sports massage and injury treatment but also of gym and fitness instruction. Graduates of this programme will have a unique combination of qualifications in sports injuries, gym instruction as well as health and recreation making them very attractive to the workforce. These courses are certified by the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) who apply a rigid set of standards governing attendance, learning and examinations.

• Career Prospects:
  • Sports injury therapists
  • Health studios
  • Gymnasiums
  • Self-employment
  • Health clubs

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.
  • QQI Level 5 award in Sports, Recreation and Exercise 5M5146, or ITEC Level 3 Certificate in Sports Massage
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.

• Certification:
  • QQI Advanced Certificate in Sports, Recreation and Exercise, Level 6 - 6M5147.
  • ITEC Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy, Level 4
  • ITEC Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym-based exercise), Level 2

• Work Experience:
  Clinical and field work is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.

• Additional Costs:
  Additional costs for certification, textbooks, uniforms, etc. will be incurred. Details will be made available at interview.

Course Content
» Sports Massage Therapy ITEC
» Fitness Instructing (Gym based exercise) ITEC
» Sports Industry Practice ITEC
» Sports Nutrition ITEC
» Sports Psychology ITEC
» Health Promotion ITEC
» On-site Massage ITEC
» Communications
» Work Experience
» Exercise & Fitness

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Security Studies
Introduction

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Security Studies - 5M2110.
This course is suitable for students who wish to pursue a career in the private security industry, Airport Police, Defence Forces, emergency and security services or in An Garda Síochána. This course has a focus on delivering intellectual knowledge on crime and the security industry in Ireland. MCFE, as part of the Cork ETB, is an accredited training provider for the Private Security Authority of Ireland (PSA) - under strict laws regarding the licensing process in the private security industry. The course also provides security & criminology students with opportunities to progress in their education to degree courses in UCC, CIT and various other third level institutions.

Career Prospects:
- Security systems and procedures
- Fire services
- Airport police
- Private security industry
- Prison services
- Defence forces

Calendar:
One year full-time

Entry Requirements:
- No CAO points required.
- For mature candidates recognition of prior learning and experience will be considered in lieu of formal qualifications.
- Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), or equivalent.
- An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
- Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

Certification:
- QQI Certificate in Security Studies, Level 5 - 5M2110
- QQI Occupational First Aid Certificate, Level 5 - 5N1207
- PSA Private Security Authority (PSA) License - PSA

Garda Vetting:
Note: This course requires participants to be Garda vetted. Continued participation on the course and work placement is dependent on the successful completion of this process.

Progressions:
Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.
Introduction

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Security Operations - 6M4980
This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to work within security management at supervisory level. Managerial roles in the security industry are almost exclusively obtained by individuals who have this supervision qualification fully recognised by QQI. This involves coordinating security operations such as logistics, event management, and crime prevention, business management and business law.

• Career Prospects:
  • Fire services
  • Defence forces
  • Security systems and procedures
  • Airport police
  • Prison services
  • Private security industry

• Calendar:
  One year full-time

• Entry Requirements:
  • No CAO points required.
  • QQI Level 5 award in Security Studies 5M2110.
  • An English language test may be required for international students from countries where English is not a first language.
  • Places will be allocated on the basis of an interview.

• Certification:
  • QQI Advanced Certificate in Security Operations, Level 6 - 6M4980

• Work Experience:
  Work experience is an integral part of this course. The dates and duration will be specified by the college.

• Progressions:
  Mallow College of Further Education has a wide variety of progression links with a number of different institutions both in Ireland and the UK. A complete list of progression opportunities can be found at www.mallowcollege.ie.
**Art, Craft & Design**

*Elaine Lehane*

Elaine described MCFE as a vital stepping stone on her path for a future in art craft and design. Having gained the fundamental skills Elaine continued her studies in Limerick School of Art and Design, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art Printmaking with first class honours. Elaine is now studying for her Masters in Art in Process at Crawford College of Art and Design.

**Accounting Technician**

*Gary McCormack*

Gary McCormack completed the two year course. When questioned Gary describes the course as giving him the confidence to take clients’ accounts to a higher level and that the course has given him professional qualification. Gary said of his time at MCFE -“It was a great experience from the classes right through to the friendships that I made with my co-students. The tutors were extremely helpful and gave over and above the course content, organising extra tuition and study days coming up to the exams”. Gary has since gone to complete his final accountancy exams and works full time as an accountant.

**Complimentary Health**

*Danielle Horan*

Danielle Horan has been a student in MCFE for the past two years and has since started work in the 5 Star Parkinasilla Resort and Spa in Sneem, Co. Kerry. Danielle described her time on the course as exceeding her expectations, and was blown away with how much she had learnt in her 2 years. When asked about her time at MCFE Danielle was “extremely impressed with the depth of training she received, the tutors were very knowledgeable and most importantly approachable.”

**Diploma in Beauty, Body Therapy, Electrolysis & Spa Treatments**

*Bhawana Crone*

Bhawana graduated in 2012 and came from a house keeping background. Having successfully completed two years in MCFE she now believes she has the confidence to pursue a new career, and is currently working on developing her on business. Bhawana described that she chose this particular course because of its reputation and quality of qualification offered. Of her time at MCFE she revealed that the tutors were helpful and that good friendships were developed with both fellow students and staff.

**Hairdressing**

*Patricia Olawum*

Patricia graduated from MCFE after completing two years in Hairdressing and two years in Business. Upon
graduating Patricia gained employment at Peter Mark hair salon, and subsequently set up her own business. Patricia describes her time at MCFE as a stepping stone to success, with many friendships being developed. Patricia feels that she developed the necessary skills in both hairdressing and business which gave her the confidence to develop a new business venture.

**Sports Injury Treatment**  
**Karen Walsh**  
Having graduated from complimentary health, Karen decided to continue on with developing her career, and enrolled on the sports injury treatment course. Karen chose this course as she feels it’s a growing area for employment and in addition Karen feels that she is now equipped with the necessary skills in massage, aroma therapy and reflexology, which will enable her to gain employment post-graduation.

**Early Childhood, Care & Education**  
**Anne Marie Buckley**  
Anne Marie graduated and is now employed as a special needs assistant. When asked what attracted her to MCFE she detailed that the college had great reputation for FETAC courses and a career guide in UCC advised her to look into the courses available that would interest her and the career choices that she wanted to pursue. Anne Marie describes her experience as ‘thoroughly enjoyable, the staff and students were very helpful and supportive both in and out of class time, and the course was excellent and helped her achieving her goal. Of the course she enjoyed the broad range of modules that were covered, and also found the work placement throughout the course as being extremely helpful.

**Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care, Education & Special Needs (Level 6)**  
**Louise Hickey**  
Having graduated recently Louise is currently employed as a Newborn Hearing Screener in Cork University Maternity Hospital. Louise enrolled on this course as she felt it covered both special needs and childcare, which meant when applying for jobs in the future she would have wider options available to her. Having spent two years at MCFE, Louise describes her experience as enjoyable and useful; and has lead to the development of lifetime friendships. Louise revealed that the course was really helpful in furthering her career, and in addition outlined that she developed a fundamental knowledge of how children develop, the different type of special needs that exist and understands how childcare settings are run.
STUDENT PROFILE

Computer Networking & Maintenance/Advanced Certificate in Computer Network Technology (Level 6)
Craig Logan-Smith
Craig graduated with a FETAC level 6 qualification having completed two years in MCFE. Upon graduating Craig gained employed in the technology sector, and has recently set up his own business “Mercury Computers”. Of his time at MCFE Craig said ‘the experience was really enjoyable, a wide variety of new skills were developed and it laid the foundations for starting his own business. Craig describes the facilities in MCFE as high quality, and revealed that staff members were always on hand to offer advice and support.

Sound Engineering & Media Technology
Shah Alam Balock
Shah recently graduated and following this completed his honours degree in Music Technology and Production in Limerick Institute of Technology. Prior to studying at MCFE, Shah was employed in the technology sector. He describes the course as being well structured and covers all aspects of sound engineering. When ask about his experience of the college he describes the staff as helpful, supportive and approachable. Shah also revealed that the course gave him an excellent grounding and has aided his studies at third level.

Healthcare Support
Pat O’Reilly
Pat O’ Reilly successfully graduated from MCFE with a full FETAC Level 5 award in Healthcare Support. Having spent many years working in the construction industry, Pat was hit by the economic downturn. Seeing healthcare as a growth industry, he decided to retrain as a Healthcare Assistant at Mallow College. The course gave him knowledge and insight into how the health care sector works. It made him aware of the difficulties faced by some people in their daily lives and gave him the confidence to be able to provide that care. Pat, a grandfather, feels a great sense of achievement for having returned to college after many years in the workplace. He says it is the friends he made and the welcome, help and encouragement he was given by staff that made studying at MCFE such an enjoyable experience.

Nursing
Alyese Madigan
Alyese is currently studying for a Nursing degree at Anglia Ruskin University in Essex, England having completed a FETAC Level 5 Nursing studies course at MCFE. She says of MCFE, “The course benefitted me both academically and socially. I made loads of new friends and my teachers were brilliant. They were really helpful and friendly. I really enjoyed the course itself as it is really interesting and I believe the Nursing Studies course has given me a huge advantage over other people starting the Nursing degree.”
Apprenticeship is a demand-driven, workplace and classroom, educational and training programme for employed people aimed at developing the skills of the apprentice to meet the needs of industry and the labour market. The Curriculum for each apprenticeship programme is based on uniform, pre-specified standards which are agreed and determined by industry.

**Mallow College of Further Education provides the following:**

Course Title: **Carpentry and Joinery**  
Provision: **Phases Four and Six**

Apprenticeship is a system of employment based training and education which enables a person to obtain the skills, knowledge and education, required to satisfactorily perform all the core skills of their chosen trade. Employment may begin at 16 years of age subject to the minimum educational requirements,

(i) Grade D in any 5 subjects, at Department of Education Junior Certificate Level.  
(ii) Satisfactorily complete a Solas Pre-apprenticeship course.  
(iii) In certain occupations, a vision test is required.

To obtain an Apprenticeship, it is necessary to contact a prospective Employer directly. The employer then registers your name with Solas and only then can the training programme begin.

The education and training structure is common to all trades and consists of the following Phases:

- **Phase 1** On the job with the Employer (12 Weeks)  
- **Phase 2** Off the job with Solas (20 - 22 Weeks)  
- **Phase 3** On the job with the Employer (12 Weeks)  
- **Phase 4** Off the job Mallow College (10 Weeks)  
- **Phase 5** On the job with the Employer  
- **Phase 6** Off the job Mallow College (10 Weeks)  
- **Phase 7** On the job with the Employer (12 Weeks)

On the successful completion of the 7 Phases, the Apprentice may apply to Solas for the **National Craft Certificate**.  
Mallow College of Further education provides the educational service for Phase 4 and Phase 6 of the Standards Based Apprenticeship system in the Trade of: **Carpentry and Joinery**
Carpentry and Joinery

Phase four consists of 3 Modules (10 Weeks)
Module 1 – Site Works
Module 2 – Roofs
Module 3 – Joinery

Assessment is conducted in 2 parts as follows:
a) Mid-term exam: Practical 1
b) Final exams: Written
Drawing
Practical 2

Phase Six consists of 3 Modules (10 Weeks)
Module 1 – Roofs
Module 2 – Joinery
Module 3 – Site setting out and levelling

Assessment is conducted in 2 parts as follows:
a) Mid-term exam: Practical 1
b) Final exams: Written
Drawing
Practical 2

On successful completion of an apprenticeship, a QQI Advanced Certificate is awarded; this is recognised internationally as the requirement for craftsperson status.

For further information about becoming, or employing an apprentice, please go to: Solas.ie
Mallow College of Further Education is located in the heart of Munster. Situated just 5 minutes walk from the centre of Mallow town, we are 100 metres off the main Cork-Limerick road. The campus is a 5 minute walk from both the train and bus stations.

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