

Honours Bachelor of Arts Applied Social Studies (Disability)



This Bachelor of Arts programme is a HETAC accredited course which is placed on the National Framework of Qualifications at level 8. It is a 5-module add-on programme for eligible applicants (see below). The course has been designed and written to facilitate learners to develop the skills, knowledge and competencies to become highly skilled and informed workers/managers contributing to the future development of quality rights-driven services for people with disability. Workers in agencies who achieve this qualification will prove invaluable to agencies in meeting the challenges arising from the changes in the sector including the move to statutory quality standards (NSDS), professionalisation of the social care role, effective service planning and implementing real person-centred services.

On completion of this course students will hold a qualification which is noted for the excellence of its materials, approach and philosophy. This qualification will enable students to apply for posts with management responsibilities including the Social Care Leader salary scale. In addition successful students will have a progression route to studies at level 9: Post-Graduate Diploma or Masters Degree.

Applicants to this programme must hold a Level 7 qualification (Ordinary Degree, National Diploma) in Applied Social Studies (Disability). The College also offers an advanced entry mechanism for holders of Level 7 qualifications in a cognate area (E.G. applied social studies, social care, special education, supported employment, psychology, learning disability nursing). Applicants from this second grouping will be required to complete a bridging programme for a specified fee. Please contact the College or see our website for details.

Module 1: Introduction to Qualitative Research

Develop research skills with a view to improving quality of service delivered

Module 2: Disability and Social Policy in Ireland

Develop understanding and skill in influencing social policy as it relates to disability

Module 3: Essential Social Care Leadership Skills

Become a leader and visionary for quality services

Module 4: Essential Social Care Management Skills

Develop key skills for self and people management

Module 5: Disability in the Context of Social Equality and Inclusion

Broaden your knowledge and understanding of the social inclusion agenda

Course Details

- HETAC accredited course at Level 8
- 2 day workshops per module
- Assessment primarily by assignment and project
- Supplementary readings provided
- Fortnightly telephone tutorials
- Elearning Supports

To apply complete **all** sections on the application form and Agency Support Agreement and return to:

Applications

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