

Bachelor of Arts (Ordinary) Applied Social Studies (Disability)



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This Bachelor of Arts programme in 2007 is a HETAC accredited course which is placed on the National Framework of Qualifications at Level 7. The course has been designed and written to provide cutting edge thinking and skills to staff working in services for people with disability to assist them in the provision of excellent person centred services.

Modules 1 to 5 are foundation modules which provide the fundamental skills and information necessary for working in services. Modules 6 to 10 introduce areas and skills increasingly more complex and challenging. Modules 11 to 15 require critical thinking and analytical skills and the ability to undertake work related research.

On completion of this course students will hold a primary qualification which is noted for the excellence of its materials, approach and philosophy. This qualification will also enable students to apply for posts carrying the Social Care Professional salary scale as it is one of the approved courses arising from the Joint Committee report. In addition students will have a progression route to studies at Level 8: Bachelor of Arts (Honours).

Year 1 Modules:

1. Introduction to Disability
2. Key issues in Disability
3. Skills for Working Effectively with People
4. Health, Safety and Personal Care
5. Focus on the Individual: Person Centred Planning

Year 2 Modules:

6. Quality in Services
7. Community Networking
8. Developing Personal Initiative Skills
9. Systematic Instruction
10. States of Being: Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour

Year 3 Modules:

11. Developing Research Skills
12. Life Transitions
13. Professional Development
14. Individual Development and Sexuality

Elective Modules -

Students choose 1 to 4:

- 15a Working with People within the Autistic Spectrum
- 15b Creating Living Environments
- 15c Productivity and Workplace Adaptation
- 15d Inclusion Through Work

To apply for this course applicants must currently be working in services for people with a disability for at least one year and hold the Leaving Certificate **OR** be over age 23.

Course Details:

- HETAC accredited course at Level 7
- 2 day workshops per module
- Assessment primarily by assignment, project and e-learning
- Supplementary readings provided
- Fortnightly telephone tutorials
- E-learning supports

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

Applications

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