

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES FOR ADULTS AND SCHOOL LEAVERS



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about us





about us

As you walk through the front door of Pearse College of Further Education, you will notice a sculpture inscribed with the words:

“Education should foster, education should inspire.”

Since we began offering courses to adults in 1967 we have been motivated by these words of Padraig Pearse.

We believe that if you take the first step of returning to education with us, then it is our responsibility to motivate, challenge and encourage you to take the next one to:

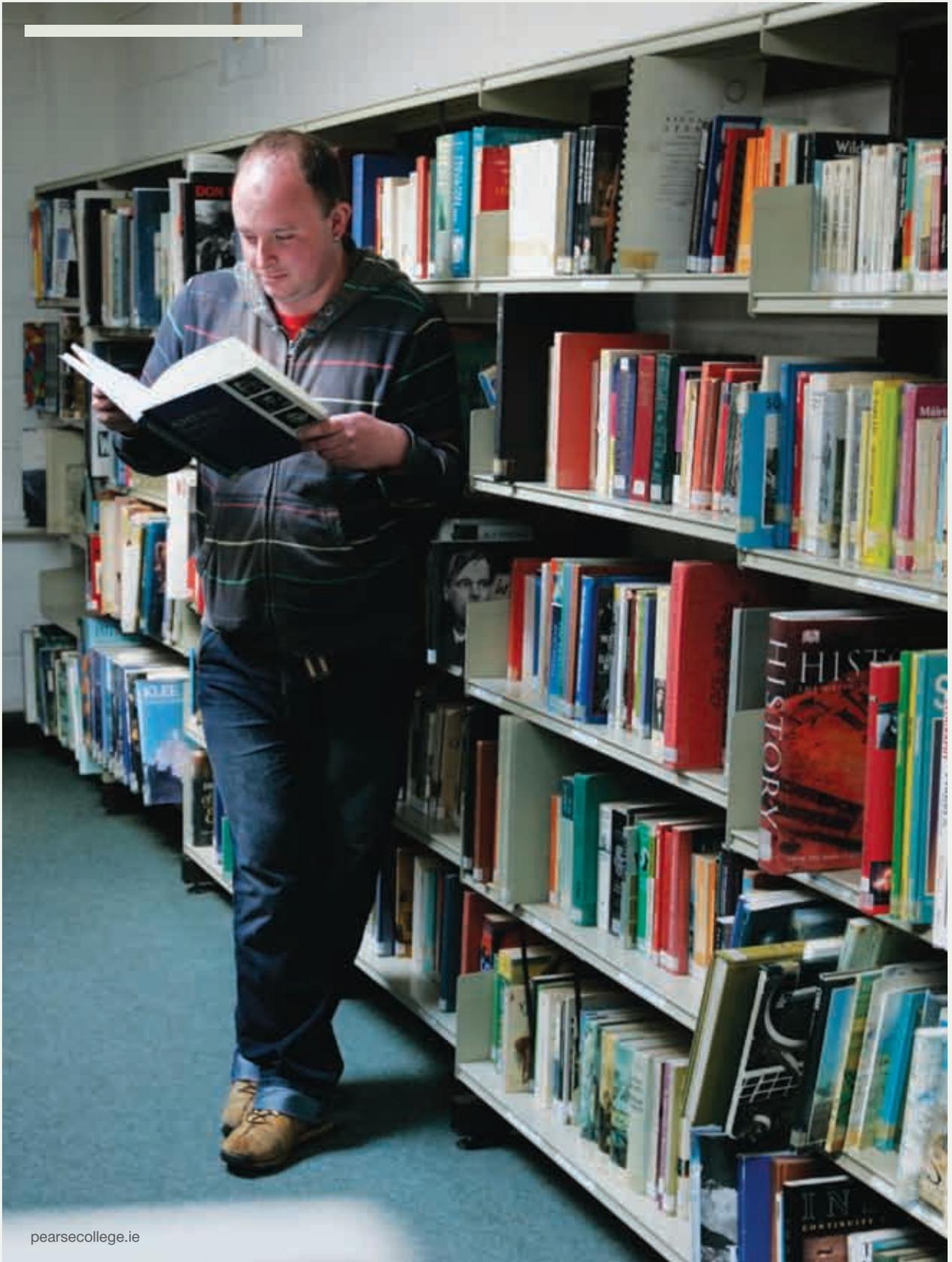
Start or restart your education Start on the path to a career Start a new stage of your life

Our courses are designed to prepare students for employment and third level education in an adult-friendly environment. In Pearse College, mature students returning to education mix with school leavers, teachers and students working together to discover capabilities, explore possibilities and realise potential.

It is an exciting and inspirational place to learn, with a highly qualified, dedicated and caring staff, excellent facilities, a unique atmosphere and a proven track record.

As you browse the pages of this prospectus, I hope you find a course that appeals to you.

Jacqueline Nunan
Principal



a place for learning

Library

The library has a full-time librarian and facilities are expanding continuously. Currently the library has over 6,000 books, with a computerised lending and borrowing system. Pearse College of Further Education Library also provides photocopying and printing facilities, internet access and study space.

Specialist Rooms

Facilities include multimedia studios, language laboratory, two fully equipped science rooms for practical work, a large cookery kitchen, art room and architectural draughting studios, a conference centre, complementary therapies suite, assembly halls and state of the art gym facilities.

Computer Facilities

Computer facilities include six networked computer rooms with DSL Broadband and a draughting studio with Autocad and DSL connection. These facilities are upgraded regularly with the latest equipment and software. The software includes Microsoft Office, CAD, Visual Basic, Tas Book Accounts, SAGE, Typing Tutors, Adobe Creative Studio, DTP and Web Authoring Programs.

Examination and Assessment

The college is a recognised examination centre for the following examination bodies:

- > State Examinations Commission (SEC)¹
- > Further Education Training Awards Council (FETAC)²
- > Irish Exporter's Association;
- > Insurance Institute of Ireland;
- > Curriculum Development Unit (CDVEC)
- > European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)
- > International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC)
- > City and Guilds of London (CandG)

National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) offers a framework through which all learning achievements can be easily compared and valued. The framework has 10 levels. Level 1 relates to a basic level of learning. Level 10 equates to a PhD.

Pearse College of Further Education offers programmes at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6. Graduates of the college benefit from having easily understood qualifications that belong to a single national coherent system and which accord with European and international developments.



1. State Examinations Commission (SEC)

The State Examinations Commission is the body which is responsible for organising all second level state examinations.

2. Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC)

The Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) was established in 2001 under the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999. It is the single national awarding body for the further education and training sector in Ireland. FETAC makes awards to learners on a vast range of programmes. Only FETAC approved centres such as Pearse College of Further Education can offer their programmes to learners. Centres approved by FETAC must have a quality assurance system in place. Pearse College of Further Education in partnership with FETAC now has a system of policies and procedures to assure the continuous evaluation, updating and improving of all our services.

supporting you

Career Development/ Counselling

A counselling service is provided by two Guidance Counsellors operating in conjunction with CDVEC Psychological Service. The service offers career and education guidance in areas such as: study skills, college applications, job search, stress management, as well as general counselling and referral to specialised support services.

Disability Support Service

People with special needs are most welcome in Pearse College. There is a Special Needs/Disability Support Officer available one day a week, during term-time. This project is a partnership between the City of Dublin VEC and the National Learning Network.

A disability should be indicated at the interview so that we can try to provide supports as early as possible. It is essential that students with specific disability support needs contact the Disability Support Officer as early as possible upon receiving a place in the college.

Contact

Disability Support Officer

Eileen Daly

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Tutorial System

All students are assigned to a class tutor or course co-ordinator who takes a special interest in their welfare, monitors their attendance and issues references.

Induction Meetings

New adult students are offered an induction course and a series of workshops at the beginning of the year to assist in their return to college.

Crèche

Facilities are available at very reasonable rates in the new purpose built crèche at Pearse College of Further Education.

It is important to apply early to the manager to reserve a place for the next academic year.

Contact

Crèche Manager

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Literacy Drop-In Centre

Literacy support is available every Thursday morning.

Contact

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Money Matters

PLC Grants

Grants are available to eligible students. General information and application details may be obtained from the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee, phone 01 668 0614 or visit www.cdvec.ie.

VTOS

VTOS is the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme which offers unemployed people the opportunity to return to full time education without losing their social welfare benefits.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for VTOS a person must:

- > be at least 21 years of age at the start of the course
- > be in receipt of an unemployment payment or signing for credits for at least 6 months (156 days)

Please contact our office for a copy of the VTOS booklet on 01 453 6661.

Benefits of VTOS

- > There are no course fees (Deposits will be refunded)
- > VTOS students will receive books for their course of study on a book loan scheme
- > VTOS students are not required to sign-on at a Local Social Welfare Office while participating in the Scheme
- > VTOS participants retain entitlement to their Social Welfare secondary benefits such as Medical Cards and Rent Allowance
- > A small weekly meal and travel allowance may be included.

How long am I entitled to VTOS?

VTOS is payable for a maximum of 2 years only. In circumstances where a person has undertaken a course that is in excess of 2 years while on VTOS, they can join the Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) scheme.

How to apply?

- > Telephone 01 453 6661 for an application form or log on to www.pearsecollege.ie to apply online

You will be called for an interview and if you are eligible you will be offered a place on the course. After that you will meet with the College VTOS co-ordinator Christine Metzger who will guide you through all additional procedures.

BTEA

The Back to Education Programme (BTEA) is run by the Department of Social Protection. Detailed information on BTEA is available from welfare. ie. This includes the application form that has to be filled out and handed in to your Social Welfare Local Office. This booklet is also available from any Citizen Information Office. It will give you information on how to apply and if you qualify for this scheme.

Key features of BTEA are:

- > There is no signing on for the duration of the course
- > The weekly Social Welfare payment will be paid into a student's bank or post office account
- > A small meal and travel allowance is paid by the VEC
- > There is an additional annual allowance to help with the course costs. This is paid at the end of October and is currently €500
- > Earnings from part-time employment do not affect your BTEA payment - however it might affect Rent Allowance.

How to apply

- > Telephone 01 453 6661 for an application form or log on to www.pearsecollege.ie to apply online
- > Attend an interview in Pearse College.

Once you have been offered a place on a course and paid your fees you will be invited to a registration day in early September. On this day you will have a chance to talk to the BTEA/VTOS co-ordinator who can give you information on how you can apply for the BTEA Programme

Contact

Christine Metzger

VTOS/BTEA Co-ordinator

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Student Life



Canteen

The College canteen, run by a professional catering firm, offers hot and cold meals, teas, coffees etc. at reasonable prices.

Gardens

The grounds include many decorative trees and shrubs, a large rose bed and large lawns. Currently being developed is a butterfly meadow and a nursery stock production plot.

- > The college has an arboretum with numerous native Irish species
- > A vegetable garden
- > A herb garden
- > A fragrant seated patio garden

Pearse College Allotments

Pearse College has developed some of its land to set up allotments. We have 133 individual plots, each measuring 80m². Ten of the plots are retained by Pearse College for the use of its own students and those of other CDVEC colleges; the remaining 123 are leased to local people.

There are also 5 wheelchair accessible raised beds which have been made available to local groups working with people with disabilities and special needs.

The most recent and exciting addition to our allotment areas was the installation of a turbine powered well for water. Student projects also include the planting of an orchard and the development of a communal garden and BBQ area.

Student Council

The Student Council has members elected from each class. It meets to review matters of interest to the student body and discusses issues arising with the College Management. There is also a Student Council representative on the Board of Management.

Sport and Cultural Activities

Pearse College of Further Education has a long tradition of sporting and cultural activities which include debates, public speaking, theatre trips, outdoor education and social outings.

Sports Hall and Gym

We have a new, purpose built, sports hall and gymnasium. A range of sports and fitness programmes are delivered by fully qualified staff.

Parking

A bike park and car parking spaces are available for student use.

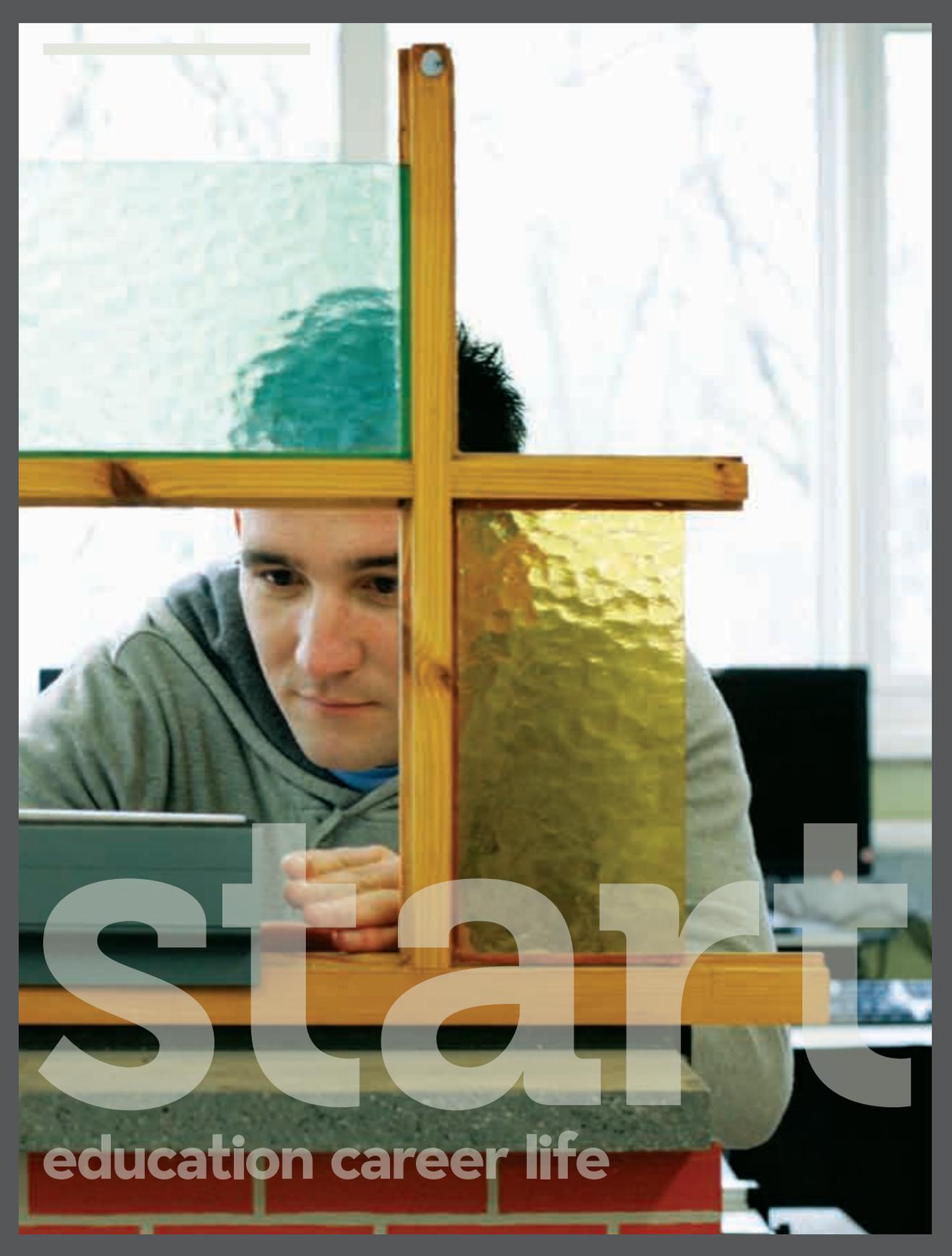
International Students *Céad Míle Fáilte*

International students are most welcome to Pearse College. In order to be eligible for a full-time PLC course international students must be resident in Ireland and possess the following documents:

- > Passport (if EU) or registration book/ Green Card with Stamp 4 for PLC courses and Stamp 2 for Junior Cert, REACH and Leaving Cert.
- > Different rules apply for Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate
- > Applicants from outside the EU with student visas are required to pay full international fees

International students must sit English Language Placement Tests.

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the built environment

In Ireland today buildings account for almost half of our total energy consumption, and a similar share of our total greenhouse gas emissions. The construction and demolition of buildings account for about half of our total waste generation, and we use more than 150L of water per person per day.

The trend towards a sustainable future is echoed here in Pearse College. We feel that we have a critical role to play by teaching students to practise sustainable design in the architectural, engineering and construction fields.

In our popular Architectural Draughting and CAD courses (FETAC Level 5 and 6) we explore the design and detailing of a building, and the use of drawings from sketches to Computer Aided Design drawings to communicate information. In Sustainable Construction Technology (FETAC Level 5) we wish to create awareness in environmental issues and to explore the relationship between people, energy use, and the environmental impact of buildings.

Are you our ideal student?

Yes, if you have an interest in building design and construction.

Yes, if you want to learn about saving energy in buildings and planning a more sustainable future.

Yes, if you want to know about producing effective architectural drawing and how to communicate information.

Yes, if you want an introductory course to direct you into third level education in the field of architecture, design and construction.

the built environment



Architectural Draughting and CAD

What is it about?

Students will gain a broadly-based knowledge of the principles of construction and detailing for a wide range of different buildings in combination with obtaining the necessary draughting skills. Pearse College has over 30 years of teaching experience in this area.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > Two years

What do I get out of it?

The opportunity to become qualified in an area that will be one of the first sectors to signal the anticipated upturn in our economy.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Construction Technology
- > FETAC Level 6 Award in Architectural Technology and Design

Where can I go from here?

Career opportunities include direct placement into drawing offices of the relevant sectors of the building industries. Entry to degree courses in architectural technology or engineering is also possible. Former students have successfully achieved degrees in Architectural Technology and developed their own practices.

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Sustainable Construction Technologies

What is it about?

This course is designed to create an awareness of environmental issues in the building industry and to explore the environmental impact of buildings. Students will study the importance of passive design, understand the benefits of sustainable energy and use computer software to calculate the Building Energy Rating (BER) of dwellings, investigate sustainable green solutions to energy use and much more.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

What do I get out of it?

An opportunity to delve into the world of emerging and sustainable technologies at an opportune time.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Construction Technology

Where can I go from here?

Career opportunities include employment with sustainable building consultants, local authorities and in the construction industry.

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Computer Aided Design

What is it about?

This course is aimed at students who wish to pursue a career in the world of Draughting whether it be Architectural, Building or Engineering, and it prepares students for further study at Third Level or direct placement into industry.

How do I get in?

- > Interview.
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience.

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

What do I get out of it?

The skills required to work in a CAD related industry.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Construction Technology CCONT

Where can I go from here?

The world is your oyster with the opportunity to travel and work abroad. You may choose to stay in Ireland to gain experience in the industry and perhaps eventually set up your own company.

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A woman wearing a brown knit beanie, a dark jacket, blue jeans, and white gloves is smiling and using a shovel to dig in a garden. The garden has various plants and a fence in the background.

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horticulture

Horticulture is the art or practice of garden cultivation and management. At Pearse College we have a 22 year tradition of dedicated horticulture courses and we offer each student a unique opportunity to explore whatever branch of horticulture interests them. Constantly aware of current trends and changing demands, we have recently branched out into the areas of organics, design and ecology. We are growing and expanding all the time and would like to invite you to become part of our biodynamic team.

Are you our ideal student?

Yes, if you are interested in knowing how to design and build your own garden, or if you just don't know what to do with that shady bit in the backyard.

Yes, if you want to know what plants are made of and how they grow.

Yes, if your goal is to supply your family's needs for fruit and vegetables.

Yes, if conserving our natural resources and maintaining our green spaces is what makes you tick.

What can we offer you?

We will offer you a secure and encouraging atmosphere in which to explore your interests.

We will help you chose a career path that may lead to employment or to further studies.

We will guide you along the way and celebrate your success.

We will together strive to appreciate our surroundings and understand the concepts that will help create a better environment for all.

horticulture



Amenity Horticulture

What is it about?

This course has been running successfully for over 20 years and is as popular today, as when we started in 1989. It provides the students with a general all round knowledge in all aspects of horticulture. There is a good balance of practical and theory, scientific experiments, building techniques, propagating plants and learning their names.

How do I get in?

The course is aimed at mature students who have a keen interest in horticulture and/or relevant experience.

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)
- > Two years part-time (Sept - May) (VTOS only)

What do I get out of it?

The confidence and skills to design, construct and maintain a functional modern garden.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Applied Science - Horticulture

Where can I go from here?

Directly into employment with landscapers, garden centres and related areas. Many of our past students have also set up their own business. Further study is available through the FETAC links scheme at level 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Contact

One year course

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Two year part-time course (VTOS only)

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Organic Gardening

What is it about?

This course is designed to provide the skills and knowledge required to grow your own food, plant a prize winning garden, create a wildlife patch or woodland walk, reduce, recycle and reuse the rubbish at the end of your yard. You will learn how to produce fresh, chemical free produce, maximise yields and replenish the earth in order to leave a rich and bountiful legacy for future generations.

How do I get in?

The course is aimed at anyone wishing to learn how to utilise one of the earth's most important natural resources, soil, in a sustainable, rewarding and responsible manner.

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

What do I get out of it?

The knowledge and satisfaction that you are doing your own little bit to save the planet.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Organic Horticulture

Where can I go from here?

Further study in Institutes of Technology and Universities. 'Organics' is a growth industry in Ireland with government targets set to triple current organic output by 2012. There are opportunities to create small scale businesses providing produce for farmers' markets locally.

Contact

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Landscape Design

What is it about?

This course will introduce you to the techniques and skills required to design and build your own dream garden. During the year you will look at issues surrounding garden design, landscape construction and maintenance, surveying and drawing. You will gain valuable plant knowledge and learn how to measure, plot and plan anything from the humble back yard to the larger estate garden. Modern green building and recycling techniques will be examined in order to encourage a more sustainable approach to garden design.

You do not need to be Picasso or Michelangelo; you just need a little imagination and we'll show you how.

How do I get in?

This course is aimed at anyone who wishes to explore the possibilities of garden design.

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

What do I get out of it?

The inspiration and motivation to become the next Bloom/Chelsea garden designer extraordinaire.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Garden Design

Where can I go from here?

Further study in Institutes of Technology and Universities. Career opportunities include self-employment, local authority parks and gardens, allotment gardening and many more.

Contact

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Ecology in Ireland

What is it about?

According to recent statistics Agriculture and Science are two of the main growth areas in the Irish Economy.

Ecology in Ireland encompasses both of these study areas. It is an introduction to applied science for anyone wishing to initiate study or refresh their knowledge in a science field. We will look at sustainable management of our waters and woodlands, Ireland's biodiversity and ecology, environmental issues and permaculture design.

How do I get in?

Ecology in Ireland is a course open to all and is particularly applicable to students wishing to up-skill from related fields including construction, architecture, archaeology, design and practical horticulture. Candidates must show a keen interest in acquiring knowledge in 'green' and sustainable studies.

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

What do I get out of it?

Each student will gain a knowledge and understanding in a field of studies critical to the survival of our planet.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award in Applied Ecology

Where can I go from here?

Further study is available through the FETAC links scheme at level 6, 7, and 8 in the areas of Horticulture, Applied

Science, Environmental Studies, Forestry, Botany, Sustainable Development and Field Ecology.

Direct employment opportunities in Horticulture, Forestry, Organics, Energy Conservation, Retro-fit Construction and the 'Green' Economy.

Contact

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business

If you are interested in the world of business, then Pearse College may be the place for you. You can explore topics that will provide you with the practical and theoretical background to understand today's business environment.

The courses include modules as diverse as business law, marketing, economics, retailing, enterprise studies, warehousing and practical computer skills. All of these courses will give you the opportunity to learn about important issues impacting on business today.

If you are starting or re-starting your education, we are here to listen and guide you along the way.

Students can avail of a range of opportunities to find work in export companies, banks, or to start their own business. Some may wish to continue on to third level Business Studies in DCU, UCD or one of the Institutes of Technology.

business

Global Marketing and Business

What is it about?

This course helps students to develop skills in Marketing, Economics, Law and International Trade which may lead them into employment in a wide range of business firms.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies (BBSXX)

Where can I go from here?

Graduates may seek employment or pursue further professional courses at night or online to move up their career path. Alternatively they can progress on to our FETAC Level 6 course - Advanced Business Management or pursue further business studies courses in the Institutes of Technology, and DCU.

Contact

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Banking, Insurance and Legal Studies

What is it about?

This course helps students to develop skills to gain employment in a wide range of Financial and Legal firms. It gives a solid base upon which to build a career or to pursue further studies in the industry.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies (BBSXX)

Where can I go from here?

Graduates can pursue further professional courses at night to move up their chosen career path. Alternatively they can progress on to our FETAC Level 6 course - Advanced Business Management.

Graduates may seek employment in Banks/Insurance firms/Credit Unions etc.

Contact

Nora Sullivan

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Retail Management and Business Studies

What is it about?

The course aims to provide students with the skills to work in a junior management position in a retail organisation. The course provides students with an understanding and awareness of the activities, departments and functions within the retail sector. Students learn selling and customer service skills. They also acquire experience in the art of Merchandising and Window Display.

How do I get in?

- > Leaving Certificate 5 passes
- > Mature students on interview

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 certificate BBSXX

Where can I go from here?

Students may obtain internships or employment in retail organisations or start their own retail business. Others may wish to proceed to further retail management study at third level in DIT.

Contact

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Advanced Business Management

What is it about?

This course provides students with the advanced business skills needed to work in a management position in business or in a voluntary organisation. The entrepreneurial studies module provides essential training on how to start your own business.

How do I get in?

- > Four Level 5 FETAC modules.

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May) with relevant work experience one day per week.

Certification

- > FETAC Level 6 Certificate in Advanced Business Management

Where can I go from here?

Successful students can obtain employment in business and voluntary organisations working as a management assistant with potential for promotion and /or further part-time study.

Alternatively students may gain access to further study in DIT and DCU.

Contact

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Business through Computers (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course trains people in Basic IT. It gives them the skills to work in a modern office. Students are given training in job interview techniques. Visits to companies are organised with a view to possible internships. This course is part of the FIT range of courses.

How do I get in?

- > Aptitude test set by FIT (Fastrack Into Technology)
- > Interview

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate
- > ECDL

Where can I go from here?

Students may obtain employment in clerical and administration positions.

Contact

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Database and Warehouse Management (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course enables students to gain the necessary skills to obtain employment as Warehouse Operatives in the warehousing/logistics industry. Students will become proficient in Microsoft Office, Business Calculations, Safety and Health at Work and Customer Care.

Students are given training in job interview techniques. Visits to companies are organised with a view to possible internships. This course is part of the FIT range of courses.

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How do I get in?

- > Aptitude test set by FIT (Fastrack Into Technology)
- > Interview

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate
- > Forklift Course Certification
- > Safe Pass Certification

Where can I go from here?

Students may obtain employment in a modern warehouse or pursue further study.

Contact

Michael Sinnott

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IT and media technology

Mobile phones and social networking, analysing data in spreadsheets, storing and retrieving information in databases, cloud technology and developing and maintaining your website – all elements of the fast moving world of computing.

Information technology has become an integral part of the world of work and is essential for almost any type of occupation. Information technology will greatly enhance your chances of finding employment.

If, however, you are interested in the world of modern media and/or if you use the Internet as part of your daily life to network socially, e-mail, download music or share ideas, the new Creative Media Production course may be just what you are looking for.

IT and media technology



Computer Work Skills – Applications (VTOS only)

What is it about?

Whether you're interested in upgrading your skills for the workplace, or simply want to explore a personal interest in computer applications; this one-year course is designed to offer something for anyone with an interest in computers.

From learning how to design business cards and brochures, to creating web-pages and editing photographs, students develop a high level of computer competency in many Office-related programs.

How do I get in?

This course is open to VTOS students only. See "Money Matters" for application details.

How long does it take?

> One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

> FETAC Level 5 Award in Information Processing (BIPXX)

Where can I go from here?

- > further training at FETAC Level 6
- > third level in the Institutes of Technology or Universities
- > work in administration

Contact

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Computer Work Skills (IT)

What is it about?

This course introduces the learner to the digital architecture and theoretical concepts underpinning IT infrastructures required for the smart economy. Subjects include Computer Architecture, Networking, Maths for Computing, Programming Databases, Web Authoring and Cloud Technology.

How do I get in?

Students should have an interest in computer hardware and a good aptitude for mathematics.

How long does it take?

> One year (Sept - May)

Certification

> A FETAC Level 5 Certificate in Information Technology

Where can I go from here?

This is a stand alone qualification. However, it can also lead to Level 6 FETAC and a Third Level qualification. The IT sector is currently the fastest growing job sector in Ireland.

Contact

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Advanced Computer Work Skills

What is it about?

This course provides students with the advanced computer skills needed to work in a business or voluntary organisation. Skills such as relational database, system support, business management and web design are key skills in the business environment. Professional presentation and training skills are also key factors in personal development and offer the opportunity to widen the skills set that can be offered to employers.

How do I get in?

- > Minimum of four Level 5 FETAC modules with distinction in IT related subjects.

How long does it take?

- > One year (September to May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 6 Certificate in Administration

Where can I go from here?

Employment is available in areas such as office administration. Many past students have gone on to further training in the IT sector or third level education in the Institutes of Technology.

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Creative Media Production

What is it about?

This course will introduce students to a variety of digital media techniques using both the computer and internet environments. The modules include Music Technology, Radio Production, Digital Movie Processing, Web Authoring, e-Business, Digital Presentations, Communications and Work Experience.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience.

How long does it take?

- > One year (September – May)

Certification

- > A FETAC Level 5 Award in Creative Media (ECMXX)

Where can I go from here?

Progression to FETAC Level 6: Media Production (EMPRO) for successful students will be offered at Pearse College of Further Education. Other progression routes include studies at 3rd level in Colleges of Technology and Universities, or use the skills developed to help gain employment.

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Advanced Creative Media Production

What is it about?

This course introduces students to advanced media concepts using a range of digital media techniques. All modules are at FETAC Level 6 standard and require a high degree of academic engagement. The structure of the course requires integrated assignments, both practical and academic, across a range of module learning outcomes. Some of the modules designed of this course include Media Industry Awareness, Ethical and Legal Issues in Media, Web Authoring, Professional Presentation, Multimedia Sound and Advanced Word Processing.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > FETAC Level 5 in Creative Media Production (with minimum 4 Distinctions in vocational modules) or equivalent FETAC Level 5 Award (with minimum 4 Distinctions in vocational modules) and/or relevant experience.

How long does it take?

- > One year (September – May)

Certification

- > A full FETAC Level 6 Award in Advanced Creative Media (EMPRO)

Where can I go from here?

Progression routes include studies at 3rd level in Colleges of Technology and Universities, or use the skills developed to help gain employment.

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Do you want to start learning new languages or update your existing language skills? Are you interested in European and Intercultural issues?

If you answer yes, then Pearse College has just the course for you! Even if you are a beginner our Intensive language courses will enable you to develop a competency in French, Spanish, Irish and Italian. You can study these languages throughout the year in a non-formal learning environment.

If, on the other hand, you would like to explore the World of Culture, discovering new interests in folklore, local history, archaeology, cultural studies and music, then why not start with our World Cultures course.

You will learn about Irish and other cultures and heritage in a friendly, learning environment. This course includes trips to places such as art galleries, museums, archaeological and heritage sites.

languages and culture

Intensive European Languages

What is it about?

This course is all about immersion in European languages. It is structured so that students will work in that language for most of the week - speaking it, doing assignments through it, thinking in it... In the first semester the concentration is on French. In the second semester they learn Spanish in the same intensive way.

During the year they also get a qualification in Word Processing and European Studies as well as being introduced to two other European languages - Irish and Italian.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > French (Semester 1)
11 weeks full time
- > Spanish (Semester 2)
11 weeks full time
- > Work experience 2 weeks

Certification

- > Semester 1:
4 completed FETAC modules
- > Semester 2:
4 completed FETAC modules
- > Both Semesters:
Full FETAC Level 5 award ELESX

Where can I go from here?

Opportunities to work in business, education, E.U. institutions and the Civil Service for fluent speakers of the target languages. Progress to third level study.

Contact

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European Studies and Language

What is it about?

This course will prepare students for entrance into Arts or European Studies programmes in Third Level institutions.

It will also give students essential skills in two European languages: French and Spanish. The languages are taught throughout the year in an intensive way and the newly acquired skills can be used for both personal and professional purposes.

Our language courses also include modules such as Political Studies, Word Processing, European Studies, Intercultural Studies, Communications and Work Experience, all of which lead to a FETAC Level 5 qualification.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience
- > No prior knowledge in languages is required but always a bonus
- > Interest in languages is essential

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 award (ELESX) as well as a solid grounding towards fluency in three European languages.

Where can I go from here?

Opportunities to work in business, education, E.U. institutions and the Civil Service for fluent speakers of the target languages. Progress to third level study.

Contact

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World Cultures (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course will introduce students to the variety of cultures that we meet in our daily lives today.

They will look at issues and subjects like Folklore, Local History, Music and Communications and get a chance to explore Irish and other traditions, customs and societies. It is suitable for people of all backgrounds and experience and is an opportunity to come back to education in an adult environment.

How do I get in?

- > Interview

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award (ECHSX)

Where can I go from here?

Following completion of this award, students will be eligible to transfer to the BA degree in Heritage Studies at GMIT, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Candidates will have to complete GMIT's mature student application process.

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health

Holistic health, alternative therapies or complementary therapies are some of the names we give to the practice of healing, relaxation and nurturing ourselves as human beings.

Did you ever have a massage? Blend aromatherapy oils? Enjoy a reflexology treatment or feel your body melt after a Hot stone therapy massage?

Our course will instruct and inform you on all the areas of complementary therapy as well as offering professional training and internationally recognised diplomas in a wide range of therapies.

We offer a two year training course which will introduce you to the world of complementary therapy and at the same time give you an informative programme on how to live a healthier life from a holistic perspective.

You may progress to year two, which offers a wide range of courses from Aromatherapy to Hot Stone massage and Sports Massage, as well as traditional Chinese Massage Tuina.

Or perhaps your interest is in Nutrition?

Our Nutrition courses will give you an opportunity to explore the link between diet and health. It is now an accepted principle that good nutrition is essential for the maintenance of good health, prevention of disease, and recovery from illness.

Whether you are a sports person looking for a diet that will enhance your performance, a parent interested in sustaining your family, or simply someone who is eager to learn about nutrition, this course is for you.

On this course, you will explore the journey of food from farm to fork and you will apply practical skills in making delicious, wholesome food from basic ingredients.

Apart from having fun learning, this course could potentially open doors to many third level courses or serve as a useful stepping stone for direct entry into the workplace.

So make a start! Contact one of the course tutors, and take the first step towards learning the vital life skills of living longer and better, and become a professional therapist or nutritional expert.



Complimentary and Holistic Therapies

What is it about?

This course provides students with a foundation in Complementary and Holistic Therapies. There are practical classes such as Holistic Massage and Onsite Massage, as well as theory in subjects including Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition and Safety and Health at Work.

How do I get in?

- > An interest in Holistic Health is necessary
- > Certification/portfolio/ references evidence of relevant experience will be taken into account
- > Interview
- > Written aptitude test may be required

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC level 5 Certificate in Community and Health Services (DCHSX).
- > ITEC Diplomas in Holistic Massage and Onsite Massage.
- > Certificate in Tuina Acupressure

Where can I get from here?

Progression to year 2. Preferences for places in second year are given to those who have a satisfactory first year attendance record, a full FETAC Certificate (i.e. 8 modules) and the required ITEC Diplomas.

Graduates may seek employment in the Spa/ Therapies area.

Contact

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Advanced Complimentary and Holistic Therapies

What is it about?

This course provides students with a foundation in Complementary and Holistic Therapies. There are practical classes such as Holistic Massage and Onsite Massage, as well as theory in subjects including Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition and Safety and Health at Work.

How do I get in?

- > Progression from year 1
A prerequisite for eligibility for the ITEC diplomas is successful completion of the Diploma in Holistic Massage in year 1
- > Allocation of part-time places in any subject depends on places being available after the allocation of full-time places to students progressing from year 1. A waiting list is kept for part-time places and will be considered in late September

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > A range of ITEC Diplomas
- > Diploma in Tuina Acupressure.

Where can I get from here?

Graduates may seek employment in the Spa/ Therapies area.

Pearse College has established a link with the University of Wolverhampton. With the required ITEC diplomas entrance into year 2 of the BSc in Rehabilitation Studies is possible.

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Nutrition for Healthy Living (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course is designed to offer something for anyone with an enthusiasm for nutrition, from those simply wishing to explore personal interest to those interested in further education. Students in this course will develop an understanding of how food affects an individuals' personal wellbeing. During the course students will study subjects such as Nutrition, Microbiology, Food Hygiene, Everyday Science and Food Processing, along with a practical element to each of these subjects.

How do I get in?

- > This course is open to VTOS students only. See "Money Matters" for application details.

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 4 Certificate in Nutrition for Healthy Living

Where can I go from here?

Learners may progress to a Level 5 Certificate course, for example, FETAC Level 5 Nutrition (CASFX), and from there advance to third level. Alternatively, learners may proceed directly into the workforce, in the food service, food retail or food manufacturing sectors.

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Nutrition (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course aims to develop learners' personal interest and scientific knowledge related to food and nutrition. It will enable learners to acquire knowledge and skills useful for work or further study in food science, food processing, human nutrition and related areas. Work experience and communications modules are incorporated to further enhance the personal fulfilment and professional development of learners. The course is suitable for people of all backgrounds who have an interest and enthusiasm to learn about food and nutrition. It is an opportunity to return to education and share learning experiences in an environment that adapts to your needs.

How do I get in?

This course is open to VTOS students only. See "Money Matters" for application details.

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate (CASFX)

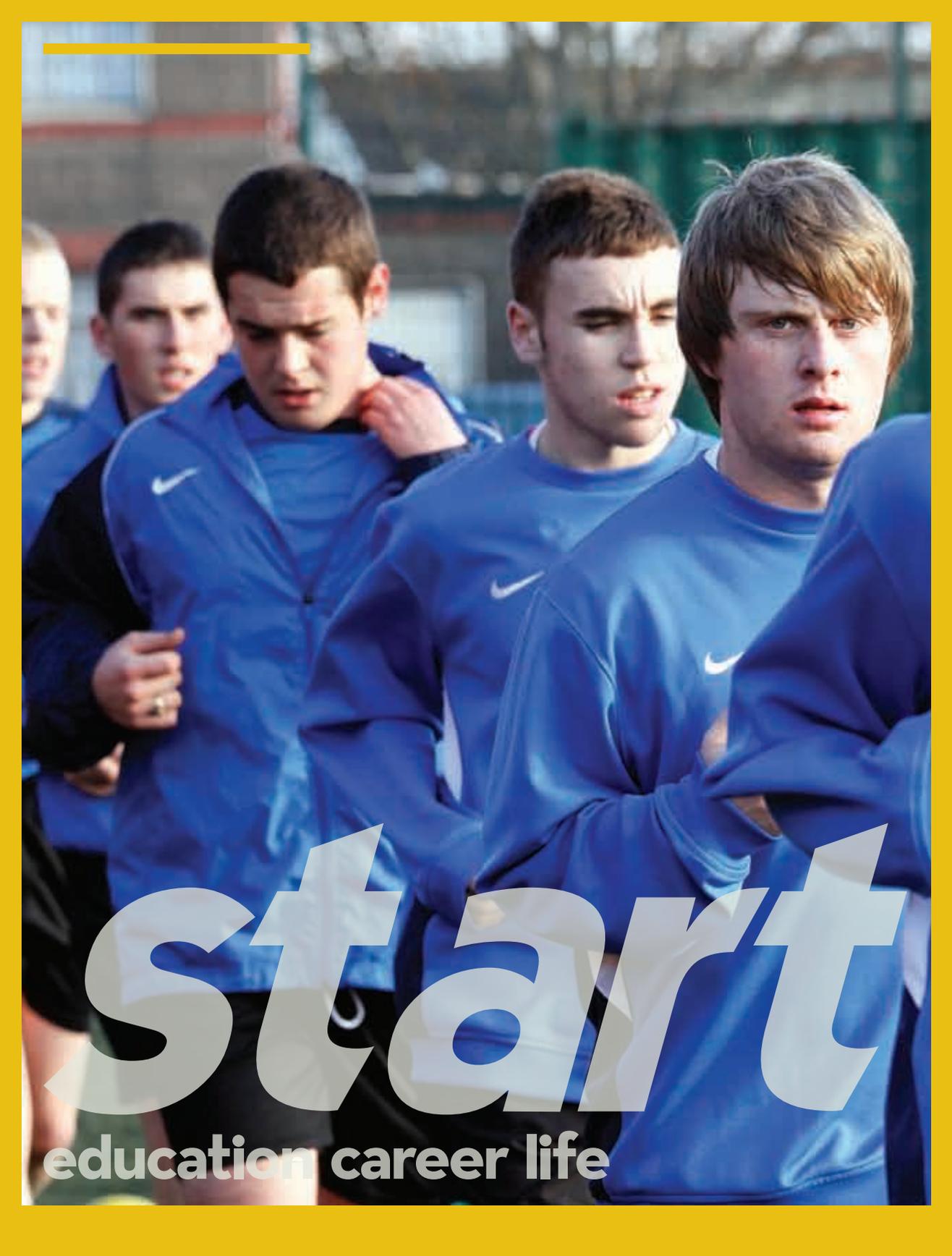
Where can I go from here?

This course is part of the Higher Education Links Scheme, which allows students to progress to further study in linked courses in third level institutes. For details on linked courses and their specific entry requirements, check individual college websites. The course also serves as a useful stepping stone for direct entry into the workforce. For example, as an assistant, supervisor or manager in food science laboratories or the food manufacturing industry.

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sport

Are you interested in a career in sports development? Are you interested in coaching young players to their full potential?

The Soccer Career and Development course will help you cultivate the talents needed to become a successful coach, trainer or mentor. You will develop academically, physically, technically, and psychologically for the demands of coaching team sport.

It doesn't matter what age you are or what soccer and academic ability you have, as long as your goal is to become a qualified coach. We offer you excellent facilities – including an all-weather soccer pitch and gym – which cater specifically for the Soccer Career and Development course.

Our staff are experts in their respective fields and combine their experience and knowledge with a friendly, approachable and professional manner. The key course components are: FAI's Kickstart 1 and 2; the ITEC fitness instructor qualification which is recognised across Europe; First Aid; Sports Studies and IT.

You have the option to progress with the aim of further enhancing the skills you have developed. Successful completion of the two-year-course will enable you to apply for degree and higher learning courses in third level colleges or to work within the Leisure Industry. Make a start by contacting us to find out more. Our tutors will be happy to discuss the options open to you and answer any questions you may have. Become part of the Pearse College team, and look forward to the beginning of a new career and a positive, healthy lifestyle.

Soccer Career and Development

What is it about?

This course is about developing the skills and knowledge needed to become coaches, referees, managers and other key personnel working with Junior Soccer teams. Along with coaching skills, anatomy and physiology, exercise and fitness and sports studies, students also study IT and first aid. The FAI's Kickstart 1 and 2 courses form part of the course, which are a step to the higher FAI coaching badges.

Soccer Coaching is delivered by fully certified FAI coaches. Work Experience is undertaken throughout the year and involves working with local schools and clubs.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > Leaving Certificate or equivalent and/or relevant experience

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 award in Sports and Recreation DSRXX
- > FAI Kickstart 1 and 2
- > ITEC Certification

Where can I go from here?

On successful completion of the course, students can progress on to our FETAC Level 6 course in Soccer Career and Development; or apply for further study in Institutes of Technology and Universities. There are also many opportunities for a career in soccer that begin with working with Junior Soccer Clubs.

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Advanced Soccer Career and Development

What is it about?

This FETAC Level Six course is primarily about developing the skills and knowledge obtained in year 1 of Soccer Career and Development. The course includes supplementary coaching badges and qualifications such as Refereeing Course Level 1, the Introduction to Goal Keeping and a gym instructor qualification from ITEC, which is internationally recognised and which provides the student with further education options.

How do I get in?

- > FETAC Level 5 Certificate (or equivalent)

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 6 award in Sport Development DSDCX
- > ITEC Certification

Where can I go from here?

Further study in Institutes of Technology and Universities. Alternatively, use the skills developed to gain employment.

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continuing education

Not everyone gets the chance to complete their education. Pearse College offers you this opportunity. Whether you want to start at Junior Certificate level, Leaving Certificate level, or University level, we have the course for you. It doesn't matter what age you are or what previous education you may or may not have, all you need is the interest and the willingness to learn.

Don't worry if you have never studied a language or done a science subject; don't worry if maths still confuses you; with a positive attitude you can overcome your doubts and fears, and successfully understand these subjects.

Our New Directions, Junior Certificate or REACH courses will provide you with the confidence to continue study at Leaving Certificate and Post Leaving Certificate level. Alternatively, our Leaving Certificate course and University Access course – with its links to Trinity College – will provide you with the opportunity to pursue Third Level Education

No matter what course you opt for, the feeling of achievement and self-fulfilment is so rewarding. Successful students often say that they acquire a confidence they didn't have before.

Pearse College has been a pioneer in adult education for the last thirty years and students have been successfully completing their studies here, in fact some past pupils have even returned to become part of our teaching staff!

Why not make a start? Come in and talk to us. We are professional, friendly and very approachable. One of the course tutors will discuss the options open to you. He or she will help you choose the course that is right for you.

Continuing education is a great opportunity for you, and most importantly, it is a positive and worthwhile experience.

continuing education

University Access

(This course is only open to students who have **not** already accessed third level education.)

What is it about?

This Liberal Arts programme aims to provide a foundation in subjects which students may wish to study at Third Level. It is aimed at students who wish to progress to a degree in the Faculties of Arts, Humanities and the Social Sciences. It also introduces students to methods of study, writing skills and research skills that are required for successful participation in Third Level Education.

This course is aimed at mature students (aged 22 and over before 1 January of year of application) who were previously unable to fulfil their educational potential and who now wish to complete a Foundation course in preparation for Third Level studies.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > The UAC application form (available at www.pearsecollege.ie) must be accompanied by a one-page typed essay on any current topic of interest in the news

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 5 Award

Where can I go from here?

Avail of our links with Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and apply for up to 10 courses in Trinity College using their Facilitated Entry Route.

OR

Apply to TCD and any other third level institution as a mature student based on your points from your FETAC qualification and an interview with that third level institution.

Contact

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Repeat Leaving Certificate

What is it about?

This one year course is an ideal opportunity for you to repeat your Leaving Certificate or assist your entry to University, Institutes of Technology or Post Leaving Certificate courses.

The Irish Leaving Certificate is a prestigious and internationally recognised academic achievement award. The certificate is awarded by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and carries NQF levels of 4 and 5.

How do I get in?

- > Applicants must have already sat the Leaving Certificate examination and provide a copy of their results

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > Leaving Certificate

Where can I go from here?

The one year Repeat leaving Certificate course has seen many students progress to University/DIT/ITs over the years as well as to FETAC courses within this college and other educational institutions.

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Adult Leaving Certificate

What is it about?

This two year course for adults is an ideal opportunity to complete your education or assist your entry to University, Institutes of Technology, or Post Leaving Certificate courses.

The course is divided into 5 different strands:

- > Strand 1 (Science – including Physics, Biology and Chemistry)
- > Strand 2 (Business – including Economics and Business)
- > Strand 3 (Arts – Ordinary level)
- > Strand 4 (Arts – Higher level)
- > Strand 5 (General)

How do I get in?

- > Applicants must be 18 years old on the 1st September of the year of entry
- > No previous academic records are necessary, but students must be at Junior Certificate standard
- > Interview
- > International students must sit English language and Mathematics tests unless previous students of the college

How long does it take?

- > Two year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > Leaving Certificate

Where can I go from here?

This course assists entry to the Science and Business area as well as the Arts / Humanities at third level. It is not only recognised in this country, but it is also very highly regarded in many other countries, as a qualification of entry into third level colleges. Finally, it is especially useful for mature students embarking on a total career change.

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Adult Junior Certificate

What is it about?

This course will prepare students to sit for the Junior Certificate in one year in a friendly and caring atmosphere. The subjects taught are: Gaelige, English, Maths, History, Geography, Business, Art and CSPE.

The course is aimed at people who do not have any recognised education; at those who would like to return to education after many years; or at those who just wish to better themselves.

How do I get in?

- > Interview

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > Junior Certificate

Where can I go from here?

The Junior Certificate is the first step on the education ladder towards the Leaving Certificate, towards an apprenticeship, a PLC course or to help gain employment.

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REACH

What is it about?

This course is open to people of all backgrounds and experience. It will introduce you to a wide range of subjects and further courses of study. It's a starting point for all other courses on offer in Pearse College and beyond. You will look at a variety of subjects from Cultural studies and Health Related Fitness to Science and Computers.

The course is aimed at people who do not have any recognised education; at those who would like to return to education after many years; or at those who just wish to better themselves.

How do I get in?

- > Interview
- > English and maths test

How long does it take?

- > One year full-time (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 3 or 4 Award

Where can I go from here?

Many students who have completed this course of study have gone on to complete a leaving certificate or FETAC level 5 course. Some students have used this course as a basis to gain employment and others have gone on to courses in other colleges.

Contact

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New Directions (VTOS only)

What is it about?

This course is all about finding a New Direction. It will help you to develop your skills in areas like reading/writing and using numbers; get you thinking about your future in work; introduce you to computers and business skills; let you realise if you have undiscovered talents in areas like art and design.

It is a chance to look at your abilities and interests and see where they might lead you.

Suitable for people of all backgrounds and experience, this is an opportunity to come back to education in an environment suited to your needs.

How do I get in?

This course is open to VTOS students only. See "Money Matters" for application details.

How long does it take?

- > One year (Sept - May)

Certification

- > FETAC Level 3 or 4 Award

Where can I go from here?

Further study in Colleges of Further Education or Universities, or use the skills you have developed to help you gain employment.

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part-time courses

If you don't want to commit to a full-time course, but still want to be part of the student population, then Pearse College is just the place to start.

Take a look at what we have to offer you on our part-time courses. We have a range of options including Computers, Payroll/Book-keeping, Reception Skills and Horticulture.

Whether you are a complete beginner at computers, or just want to improve your skills, we can take you right from the start.

Perhaps you have an interest in growing your own vegetables or just improving your gardening skills. You can learn about preparing the ground, planting, harvesting your own produce or just getting the most out of your garden or allotment.

All of our part-time courses are run under the Back to Education Initiative (BTEI). Talk to us and find out if you are eligible for free tuition.

The aim of the BTEI is to give you an opportunity to combine a return to learning with family and other commitments. You can develop new skills, increase your confidence, improve your employment prospects and at the same time obtain a FETAC accreditation.

part-time courses



Reception and IT Skills

What is it about?

Reception and IT skills for people seeking to work in reception and business.

Students are given training in job interview techniques by experienced personnel.

How do I get in?

This course is part of the BTEI programme and therefore is aimed at people in receipt of Social Welfare.

How long does it take?

> One year part-time (Sept - May)

Certification

> Component certificate

Where can I go from here?

Students may obtain employment in clerical positions in an office. Many students enter employment in reception or general office duties while others proceed to further education.

Contact

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Basic Computers

What is it about?

This course is a part-time course that introduces the student to Databases, Spreadsheets and Graphics.

This course is part of the Back To Education Initiative (BTEI). The BTEI provides opportunities to return to learning for adults and young people who wish to upgrade their skills.

How do I get in?

This course is part of the BTEI programme and therefore is aimed at people in receipt of Social Welfare.

How long does it take?

> 30 weeks for 2 hours a week (Sept - May)

Certification

> FETAC Level 4 award

Where can I go from here?

Progression to further study in Computers including the Pearse College Intermediate Computers course.

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Intermediate Computers

What is it about?

This course is for people who want to improve their basic computer skills and become more efficient in the use of their computer.

By availing of a part-time course you can combine a return to learning with other personal and family commitments.

How do I get in?

If you qualify under the BTEI, i.e. are in receipt of Social Welfare or have a Medical Card you can complete an application form and send it to the college.

How long does it take?

This course is for two hours per week and runs for 30 weeks from September till May.

What will I get out of it?

You can build on the basic computer skills that you have and become more proficient in the use of your computer enabling you to get better use of it.

Certification

You will receive Fetac Level 4 Accreditation.

Where can I go from here?

Contact

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Book Keeping: Manual and Computerised

What is it about?

This course is a part-time course that introduces the student to Databases, Spreadsheets and Graphics.

This course is part of the Back To Education Initiative (BTEI). The BTEI provides opportunities to return to learning for adults and young people who wish to upgrade their skills.

How do I get in?

This course is part of the BTEI programme and therefore is aimed at people in receipt of Social Welfare.

How long does it take?

These courses are run as an 80 hour programme offered over 20 weeks, each on alternate years. For example, in Year 1 you complete the Book keeping course and in Year 2 you complete the Payroll course.

Certification

> FETAC Level 5 award
(B20137) and (B20138)

Where can I go from here?

Further study in Accounts as an accounting technician, but there are also many opportunities for work as a book keeper/ payroll clerk.

Contact

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Getting the most out of your allotment

What is it about?

This course offers allotment holders the opportunity to improve their knowledge of horticulture and develop their gardening skills. Because this is a part time course you can continue to learn while maintaining family and other commitments.

You can build on your existing knowledge. This is a practical course with emphasis on developing skills. All participants have a common interest and are willing to share knowledge and experiences.

How do I get in?

If you are in receipt of social welfare or have a medical card you are eligible for BTEI and can complete an application form and send it to the college.

How long does it take?

The course runs for twelve weeks between September and December. The classes are for two hours each Saturday.

What will I get out of it?

The course will give you the confidence to grow fruit, vegetables and herbs easily and successfully. You will be better able to maintain and improve your allotment.

Certification

Fetac Level 4 accreditation

Where can I go from here?

Progression to further study in Horticulture.

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Pearse College of Further Education Admissions Policy

Admission to a particular course in Pearse College of Further Education is subject to places being available and is governed by three principles:

1. That participation will contribute positively to the course and in no way infringe upon the opportunities or rights of other students or staff.
2. That in the professional judgement of the College Authority the student, because of previous education, is considered likely to benefit from attendance.
3. That in the professional judgement of the College Authority and following an interview the student is suitable for a course.

Admissions/Enrolment

Application forms are available on request and online at www.pearsecollege.ie. Interviews take place three times during the year; February, May and September.

- > Sometimes students may be referred to other courses in the college.
- > Students with disabilities or special needs are encouraged to apply and to declare special needs at time of application.
- > Applications are accepted for adult Junior Certificate and adult Leaving Certificate from students aged 18 or over on September 1st on the year of application. For all other courses parents/guardians of students under 18 are required to attend the interview.
- > Exam results will be required from applicants, especially if transferring from another school or college.
- > Applicants may be required to sit an aptitude test.
- > Applicants to the Repeat Leaving Certificate class are required to demonstrate that they have previously sat the Leaving Certificate exam. Applicants must show their Leaving Certificate printout.
- > Applicants have the right to appeal to the College Board of Management if refused admission.
- > An applicant is not considered to be a student in Pearse College of Further Education until the Registration process is complete.

Fees/Charges

Details of charges and fees may be obtained from the General Office, Tel: (01) 453 6661/454 1544.

Registration charges are not refundable unless you are granted a VTOS place. Fees transfer within CDVEC colleges. There is a full fee refund if courses do not start.

Open Day

The College holds an Open Day early in the year to which all prospective students, parents/guardians, guidance counsellors and members of the public are invited. Contact the college for further details or check our website www.pearsecollege.ie

Interviews

Applications will be accepted from January each year. Interview dates are in February, May and September. Details available from the general office or from our website www.pearsecollege.ie

where to next?

Progression to Third Level

Pearse College of Further Education is committed to the promotion of access, transfer and progression of learners in line with the National Qualifications of Ireland Authority (NQAI) framework.

Many of our courses offer opportunities for progression to third level. A high proportion of students who completed the 2 year Leaving Certificate since 1979 have gone on to third level studies at Universities and the Institutes of Technology and in the areas of the social sciences, arts/humanities, business studies and the physical sciences. The Repeat Leaving Certificate course has seen many students progress to University/DIT/ITs over the years as well as to FETAC courses in this college and elsewhere.

The University Access Course (UAC) incorporating TAP (Trinity Access Programme) has been remarkably successful in preparing mature students (23 years of age and over) for entry to third level courses in the Arts/Social Sciences. Over the past 20 years, more than 95% of UAC students who applied for third level courses were successful. Even more importantly, those students have been performing excellently at third level. Most are qualifying with honours degrees while many are pursuing post-graduate studies.

FETAC Higher Links options

Students with a FETAC Level 5 or 6 award may progress to 3rd Level institutions through Pearse College Links (such as between Architectural Draughting and Bolton Street) or through the FETAC Higher Education Links Scheme, see www.fetac.ie.

Work

Many of our courses lead directly to employment. Pearse College of Further Education students have forged successful careers in areas such as Business, Architecture, Horticulture, Media and Complimentary Health. Others have set up their own companies.

The FETAC, ITEC and other qualifications that they achieve in Pearse College of Further Education give our students a strong foundation on which to build a career, equipping them with the skills and knowledge that they need to succeed in their chosen field.

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our location

Pearse College of Further Education is located about three kilometres from Dublin City Centre, close to the South Circular Road, at the intersection of Clogher Road and Sundrive Road in Crumlin.

There are three buildings within the college campus on Clogher Road.

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18	Sandymount	S undrive Rd	Palmerstown
19A	Glasnevin	Kimmage	Limelkiln Ave
50	City Centre	Crumlin Rd	Citywest
54A	City Centre	Lower Kimmage Rd	Tallaght Sq.
56A	City Centre	Crumlin Rd	Jobstown
77	City Centre	Crumlin Rd	Tallaght Sq.
83	City Centre	Sundrive Rd	Crumlin
122	Cabra	South Circular Rd	Crumlin Rd
123	Griffith Ave	South Circular Rd	Walkinstown
150	City Centre	Clogher Rd	Rossmore
151	City Centre	Crumlin Rd	Adamstown





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