



# Further Education


POST LEAVING CERT COURSES

# Why Choose a PLC Course?

- Post Leaving Cert Courses in Further Education can provide a direct route to Third Level Education.
- Further Education is a fantastic option for Leaving Cert students that are not sure about what to study at Third Level Education. Students can 'try out' an area of study in Further Education before committing to a full-time degree.



# Why Choose a PLC Course

- Further Education is an excellent pathway for students that do not meet the points requirement for a high points course in a Higher Education Institution (HEI). GY301 holds 30 places for PLC students!
  - Further Education provides opportunities for school leavers and learners of all ages to consolidate their learning in their area of specific interest.
  - PLC Courses are a progressive alternative to repeating the Leaving Certificate.
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What are my options?

Courses Offered in..

- Schools
- Post Leaving Cert Colleges
- Education and Training Boards
- Multiple options in every county in Ireland




# Galway

- Galway Technical Institute
- Galway Community College
- St. Cuan's
- Colaiste Mhuire Ballygar
- Clarin College Athenry
- Colaiste an Chreigain, Mountbellew
- Mountbellew Agricultural College
- Glenamaddy Community College



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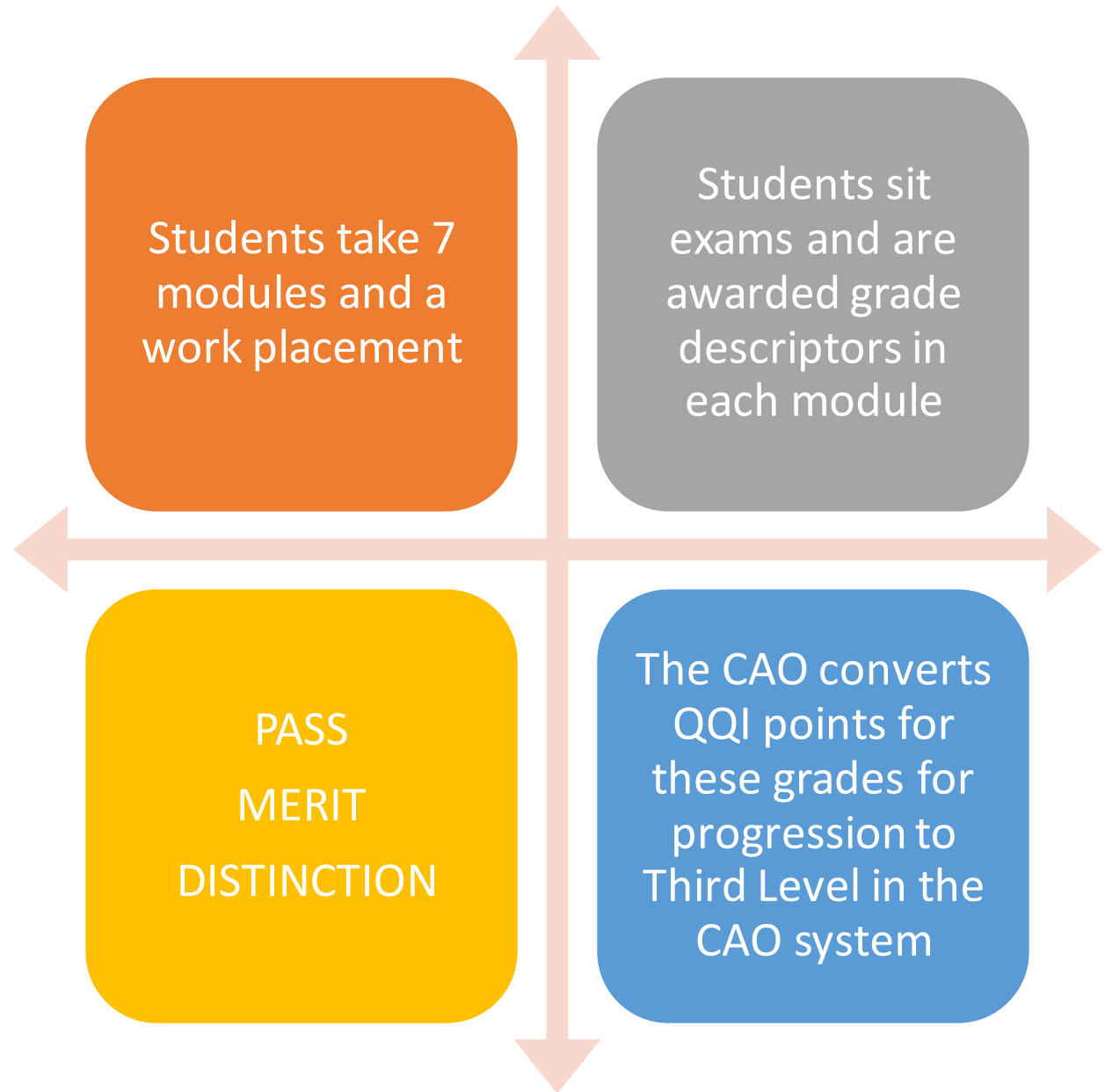
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- Moate Business College
  - Mullingar Community College
  - Athlone Community College
  - Colaiste Chiarain, Athlone



# What Areas of Study?

- ✓ Agriculture, Animals & Food
  - ✓ STEM, Environment & Construction
  - ✓ Healthcare, Wellbeing & Sport
  - ✓ Creative Arts, Fashion & Media
  - ✓ Government, Law & Education
  - ✓ Accountancy, Finance & Insurance
  - ✓ Business, Sales & Tourism
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# Progression to Third Level





Does the student compete with Leaving Cert Students?

No

Each HEI holds places in most of their courses for First Year entry from PLC pathway

# Progression Worked Example

- NUIG holds 30 places in Science GY301
- Student must have completed a complimentary PLC course at Level 5
- Example - 5M3807 – Biomedical Science Galway Community College
- What Results are needed to get in?

5 Distinctions out of 8



Where do I find the courses?

[CAREERSPORTAL.IE](https://careersportal.ie)

[QUALIFAX.IE](https://qualifax.ie)

Filter by:

Clear All

Found **80** courses

Sort by

Course Title



Print

## Course Name or Code

Example: "ani" will find animal and mechanical. My favourites 

## Course Type

clear

- PLC (Further Education)
- CAO (Higher Education)
- Direct Entry (Higher Education)
- Apprenticeship Courses
- Employment Courses
- Intellectual Disability Programmes

## Course Level

clear

- Level 9
- Level 8
- Level 7
- Level 6
- Level 5

PLC (Further Education)

Galway

Level 5

	Code	Course Title	College	Level	Points 2020	QQI Link?	Years	
	PLC 5M5163	Acting & Theatre Performance	Galway Community College	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M20454	Agriculture	Mountbellew Agricultural College	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M2768	Animal Care - Veterinary Assistant	Clarín College	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M2181	Applied Social Studies	Galway Technical Institute	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M1985	Art and Design: Portfolio Preparation	Galway Technical Institute	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M1995	Art Graphic Design & Art Portfolio Preparation	Galway Community College	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M2102	Auctioneering and Estate Agency Administration	Galway Technical Institute	5				
	PLC B&A	Barbering and Hairdressing	Colaiste an Chregain	5			1 Year	
	PLC 5M3471 ITEC	Beauty Therapy	Galway Technical Institute	5			1 Year	
	PLC	Biomedical	Galway Community	5				



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All Courses

## Search Post Leaving Cert



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# QQI FET/FETAC Requirements Look-up (CAO Courses)

FETAC level 5/6 major awards are made up of a number of component awards. Different combinations lead to different major awards.

Student must be getting a **FULL** major award. Some courses require a specific major award made up of specific components.

For more information on the evaluation of QQI FET/FETAC qualifications, click [here](#).

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FETAC requirements are provided where supplied. For HEIs not listed, you may wish to check requirements by clicking [here](#).

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Enter CAO course code and click on **Go**:

Code :

Use  
[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)  
to find  
suitable PLC  
courses for  
CAO Choices

# Do this research for all CAO course choices.....

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Course	Course Title	Level	Essential major awards	Essential component awards	Notes <a href="#">(Info)</a>
GY301	Science	8	<b>CASLT</b> <b>5M3807</b> <b>CELTX</b> <b>CITXX</b> <b>5M0529</b> <b>5M0536</b> <b>5M5267</b>	5 Distinctions. The qualification must include a distinction in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>C20139</b> or <b>5N1833</b> or <b>C20174</b> or <b>C20175</b> or <b>5N18396</b> or <b>5N0556</b></li> </ul> and 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>C20006</b> or <b>5N2746</b></li> <li>• <b>C20011</b> or <b>5N2747</b></li> <li>• <b>C20012</b></li> <li>• <b>C20013</b></li> <li>• <b>C20016</b> or <b>5N1606</b></li> <li>• <b>C20018</b> or <b>5N1774</b></li> <li>• <b>C20033</b> or <b>5N2751</b></li> <li>• <b>C20040</b> or <b>5N1638</b></li> <li>• <b>C20048</b> or <b>5N1460</b></li> <li>• <b>B20012</b> or <b>5N0783</b> or <b>B20028</b> or <b>5N1977</b></li> <li>• <b>5N0541</b></li> <li>• <b>5N0548</b></li> </ul>	Qta/One/-  (30 places)

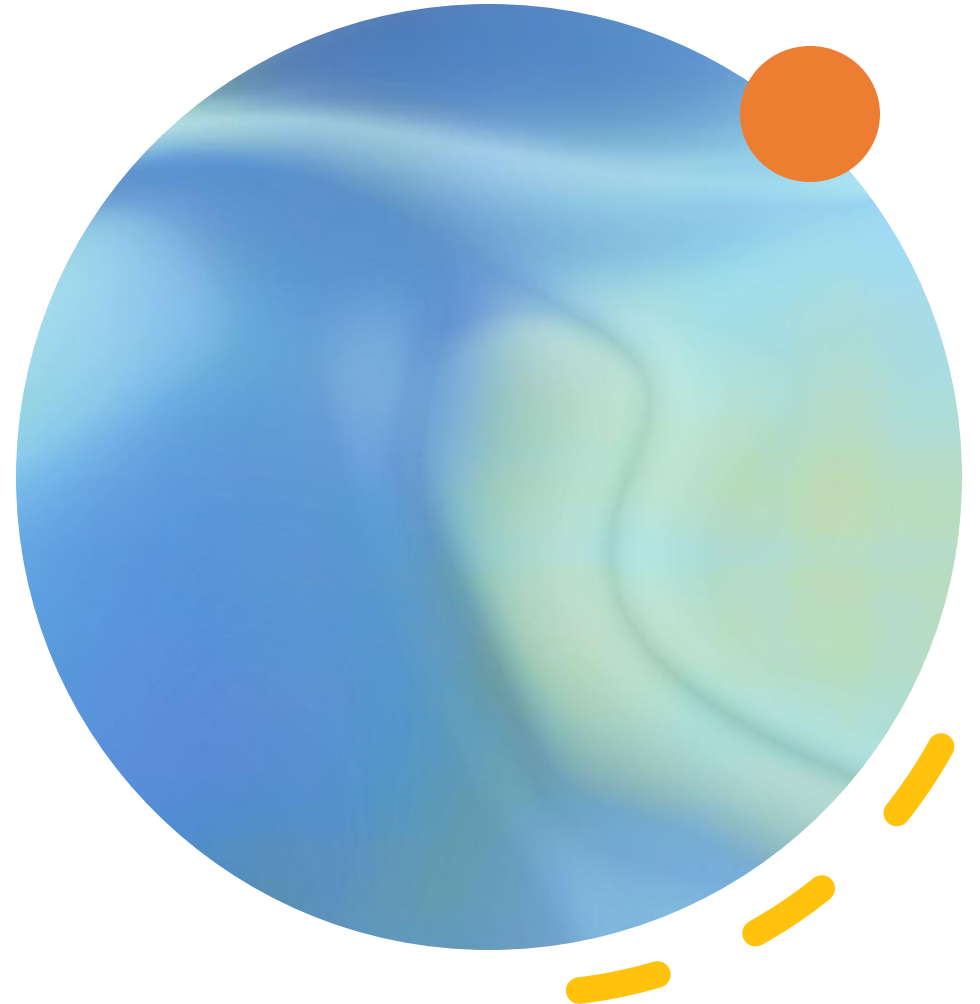
# How do I Apply?

Applications  
open typically  
in February

Students  
apply directly  
to the College

Usually online

No charge for  
application



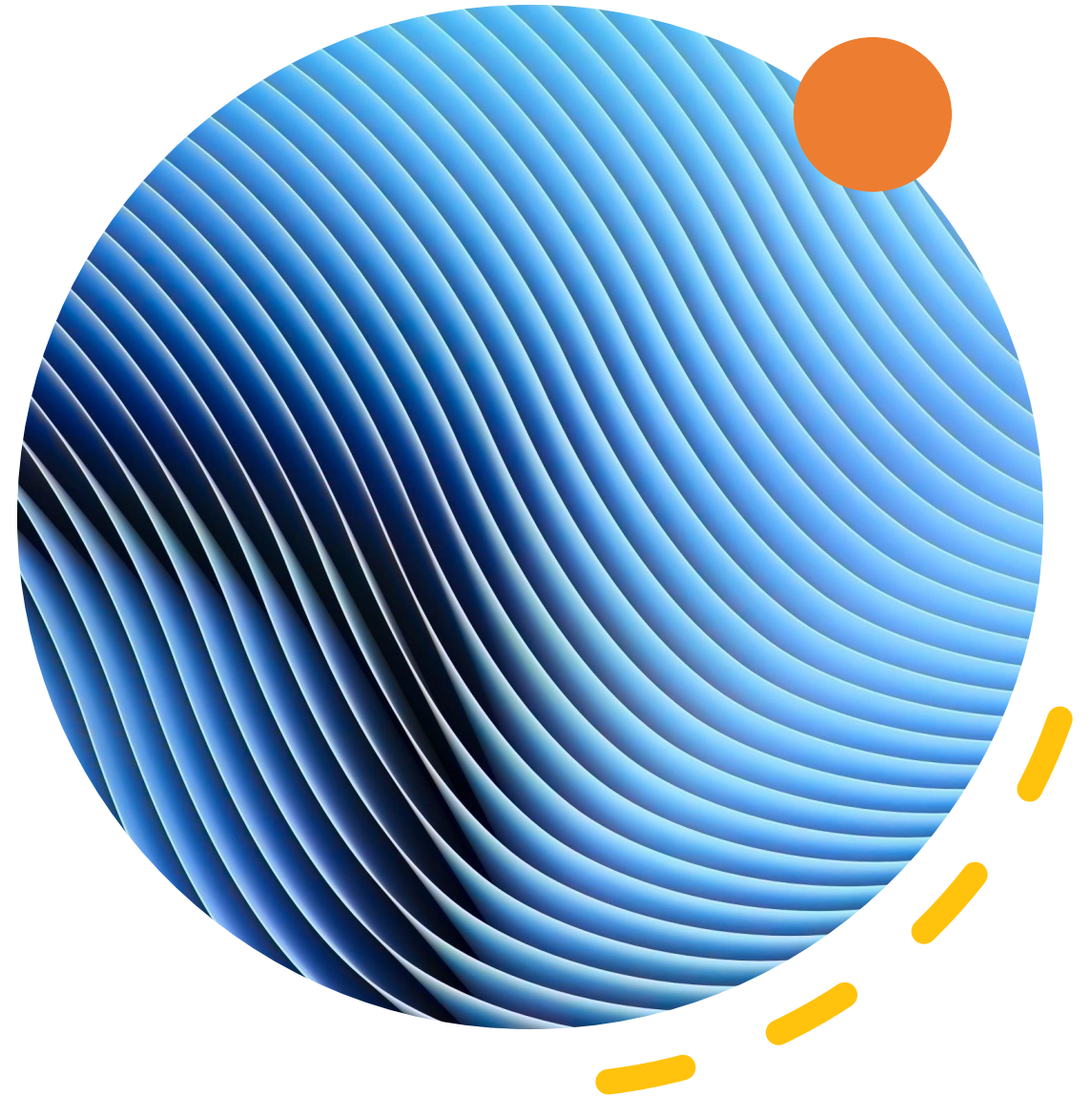


# What do I need to get in?

Interview

Five passes in  
the Leaving  
Certificate

Apply early  
for popular  
courses



# Are they Recognised Abroad?

- YES
- ACCREDITED BY QQI
- PLC Courses offered at Level 5 & 6 on National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)
- NFQ recognised by European Framework of Qualifications (EFQ)
- Every year 100's of Irish Students start Nursing in the UK after Level 5 PLC in Nursing Studies

# What is the Cost?

Courses typically cost €300 to €450

Students eligible for the SUSI grant have this waived

SUSI Maintenance grant available also



Finally

- Why not complete the CAO and.....
  - Ease pressure by finding and applying for excellent PLC courses that provide a direct pathway to your number 1 course in the CAO if you do not get the points
  - Student might have the fantastic dilemma of CAO offer and PLC offer in August 2021
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