

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS

Duration:

Two Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC103

CAO Points Guide:*

230

NFQ Level:

Level 6

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*For each course we have given a guideline based on our points over the past three years. This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's Higher Certificate in Business is an ideal introduction to contemporary theories and approaches to modern business practices in key areas such as marketing, human resource management and entrepreneurship.

Students who enrol on this course usually progress on to second year of the BA (Hons) in Business degree.

Graduates of this course have specialised knowledge of the key theories and principles relevant to business; are equipped with good personal skills in communication, problem-solving and teamwork; understand the latest thinking in areas of HRM, marketing, finance and management; and have the ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve problems within the business world.

Who is the course for?

The course may be particularly appealing to students who are unsure about committing themselves to a degree programme, but who want the option to transfer on to the second year of a business degree in the future.

Career Prospects

This course provides an excellent basis for starting work in a variety of roles within business, commercial or public sector bodies. It equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to build a successful career in the business world.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a two-year higher certificate. It is run over four semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion you will receive a QQI Higher Certificate in Business at level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Business, graduates can potentially gain entry into year two of NCI's BA (Honours) in Business degree. Recent Masters' graduates include students who have progressed from the Higher Cert in Business to the BA Honours in Business, and onto the successful completion of NCI's MA in Human Resource Management.

Course Fees

This course qualifies under the Free Fees Initiative and Student Grant Scheme.

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade O6/H7 or above in five subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O6/H7/F2 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award and meet the CAO points requirements. Applicants who hold 3 distinctions at level 5 and meet the CAO points requirement, will be considered for entry to Year 2 of the course. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



A close-up photograph of two students, a young woman in the foreground and a young man behind her, both looking down at an open book. The woman has brown hair in a ponytail with a pink scrunchie and is wearing a green jacket and a grey and white striped scarf. The man has dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue and black jacket. The background is blurred, showing other people in a classroom or library setting.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Personal & Professional Academic Skills
- Fundamentals of Management
- Applied Creativity
- Business IT Skills
- Project Management
- Irish Business & Society
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Business Statistics

Year 2

- Financial Accounting
- Economics for the 21st Century
- Human Resource Management
- Academic Management Skills
- Business Law
- Marketing in the Digital Age
- Individual Organisational Behaviour
- Quantitative Methods