

AI FUTURES

A PRACTICAL ONE-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAMME

LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT AI,
ABOUT WORK, ABOUT YOURSELF



FREE ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME

○ **NO EXAMS**

○ **LEARN BY DOING**

○ **REAL SUPPORT**

WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



If this sounds like you:

- ✓ Aged 18-24
- ✓ Thinking about giving education another go.
- ✓ Curious about AI or technology, but not sure where to start.
- ✓ Looking to build practical skills.
- ✓ Ready to learn by doing.
- ✓ Interested in experiencing college life.

Then AI Futures could be a great place to start.



Why choose AI Futures:

- ✓ Free one-year programme
- ✓ No previous qualifications needed
- ✓ No exams
- ✓ Learn through projects and practical workshops
- ✓ 2.5 days a week on campus
- ✓ Support every step of the way



What you'll spend the year doing:

You'll learn how AI is being used in the workplace while building the practical skills employers value.

You'll focus on:

- ✓ Solving problems
- ✓ Exploring digital tools
- ✓ Working in teams
- ✓ Planning projects
- ✓ Presenting ideas
- ✓ Learning workplace skills
- ✓ Career planning

You'll also complete a real industry project with employer input.



What will it be like?



Learn by doing.

AI Futures is designed to be different from the kind of learning you might have experienced before.

You'll work on real projects, explore how AI is used in the workplace and build practical skills alongside other students in a supportive college environment.

Whether you're completely new to AI or simply curious about what's next, we'll guide you along the way, step by step.



Learn with support.

Throughout the programme you'll have access to:

- ✓ Individual mentoring
- ✓ Academic support
- ✓ Wellbeing support
- ✓ Career guidance
- ✓ A full college experience at NCI



Learn with industry.

AI Futures has been developed with employers including:



These organisations help shape the programme, provide industry insight and contribute to work-related learning, helping you understand how AI and digital skills are being used in today's workplace.



What you'll leave with.

By the end of the programme you'll have:

- ✓ A recognised NCI qualification
- ✓ Practical AI and digital skills
- ✓ Experience working on real projects

From there you may choose to:

- ✓ Continue your education
- ✓ Enter employment
- ✓ Progress your current work path with your new skills

The course at a glance:

Qualification	NCI Certificate
Duration	One academic year: Semester 1: October to January Semester 2: February to May
Entry Requirements	Applicants should be aged 18-24 and meet NCI's minimum English language requirements if English is not your first language.
Timetable	2.5 days per week: Mondays and Tuesdays 9am – 5pm Fridays 9am – 1pm
Start date	5th October 2026
Mode	On-campus delivery
Location	National College of Ireland, IFSC, Dublin 1
Cost	Free. This course is fully funded.
Social Welfare Payments	You may be able to take this course while retaining welfare payments under the Part-Time Education Option. Contact your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare branch to check your eligibility.

“ You don't need experience with AI to start this programme.
You just need curiosity and a willingness to learn.
We'll help with the rest. ”

– Frances Sheridan, Vice Dean Undergraduate Studies,
School of Computing, National College of Ireland.

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