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WELCOME TO COLÁISTE MHUIRE CO-ED

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Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is a foundation stone in the education of the wider Thurles community. Situated on a modern campus, with state-of-the-art facilities and a custom built sports arena, we have a proud tradition of providing educational courses to support lifelong learning.

The College has been extensively refurbished and modernised, and is equipped with excellent teaching and learning resources. CMCO encourages and assists our students to reach the highest standards possible, within an environment that is instructive, supportive and welcoming.

Further Education & Training Awards Council (QQI)

QQI validates and certifies Further Education Programmes. It sets and maintains standards in Further Education Courses. All PLC courses in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed are certified by QQI at Level 5 or 6. QQI awards guarantee learners more options, greater flexibility, high standards of quality, increased access and a ladder of progression into further Third Level Studies. Currently there are over 2,000 University & Institutes of Technology places reserved for holders of QQI Level 5 Awards.

Entry Requirements

- Leaving Certificate with passes in at least five subjects
- Leaving Certificate Applied with a minimum of 120 credits
- QQI Certification at Level 4
- Applicants over 21 years who may have not completed the Senior Cycle, but are deemed to have the necessary competence and capacity to undertake the programme may also apply.

- We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all students.
- Garda Vetting required.

General Information

There are no formal tuition fees for Irish and EU Nationals who are full time students on our courses. Courses are funded by the European Social Fund.

An administration fee is required to cover student services. Students are also required to pay examination fees.

Work Experience

Courses are designed to meet current employment market needs by providing job orientated training and education. Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed has built extensive links with many businesses in the locality and further afield through their work experience programme.

Students complete a block release period of work experience during the year with many students finding employment locally as a result of their work experience.

Higher Education Link Scheme

Progression to Universities and other Colleges from QQI programmes delivered at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is possible through the Higher Education Links Scheme (HELs).

This Scheme provides access from Level 5 and some Level 6 Advanced Certificates to a number of reserved places on higher education programmes through the CAO (Central Applications Office). Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) and Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) provide a number of reserved places for all QQI Programmes in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.

Students are responsible for checking entry routes to the individual Higher Education Institutes and the CAO websites to ensure they meet any special or essential requirements specified such as:

- *A specific Major Award.*
- *A specific grade in specific components.*
- *Additional Award requirements such as mathematics.*
- *That all credits used for scoring purposes are achieved in one 'single sitting'*

Please go to <https://qhelp.qqi.ie/learners/higher-education-links-scheme-2017/> for more information.

Learners who complete Advanced Certification Level 6 with CMCO may apply for advanced entry straight into the second year for some programmes. This is a Pilot scheme and will be reviewed annually. Be advised that course codes and titles may change and students are responsible for checking eligibility.

Support is available to further education students when they are registered with CMCO's further education college on all of this information.

Coláiste Mhuire Co Ed, partake in the higher education links scheme with both Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) and Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT), students are responsible for checking entry routes and progression pathways in this regard.

Application

Students need to apply online at www.cmco.ie.

Courses are offered subject to demand. Places on oversubscribed courses may be determined by interview. For students with additional learning needs, or information regarding extra supports, see our website.

Guidance and Counselling

The Guidance and Counselling team at Colaiste Mhuire Co-Ed aims to provide a confidential and non-judgemental service, where students have the space to express and clarify their own particular concerns in relation to career, educational and personal issues.

Interview Preparation

All students participate in career investigations and an interview-preparation programme, helping them to present themselves in the most professional manner at interviews.

Facilities

- *5 IT Labs, Internal Wireless Network, Digital Scanners, Digital Multimedia Recording Systems, Audio & Video equipment.*
- *Full Canteen facilities*
- *College Sports Arena & Gym*
- *2 Modern Science Laboratories*
- *Study Hub with ICT facilities*

Grants

Students attending our full-time PLC courses are eligible to apply for government grants. Grants range depending on individual circumstances.

For further information on grants please contact the college or S.U.S.I.

Qualification

QQI Level 5 QQI Level 6

Links to Nursing Courses

Learners are eligible for consideration for entry to Nursing programmes when they achieve the QQI Level 5 Award DCHSN/5M4349 (Nursing Studies), DCHSX/5M4468 (Community and Health Services) or DHSXX/5M4339 (Health Care Support) and obtain a Distinction in 5 modules in the QQI Level 5 programme, which must include a Distinction in D20001/5N0749 (Anatomy and Physiology), D20012/5N4325 (Nursing Theory & Practice) and D20032/5N0749 (Human Growth and Development) or D20006/5N2746 (Biology). A quota of reserved places are allocated to applicants presenting with QQI qualifications. Places are allocated on a competitive basis. The best eight modules, at a single sitting, are considered for scoring purposes.

Nursing Studies

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

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QQI Code: 5M4349

Duration

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in related areas for example Nurses Aid.
- To facilitate progression to Third Level, particularly to gain entry to Nursing Degree courses.

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Anatomy & Physiology
Nursing Theory and Practice
Safety & Health at Work
Human Growth & Development
Occupational First Aid
Work Experience
Communications
Care Support
Care of Older Person
Infection, Prevention and Control

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Nursing Studies



Career / Academic Progression

Holders of this Award are eligible to apply, through the CAO to Universities and Institutes of Technology for entry to the first year of Nursing Degree Programmes (through the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme). Please check with the individual Admissions Offices of any institution you are interested in attending.

Holders of this Award are eligible to apply through UCAS, for UK universities offering the Nursing Degree programmes.

Award holders are qualified to work as healthcare assistants in a variety of health and community settings.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Nurses Aid in nursing home
Centres for independent living
Care Attendant
Cabin Crew

Health Care Support

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework



QQI Code: 5M4339

Duration

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in the area of community and health services
- To enable students to pursue Third Level education in the area of community and health services

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Care Skills
 Care Support
 Safety and Health at Work
 Communications
 Work experience
 Care Provision and Practice
 Care of the Older Person
 Occupational First Aid
 Infection, Prevention and Control

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Health Care Support

Career / Academic Progression

Learners who successfully complete the Healthcare Support Level 5 Major Award have many professional and academic opportunities available to them. Professional routes include working in General Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Home Help Support Staff. Graduates from the course may progress to a range of third level courses available on the Higher Education Links Scheme.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Health Service Executive
 Care Attendent
 Cabin Crew

Early Childhood Care and Education/Classroom Assistant/SNA

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

QQI Code: 5M2009

Duration

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in the rapidly expanding Childcare Sector, for example as a Special Needs or Classroom Assistant
- To provide the necessary expertise and qualifications for candidates who wish to set up their own childcare facilities
- To facilitate progression to Third Level

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent



Course Content

Child Development
 Early Care and Education Practice
 Early Childhood Education and Play
 Child Health and Well Being
 Work Experience
 Communications
 Children with Additional Needs
 Safety and Health at Work
 Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Students gain childcare experience locally two mornings per week, as well as during a two-week block release.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Childcare and Education

Career / Academic Progression

Award holders are qualified to work in a variety of settings including Crèches, Special Needs Assistant, Nurseries and Montessori Playgroups. Holders may progress to QQI Level 6, Advanced Certificate in Supervision in Childcare course in Colaiste Mhuire Co – Ed.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Pre-school Centres
 Day-care Nurseries
 Crèches
 Au-pairs
 SNA

Animal Care

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

QQI Code: 5M2768

Duration of course

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students find employment in the rapidly expanding Animal care environment.

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Animal Anatomy and Physiology

Animal Welfare

Communications

Work Experience

Customer Service

Start your Own Business

Safety and Health at Work

Animal Grooming

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Animal Care

Career / Academic Progression

This course is designed to equip the learner with the skills and knowledge to work in a variety of areas within the Animal Care Sector or to progress to Higher Education through the Higher Education Links Scheme. Learners study core areas of Animal Care and are enabled to put theory into practice through the use of a fully equipped animal room and their participation in work experience.



This course is delivered by specialists who are currently practising within the profession. Regular field trips and the handling of a wide variety of animals are key features of this course. There are a range of career paths possible.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Veterinary Clinics

Grooming Parlours

Pet Shops

Kennels

Catteries

Animal Welfare
Organisations

Agricultural

Science Industries

Farms

Petting Farms

Falconry Centres

Zoos

Wildlife Parks

Aquariums

Art Portfolio Course

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

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QQI Code: 5M1985

Duration

One year full time

Objectives

- Provide fundamental knowledge and understanding of art and design processes
- Develop transferable skills of visual communication and self expression
- Identify unique personal abilities and strengths in art and design
- Enable the preparation of a portfolio of artwork to gain entry to third level courses.

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Drawing

Painting

Sculpture

Communications

Work Experience

Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design

Printmaking

Design Skills

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Students visit Art Galleries, Art Colleges and go on field trips at home and abroad to experience the outside artistic environment.



Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Art

Career / Academic Progression

Holders of this qualification take up places in Third Level Colleges and Institutes of Technology such as LSAD, NCAD, DIT, Crawford Art College, and Art Colleges abroad. Please check with the individual Admissions Offices of any institution you are interested in attending. Having completed this programme Participants may progress to the Advanced Certificate in Art and Business Course Level 6 at CMCO.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Fashion Designer

Visual
Communication

Animation

Creative Media

Game Art

Arts Therapy

Art Teacher

Film

Special Effects

Web Design

Photography

eBusiness

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

QQI Code: 5M0828

Duration

One year full time

Graduates may pursue a diploma or degree in many universities or IT colleges around the country or, alternatively, may seek immediate employment in a range of business or marketing concerns. There are now a large range of certificates, ordinary and honours degree courses available to graduates through the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme. The eBusiness option will allow students to progress to higher education institutes to pursue ebusiness, or marketing, or business information systems options.

Objectives

- *To enable students to find employment in the Information Communications Technology sector.*
- *To facilitate progression to Third Level. Students find this course invaluable as a preparation for College.*

Entry requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Typical Modules:

eBusiness

Web Authoring

The Internet

Communications

Work Experience

Digital Marketing

Business Administration Skills

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.



Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in eBusiness Studies

Career / Academic Progression

On successful completion of eBusiness QQI Level 5, students can progress to Business Administration Level 6 in this college. This programme is suitable for individuals who want to work in an office environment and acquire advanced information technology skills essential in today's world. Many students progress to Business courses in Higher Educational Institutions such as LIT and WIT.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Tourism
Technology
Retail

Office Admin
Receptionist
Web Design

Business Administration

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework

QQI Code: 5M2468

Duration

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in the modern computerised office, in Financial Institutions and Public Bodies
- To facilitate progression to Third Level. Students find this course invaluable as a preparation for College

Entry requirements

Leaving Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Business Administration Skills
Accounting Manual and Computerised
Word Processing
Communication
Work Experience
Spreadsheet Methods
The Internet
Text Production
Digital Marketing

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification / Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies

Career / Academic Progression

Award holders are qualified to work in a variety of settings including Business Administration, Accounts, Newspapers, Insurance Companies, Payroll, Marketing & E-business. Holders may



progress to QQI Level 6, Advanced Business Administration course in Colaiste Mhuire Co – Ed. Institutes of Technology and other Colleges around the country will be offering opportunities for further studies. Please check with the individual Admissions Offices of any institution you are interested in attending.

On successful completion of eBusiness QQI Level 5, students can progress to Business Administration Level 6 in this college. This programme is suitable for individuals who want to work in an office environment and acquire advanced information technology skills essential in today's world. Many students progress to Business courses in Higher Educational Institutions such as LIT and WIT.

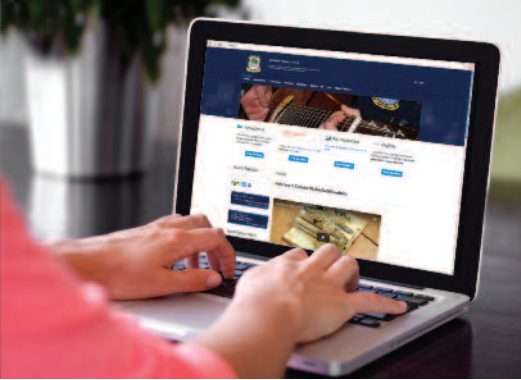
Possible Employment Opportunities

Office Administration
Receptionist
Tourism
Technology

Business Administration

Adult Return to Education

Level 5 in National Qualifications Framework



QQI Code: 5M2468

Adult Return to Education Programme

Students over 21 years, make a very significant contribution to the centre. They are assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

Entry Requirements

Students must have the necessary literacy competence and capacity to undertake the programme. Adults attend courses for their own personal development and achievement, to acquire new skills upgrade existing skills or indeed simply to form friendships.

Course Content

Business Administration Skills
Accounting Manual and Computerised
Word Processing
Communication
Work Experience
Database Methods
Spreadsheet Methods
Text Production
Digital Marketing

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 5 Certificate in Administration

Career / Academic Progression

Using the Higher Education Links Scheme progression to a wide range of Third Level courses are possible. Employment prospects on course completion are increased.

On completion of QQI Level 5, students may enrol for QQI Level 6 Advanced Business Administration in Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Administration
Receptionist
Front office

Administration

Level 6 in National Qualifications Framework

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QQI Code: 6M5013

Duration of Course

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in an administration and/or office environment.
- To facilitate progression to Third Level. Students find this course invaluable as a preparation for College.

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Administration Practice

Spreadsheet

Communications

Word Processing

Finance

Work Experience

Management

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Administration

Career / Academic Progression

This course is designed to develop the existing skills of learners who have completed a Level 5 course in one of the following areas: eBusiness, Information Processing or Business Administration. The course is designed to allow the learner to gain advanced



knowledge and skills in the general area of office management. The learners will receive specialist training in Microsoft Office applications and Office Administration as well as developing speed and advanced accuracy in text production. In addition this course provides a range of core subjects which are essential to the understanding of Business and Office environments.

Graduates will be equipped with the knowledge, skill and competence to work independently or in a supervisory capacity in an administrative role, both nationally and internationally in any employment area.

Upon successful completion of this course, learners may be eligible to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme for entry to a range of higher certificate and degree programmes at Institutes of Technology and Universities. Please check with the individual Admissions Offices of any institution you are interested in attending.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Receptionist

Office Administration

Tourism

Retail

Art

Level 6 in National Qualifications Framework

QQI Code: 6M4029

Duration of Course

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in an artistic environment.
- To facilitate progression to Third Level. Students find this course invaluable as a preparation for College.

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate or equivalent

Course Content

Painting
 Drawing
 Design Skills
 Art Appreciation
 Sculpture
 Printmaking
 Work Experience
 Communications

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Art.



Career / Academic Progression

Students who want to take their skills in the area of practical art skills to a new level and work in various areas of art attend this second year course to top up their original QQI Level 5 qualification. This is a one-year professional practice course in the area of art, craft and design. Students will work with a range of skills, focusing on a practical art skills, gaining employment in the art industry, or preparing for third level studies which can also include preparation of portfolio if required.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Fashion Designer
 Visual Communication
 Animation
 Creative Media
 Game Art

Arts Therapy
 Art Teacher
 Film
 Special Effects
 Web Design
 Photography



Early Childhood Care and Education

Level 6 in National Qualifications Framework

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QQI Code: 6M2007

Duration of Course

One year full time

Objectives

- To enable students to find employment in a supervisory capacity in a Childcare setting.
- To facilitate progression to Third Level. Students find this course invaluable as a preparation for Third Level.

Entry Requirements

QQI Level 5 Certificate or equivalent.

Course Content

Child Development

Early Childhood Curriculum

Childhood Social Legal and Health Studies

Work Experience

Communications

Supervision in Early

Early Childhood Literacy and Numeracy

Special Needs Assisting

Modules may change due to QQI course requirements. Courses offered subject to demand.

Qualification/ Certification

QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Supervision in Childcare



Career / Academic Progression

This Level 6 course will be an advanced course to suit participants with previous childcare training who wish to develop a career in childcare at the supervisory management level. On the successful completion of the award the student will have acquired the knowledge, skills and competence to work in an early childhood education and care setting. Skills acquired will provide the successful student with the ability to lead and co-ordinate a team in the provision of an early childhood care and education. This award will provide students with opportunities to transfer and progress to programmes leading to higher education and training awards at level 7 and level 8. Possible career pathways following successful completion of this course:

Childcare practitioner in early years setting with possible progression to supervisory role.

Childcare Practitioner in community based projects.

Possible Employment Opportunities

Crèche Supervisor

Pre-school Supervisor

SNA

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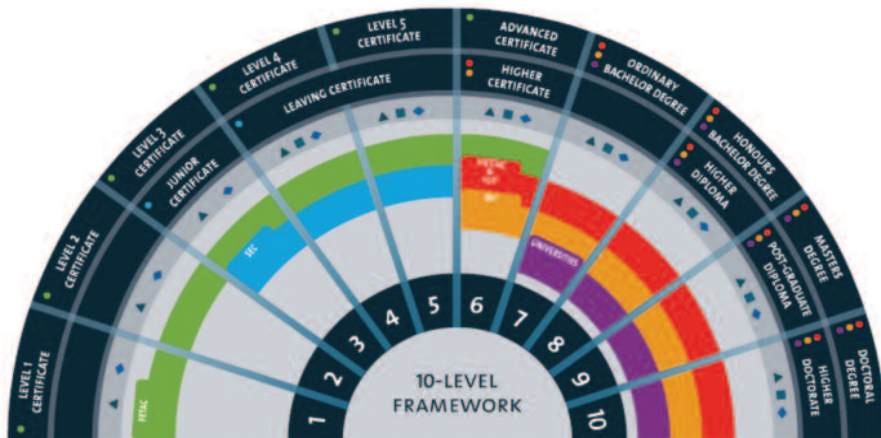
National Framework of Qualifications

All QQI Awards have been placed on the National Framework of Qualifications. It is easy to see at a glance where the Award you wish to pursue stands on the 10-Level Framework. QQI qualifications offered here in CMCO is Level 5 & 6.

WHAT ARE THE FRAMEWORK LEVELS?

WHAT IS AN AWARD-TYPE?

WHAT IS AN AWARDDING BODY?



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