

FAQs

Youth & Community Work | Diploma

When are applications open?

Thank you for your interest in the course. Applications usually open for the course in March/April each year. Please let me know if you would like your name added to a mailing list to be notified when applications open eileen.mcbride@ucc.ie

In the meantime, you can be getting together the following which will be required to complete you application:

- Proof of identification
- Proof of previous education to a minimum of Leaving Certificate/FETAC Level 5 qualification (or equivalent)
- A photograph (which will be used for your student id card)
- All applicants whose first language is not English must have attained IELTS Level 6 or the equivalent TOEFL score and provide evidence of same.
- Applicants will be asked to submit a Personal Statement, detailing their motivation to take this course and any work or life experience relevant to the subject (maximum one page).

To complete and submit the application, you will be required to pay half the course fees for year one of the course.

How do I apply for the course?

Once applications open you just apply yourself through the red apply now button at the bottom of the page with the following:

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What modules are covered in the course?

In terms of content the following modules are covered over the course of the Diploma and provide a diverse and interesting insight into the world of Youth and Community Work.

Year 1

- Introduction to Youth and Community Work
- Introduction to Research Methods in Youth and Community Work
- Principles and Practices of Youth and Community Work
- Core Skills in Youth and Community Work

Year 2

- Practice Placement - Youth and Community Work
- Models of Youth and Community Work
- Social Analysis: Disadvantage and Social Inclusion
- Managing Youth and Community Development Projects

What qualification will I have when I complete the course?

On completion of the two years students will receive a level 7 Diploma. There is an option to exit after Year 1 which students can request and they can be sent their certificate-level 6 at that stage.

The below image shows where the qualification sits on the National Framework of Qualifications



How will I be Assessed?

The Diploma in Youth and Community Work is fully assessed through continuous assessment which includes, reflective journals, essays, presentations, community profiles, research reports and placement reflections. There is one assignment for each 5-credit module and two assignment for 10-credit modules. Lecturers and tutors will guide students on how to approach the assignments and further supports are available through the Skills Centre.

What is the course schedule?

The Diploma will commence usually at the end of September and run through the academic year with the last assignment usually due at the end of April/start of May. There is a break at Christmas and usually again at Easter and for the summer months and the second year of your studies will commence then in September again.

- This course runs one evening per week from September/October to May.
- In UCC it will run on Tuesday evening from 6.00pm - 9.00pm/10.00pm at UCC campus.
- Students will attend one lecture per week which will be supported by tutorials and in addition, there are a number of Saturday lectures (approx. four per year).

What are my progression options and career options after completing this course?

The Diploma prepares students for entry level positions in the Youth and Community sector and it provides a pathway for further studies for a professional qualification. On successful completion of this programme you will have the opportunity to progress to Year 2 the Bachelor of Youth and Community Work in UCC if you wish to study further. If you are interested in working in the community or with young people, are already an employee in the youth or community work sector or a volunteer and wish to further your education, this course is for you.

On successful completion of the Diploma in Youth and Community Work students have the option to apply to progress directly into Year 2 of the Degree in Youth and Community Work which is an NSETS accredited Youth and Community Work qualification

Students also have the option to apply for the Higher Diploma in Facilitating Inclusion Disability Studies.