

New Programme – CK708 BSc Paramedicine

This new 4-year programme will prepare students to work as paramedic practitioners. The course will include clinical practice modules and will provide students with the opportunity to work in multiple clinical settings including ambulance-supervised placements, emergency departments, coronary care units etc. Years 1 and 2 will include placements along with traditional campus-based learning, Year 3 will include a paid clinical internship, and Year 4 will focus on clinical and research practice while participating as an active member of an ambulance crew.

There will be 32 places in total on this programme, including 4 places for mature entrants and 4 places for QQI / Level 5 entrants.

Entry Requirements

Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. Subjects must include Irish, English, Mathematics and a laboratory science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science) and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes. H4 in a lab science subject is required.

Driver's licence

Students on this programme will be required to obtain a full C1 drivers licence by semester 2 of Year 3. The National Ambulance Service will check these licenses as part of the application process for the Year 3 clinical internship.

QQI Entry route

A full Level 5 award in one of: Food Science, Laboratory Techniques, Community Health Services, Healthcare Support, or Nursing Studies. To be eligible, students must present Distinctions in 4 modules which must include at least one of Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology or Biology/Microbiology.

For details, please see [the CK708 course page](#).

Changes to Courses

CK114 Youth & Community Work

A new entry route for school leavers will be available for the BSocSc Youth and Community Work from 2024. Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects will be required, to include English, Irish, and another language.

A statement of interest and interview will also be required as part of the selection process.

CK212 Applied Economics

From September 2024, the Economics through Transformational Learning programme, including both the 4-year International and Work Placement Pathway options, will change from a BA to a Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons), and the programme name will change to Applied Economics, reflecting the applied nature of the programme and its distinctive emphasis on the professional development of our students. There are no changes to entry requirements.

The duration of all degree streams will be four years for all students and will continue to include the work placement or year abroad options. Students who do not obtain a placement will undertake a research project.

Some changes will be required to modules as part of the changed programme; however, the award-winning Transition to Professional Life (TPL) modules will remain.

QQI Entry Updates

CK215 International Business with Languages

A QQI entry route will be added to the above course for entry from 2024 onwards.

In line with the current QQI routes into other business programmes, applicants will be required to have distinctions in 5 modules in one of the linked QQI FET awards. This will include a Pass in one of five business-focused modules as well as a Distinction in a language.

See more:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/fetac/businesslaw/>

Advance Notice for 2025

CK101 - Mathematics & Applied Maths

From 2025, both the Mathematics and Applied Maths subjects will no longer be offered for new entrants to Arts, Arts International, or where Arts subjects are part of the course.

Mathematical Studies will continue to be offered as a subject and there will be new entry requirements from 2025; students will be required to achieve a minimum H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics to choose this subject.

Nurturing Bright Futures

[Nurturing Bright Futures](#) is a 6-module online course creating space for students to undertake self-reflective exercises to stimulate conversations - with their friends, family, teachers and Guidance Counsellors - to optimise their university-readiness.

Mature Student Evaluation (MSE)

The Mature Student Application Pathway (MSAP) will be replaced by a new assessment from 2024. Mature students to CACSSS courses will instead take the Mature Student Evaluation (MSE), which will be run by UCC Adult Continuing Education team. Further details are available on the [Mature Student Evaluation](#) page.

Undergraduate Guide

Our updated UCC Undergraduate Guide is in a user-friendly fold-out format and contains an incredible amount of useful information despite its size. All schools received packages of these guides in October, but if you require more copies, please email maggie.osullivan@ucc.ie. A digital version is available at www.ucc.ie/prospectus.

Contact Details

For queries on course content and career options see the list of College contact details at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/guidance/contactus/>

For queries on entry requirements, please email us at admissions@ucc.ie.

Prospective students can contact us through our [web enquiry form](#).

Upcoming Events

A Live Online Q&A will be held on Wednesday 17 January 2024, 4-5.30pm.

The 2024 Open Day will be on Saturday 12 October 2024.

For the full list of UCC's Open Days, Campus Tours and other events, as well as links to register, please keep an eye on <https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/events/eventslist/>.