

POLICY TITLE	ADVANCED ENTRY TRANSFER POLICY
POLICY OWNER	DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS
POLICY OPERATOR	UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

## **PURPOSE**

Advanced Entry is a transfer to a year beyond first year from another third level institution. An Advanced Entry application can be made by a current third-level student in another institution who wishes to advance their programme of study at UCC.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Cognate Programme of Study/Compatibility:** A cognate programme refers to courses in the same or related discipline or specialisation for the purposes of assessing applicants for entry or for recognition of prior learning.

**Academic Performance:** Applicants must pass all modules in their current programme to be eligible for an Advanced Entry place. Order of merit relevant to other applicants may be applied in circumstances of limited availability.

## **POLICY**

Advanced Entry applications are made through the [CAO](#).

**To be considered for Advanced Entry all of the following criteria must be met:**

1. The applicant must be transferring from a Level 8 Honours programme or have completed a Level 7 Ordinary Degree in full.\*
2. There must be a vacancy in the course for which the student has applied.
3. There must be compatibility between the two courses.
4. Academic Performance - Applicants must pass all modules in their current programme. Order of merit can be applied in circumstances of limited availability.
5. Applicants who are resitting examinations in Autumn of the year of application are not eligible to apply for Advanced Entry.

\*Some programmes have additional rules and/or extra routes. These are listed in detail on the [Advanced Entry webpage](#).

It is the responsibility of individual applicants to assess the compatibility of the programme they are currently registered for with the programme they wish to transfer into by comparing the curriculum of both programmes.

Due to limited availability of Advanced Entry places, some programmes may not open for applications in a given year.

Current UCC students wishing to advance their qualification or transfer across programmes within their College should apply directly to their College Office or avail of the Change of Course system, and not apply through CAO system.

### **Entry to Medicine and Dentistry**

#### **1. Entry at a level beyond first year for Medicine:**

The School of Medicine will assess Advanced Entry (Transfer) applications on a case-by-case basis.

- Applications will be confined to students admitted to a **Medicine programme** in their current institution through the CAO process.
- Applications are also only considered for transfers into Years 2 or 3 of the 5-year programme.

Decisions will be based on whether there is a place available and on the compatibility of the courses.

#### **2. Entry at a level beyond first year for Dentistry:**

The School of Dentistry does not accept students transferring from other programmes.