

Kerry Adult Guidance & Information Service (KAGIS)

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Distance Learning

What is Distance Learning?

Distance learning is a flexible method of study which enables you to study from your home using materials provided by a college or company. This may take the form of books or online lectures. Sometimes providers will have a tutor with whom you can connect online. Some distance learning providers employ tutors who are in contact with students by post, phone, e-mail or using internet software. The course may also feature live online discussion groups.

Some courses will have specific start dates and deadlines for assignments, and may have exams. For other courses, it will be possible for students to start on any date. Some courses may require you to travel to the institution for weekend classes or tutorials.

Athena College of Ireland, Fingal Bay Business Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Tel. (01) 6911358

e-mail: infor@athenacollege.ie

Web: www.athenacollege.ie

Online courses in a variety of subjects for different areas of business e.g. social media and digital marketing for business, food safety and health and safety for the catering industry, the TAQA for quality assurance. They also run a number of accelerated and short courses. All courses are streamed live, in real time. For further details contact the college.

City Colleges College of eLearning, South Great George's St., Dublin 2

Tel: 1850 25 27 40

e-mail: elearning@citycolleges.ie

Web: www.citycolleges.ie/elearning

Courses in accountancy, business, criminology, digital marketing, finance, law and media entertainment and the arts. QQI and other accreditation offered. See website for further details.

College of Progressive Education, South Great George's St., Dublin 2

Tel: 01 488 4300 e-mail: info@progressivecollege.ie Web: www.progressivecollege.ie

Courses offered online and by 'blended' learning include Childcare, Montessori Education and Special Needs Assistant training. Blended learning means a mixture of online and part-time (Saturday) attendance. Work experience may also be required.

All courses have QQI accreditation.

College of Management and IT (CMIT), Bray, Co. Wicklow

Tel: 01 286 5783/276 5015 e-mail: info@cmit.ie Web: www.cmit.ie

Courses fall into the following main categories: Business Studies; Childcare, Healthcare and Education, Psychology and Counselling, Web Design and eCommerce, IT and Computers, Travel and Tourism and Creative Courses (such as Feature Writing, Photo Journalism). A variety of QQI and professional qualifications are available. All courses use online resources, so you must be comfortable with computers and have internet access. All students are assigned a tutor to support them with their work.

Cork Institute of Technology, Bishopstown, Cork.

Tel: 021 432 6100 e-mail: info@cit.ie Web: www.cit.ie

A variety of professional and post-graduate level courses are offered online, mainly in the field of Information Technology. However, there are also courses in digital media, eLearning, engineering and journalism.

Coursera - courses from around the world

Web: www.coursera.org

Coursera provides universal access to the world's best education, partnering with top universities and organizations to offer courses online. All 2,000 courses are open to everyone. See website for further details.

eCollege, Wyattville Road, Loughlinstown, County Dublin

Freephone: 1800 855 831 e-mail: ecollegeinfo@solas.ie

Web: www.ecollege.ie

Courses are available in a variety of IT based areas as well as Business and Project Management. Courses are free of charge for those who are unemployed but access to internet and competency with IT is required.

Futurelearn – online courses from around the world.

Web: www.futurelearn.com

A diverse selection of courses from leading universities and cultural institutions around the world. Subjects offered fall into 13 broad categories. Courses vary in length - most are six to ten weeks long but they also have some two and three week courses. They also offer access to degree level courses. See website for full details.

Hibernia College, 9-10 Fenian St., Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 661 0168

e-mail: info@hiberniacollege.net

Web: www.hiberniacollege.com

Hibernia is a private online higher education college based in Ireland with offices in Dublin and Westport. It offers the following courses B. Sc. In Nursing (General), Professional Masters in Education (Primary or Post-Primary) and a Phd. In Education.

It also offers a variety of short courses of specific interest to practicing teachers.

The teaching courses are all recognized by the Irish Department of Education for teaching in Irish state schools.

ICEP Europe, Institute of Child Education and Psychology

Maynooth Business Campus, Co. Kildare

Tel: 01 651 0618

e-mail: info@icepe.eu

Web: www.icepe.ie

ICEP Europe provides online education to teachers, psychologists and other professionals in Ireland, UK and internationally. It is the sole Special Education Support Services (SESS) approved provider of online courses in special educational needs by the Department of Education and Skills. 18 online courses available as well as courses for parents.

Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ballinode, Sligo

Tel: 071 915 5222

e-mail: info@itsligo.ie

Web: itsligo.ie/onlinelearning

Online courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level in the fields of Business and Social Sciences, Engineering and Design and Science.

Interior Design Academy of Ireland, 77 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 902 2223

e-mail: info@idai.ie

Web: www.idai.ie

Certificate, Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma home-study courses in Interior Design. All courses are fully accredited.

The Irish Academy of Public Relations, 7-9 Clarence St., Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Tel. (01) 2780802

e-mail: infor@irishacademy.com

Web: www.irishacademy.com

Courses delivered online are public relations, journalism (including mobile journalism and radio journalism), event management, social media marketing, and English grammar.

Kilroy's College, Wentworth House, Grand Canal Street, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 639 4660

e-mail: homestudy@kilroyscollege.ie

Web www.kilroyscollege.ie

A wide range of courses on offer online or by correspondence. Categories of courses are: - Business, Childcare, Creative and Leisure, Employment preparation, Health and Beauty, IT and computer skills, Psychology and Public Service competitions including Garda recruitment. They also offer a full range of Leaving Certificate subjects and a couple of Junior Certificate subjects.

QQI accreditation available for childcare modules.

LIA (Life Insurance Association), Kimmage Rd. West, Dublin 12

Tel. 01 456 3890

e-mail: queries@lia.ie

Web: www.lia.ie

LIA offers a variety of accredited courses in financial advice, Credit Union courses and specialist courses such as retirement planning and asset management. Qualifications available from QQI Level 7 up to Master's Degree.

All courses are run on a blended learning basis and exams are held 3 times a year in various locations around the country, including Cork and Limerick.

The London School of Journalism, 126 Shirland Road, Maida Vale, London W9 2BT

Tel. 00 44 207 289 7777, 8141

e-mail: hsweb@lsj.org

Web: www.lsj.org

The London School of Journalism offers courses in creative writing and journalism in all its forms as well as functional English courses such as English for Business. Courses are offered online and by correspondence.

National College of Ireland, Mayor Street, Dublin 1

Tel: 1850 221 721

e-mail: info@ncirl.ie

Web: www.ncirl.ie

The NCI currently has two courses on offer online: Certificate in First Line management and Diploma in Pensions Management & Policy. These courses are taught online with a handful of face-to-face classes.

National University of Ireland, Galway (Adult and Continuing Education Office)

Tel: 091 492144

e-mail maria.mchugh@nuigalway.ie

Web www.nuigalway.ie

Offers courses both fully online (archaeology, Irish studies, Italian and Software engineering) and by blended learning. The choice of courses on offer by blended learning is quite extensive, so it is best to consult the website. In some cases, a fee reduction of 30% is available to people on certain social welfare payments – further details online.

The Open College, The Learning Centre, Leopardstown Business Centre, Dublin 18

Tel: 01 206 1828 e-mail: info@theopencollege.com Web: www.theopencollege.com

A wide range of courses, almost all QQI approved, in Business/Finance, Childcare, Digital Media/IT, Healthcare, Journalism/Writing, Management, Psychology, Special Needs Assistant, Sports/Fitness and Law as well as some general courses and personal development courses.

The Open Training College, Prospect Hall, Willowfield Park, Goatstown, Dublin 14

Tel: 01 298 8544 e-mail info@opentrainingcollege.com Web www.opentrainingcollege.com

Provides accredited training to staff in the human services and not-for-profit sectors. Courses include Certificate/Higher Certificate/B.A. in Applied Management Studies (non-profit/human services), B.A. in Applied Social Studies (non-profit/human services), B.A. in Professional Social Care (Disability) and various Continuous Professional Development courses of relevance or interest to the sector.

The Open University

Enquiry and Advice Centre, Holbrook House, Holles Street, Dublin 2

Freephone 1800 932845 e-mail: ireland@open.ac.uk Web: www.open.ac.uk

Short courses (8 to 20 weeks), nine-month courses, one year certificates, two-year diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. A wide range of subjects from an institution with a proven track record. Also, offers a variety of taster courses online for free. (See relevant section of website www.open.ac.uk/republic-of-ireland/study/free-online-learning)

The Organic College/An tIonad Glas, Carroward East, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick
Tel: 063 83 604 e-mail: oifig@organiccollege.com Web: www.organiccollege.com

The college offers a QQI Level 5 course in Horticulture (with a focus on organics) on an online basis over two years. If people don't wish to cover the entire Level 5 course they can cover individual modules such as organic fruit and vegetable production, soil science and growing media, organic standards and principles and plant identification and use.

Additional modules, including communications and work experience, would have to be completed to obtain a full or major award.

They also run short courses and workshops throughout the year. See website for further details.

Oscail - DCU Online Education

Bea Orpen Building, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9

Tel: 01 700 5481 e-mail: openeducation@dcu.ie Web: www.dcu.ie/openeducation

Diplomas/Degrees offered in: English and History, Humanities, Information Technology, MIT/MIS and Psychology. Masters degrees are run in the following management areas: Management of Clean Technologies, Management of Information Systems Strategy, Management of Internet Enterprise Systems, Management for Sustainable Development, and Management of Operations. There is also a growing suite of short courses on offer. See website for further details.

Irish Payroll Association, H4 Centrepoint Business Park, Oak Road, Dublin 12

Tel: 01 408 9100 e-mail: courses@ipass.ie Web: www.ipass.ie

Online courses offered are Payroll Techniques and VAT Techniques. These courses are both certified by HETAC at Level 6. A non-accredited course in Business Law is also available as well as one day courses on a variety of payroll related topics. Some courses are offered on an outreach basis in various locations around the country.

Pitman Training, Davcon Building, Monavalley Business Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Tel: 066 718 5775

Web: www.pitman-training.ie

Wide range of Business and IT courses. Most training is PC-based, with an 'audio tutor' and support available from a course advisor.

University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4

Tel: 01 716 4821

Web: www.ucd.ie/online/courses

UCD offers 19 different online courses, from Certificate to Master's degree level in such varied disciplines as business, education and science, to name but three. Full details available on the website.

University of Ulster, Cromore Road, Coleraine, Co. Derry

Tel: 0044 028 9036 8686 e-mail: elearning@ulster.ac.uk Web: www.ulster.ac.uk/elearning

A wide range of online undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Business & Management, Social Science, Healthcare, Engineering, Science, Medical Sciences, Education, Earth Sciences and Cultural Heritage. Attendance at on-campus seminars is required for some courses.

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