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Part-time options also available in Business, Healthcare and Future Kickstart Modules.

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LEVEL 4 FUTURE KICKSTART

LEVEL 4 I.T. WITH COMMUNICATIONS

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LEVEL 5 HORTICULTURE WITH GARDEN DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING

LEVEL 5 GP PRACTICE ASSISTANT

LEVEL 5 PHARMACY ASSISTANT

LEVEL 5 HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

LEVEL 5 NURSING STUDIES

PART TIME OPTIONS



FUTURE KICKSTART OOI LEVEL 4



FUTURE KICKSTART

This course is suitable for early school leavers, or those returning to education who would like to explore further study options. Learners may wish to gain a qualification, but may not have decided on their area of interest. This learning opportunity is designed to link to further studies at QQI Level 5.

Learners have the opportunity to study a range of hands on modules including Healthcare, Design, I.T. Art and Horticulture. The maths module of this course will be particularly useful for those wishing to pursue an apprenticeship.

Learners will leave the course with skills for employment or progression to further studies or apprenticeship opportunities.

 Class sizes are small and learners receive regular feedback on how they are progressing.

• Additional one-to-one support is available. • The course covers a broad range of

modules.

• This course is a great foundation for further studies at QQI Level 5.

Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

• Communications • Mathematics • Information

Technology Skills • Personal Effectiveness • Work

Experience • Word Processing • Spreadsheets

Office Skills • Upholstery • Pyrography • Room

Design • Painting • Horticulture • Healthcare *subject to change

Who should apply?

Those wishing to gain an academic qualification to access further education and training opportunities including apprenticeships.

This course is a great foundation for further studies at QQI Level 5.

Progression Options

Successful completion of the Level 4 award links to further studies at QQI Level 5 or apprenticeship opportunities.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be over 18 years.

Successful completion of interview and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

LOETB Abbeyleix welcomes applications from mature students.

Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

Funding supports may be available, contact us for details.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- General Learning ٠
- QQI Level 4
- Course Code: 4M2010

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week. Part-time options also available.



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I.T. WITH COMMUNICATIONS



QQI LEVEL 4 - Leading to Level 5 Business with I.T. and Accounting

I.T. WITH COMMUNIATIONS

Are you ready to return to education or change careers? LOETB Abbeyleix offers an exciting opportunity to gain essential skills and qualifications with our full-time QQI Level 4 course in I.T. and Communications.

This comprehensive program is designed to provide you with a strong foundation in key IT principles, communication strategies, and practical applications.

Upon successful completion, you'll be ready for progression to our highly sought-after QQI Level 5 Business with IT and Accountancy course, opening doors to even more advanced learning and diverse career pathways.

As part of our Future Kickstart programme, Learners will leave the course with skills for employment or progression to further studies or apprenticeship opportunities.

Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Invest in your future today - discover the possibilities that await you at LOETB Abbeyleix!



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Communications Mathematics Information
- Technology Skills Personal Effectiveness Work Experience • Word Processing • Spreadsheets Office Skills
- Optional:
- Upholstery Pyrography Room Design Painting Horticulture • Healthcare
- *subject to change

Who should apply?

Those wishing to gain an academic qualification to access further education and training opportunities including apprenticeships.

This course is a great foundation for further studies at QQI Level 5.

Progression Options

Successful completion of the Level 4 award links to further studies at QQI Level 5 or apprenticeship opportunities.



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Applicants must be over 18 years.

Successful completion of interview and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

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Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

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AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- General Learning ٠
- QQI Level 4
- Course Code: 4M2010

COST

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Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

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ART WITH ANIMATION QQI LEVEL 5



ART WITH ANIMATION

The Art with Animation course offers students the opportunity to explore the animation industry and to develop skills needed for this area.

Alongside the fundamental skills such as drawing, painting and sculpture learners will also study subjects specific to animation and industry.

The student will complete this course with a comprehensive range of skills and a professional portfolio of work, for application to third level colleges.

Students may get the opportunity to travel abroad as part of this course. Previous trips have included Florence, Italy. Art Students will also take part in a graduate exhibition at the Dunamaise Art Centre in Portlaoise.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the Centre for further information.

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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Animation Layout Design
- Animation Drawing Studies
- 3D Modelling and Animation Painting
- Sculpture Drawing Art Appreciation
- Work Experience Communications.
- *Subject to change

Who should apply?

This course is suitable for Learners who have an interest in developing their art skills and wish to develop their understanding and skills of animation. We also welcome learners who wish to prepare their portfolio for application to Art & Design Colleges.

Progression Options

Students who successfully complete this Level 5 course may have the option to continue their studies at the Centre, progressing to our QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Art.

Students can apply to any third level art course to further their studies. Degrees in Animation are currently offered by LSAD, TUS Athlone and IADT.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Art with Animation
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M1985

COST

There are tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

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Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

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ART, CRAFT & DESIGN **QQI LEVEL 5**



ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

The Art, Craft and Design (ACD) course offers students the opportunity to explore the varied aspects of fine art, design and craft.

Over the year, students develop and enhance basic skills in drawing and design and transfer these skills into other areas of study such as ceramics, painting and combined materials.

The student will finish the year with a comprehensive body of skills and a professional portfolio of work to use for third level applications.

Students may get the opportunity to travel abroad on the annual trip. Art Students will also take part in a graduate exhibition at the Dunamaise Art Centre in Portlaoise.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the Centre for further information.

What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Drawing Design Skills Ceramics Painting
- Creative Embroidery
 Combined Materials
- Art Appreciation Work Experience •
- Communications.
- *Subject to change

Who should apply?

This course is suitable for Learners who have an interest in developing their artistic skills and gaining experience across different mediums.

We also welcome learners who wish to prepare their portfolio for application to Art & Design Colleges.

Progression Options

Students who successfully complete this level 5 course may have the option to continue their studies at the Centre, progressing to our QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Art.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate or equivalent standard of education. LOETB Abbeyleix welcomes applications from mature students. Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience. Successful completion of interview and English Language assessment (where English is not first language). Applicants are requested to present samples of their work. Good drawing skills are essential.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Art, Craft & Design
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M1984

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week.





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ADVANCED ART



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ADVANCED ART

The Art, Craft and Design (ACD) course offers students the opportunity to explore the varied aspects of fine art, design and craft.

Over the year, students develop and enhance basic skills in drawing and design and transfer these skills into other areas of study such as ceramics, painting and combined materials.

The student will finish the year with a comprehensive body of skills and a professional portfolio of work to use for third level applications.

Students may get the opportunity to travel abroad on the annual trip. Art Students will also take part in a graduate exhibition at the Dunamaise Art Centre in Portlaoise.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Drawing Design Skills Ceramics Painting
- Fabric Manipulation
 Combined Materials
- Art Appreciation Work Experience •
- Communications.
- *Subject to change

Who should apply?

This programme is suitable for any level 5 applicant to further advance their studies. This course will also benefit those wishing to develop their portfolio for application to any third level art institutes including for advanced entry to second year.

Progression Options

Students who successfully complete this level 5 course may have the option to continue their studies at the Centre, progressing to our QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Art.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a QQI Level 5 certificate in a relevant art discipline.

LOETB Abbeyleix welcomes applications from mature students. Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

Successful completion of interview and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

Applicants are requested to present samples of their work.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Advanced Certificate in Art
- QQI Level 6
- Course Code: 6M4029

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

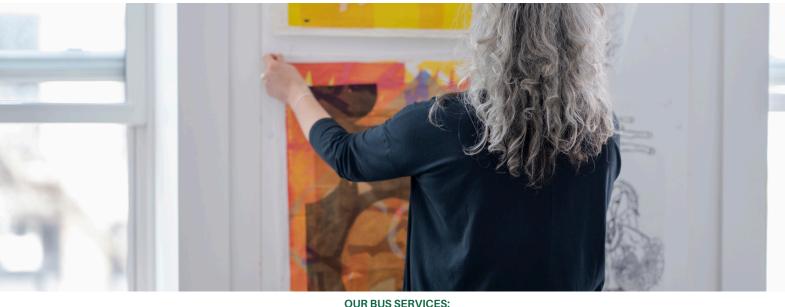
However, a QQI Certificate fee of €80 may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

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BUSINESS STUDIES



OPTIONAL MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION/RECEPTIONIST MODULES QQI LEVEL 5

BUSINESS STUDIES

This course offers a wide range of subjects that provides students with the opportunity to gain an in-depth knowledge of the dynamic world of business.

The course provides students with the opportunity to learn about the role of technology in today's business world. It will also provide students with the appropriate accounting and payroll skills for a modern business environment.

Learners can opt to study Medical Terminology and Reception Frontline Office Skills, which may lead to employment opportunities in areas such as the public service/HSE, GP Practice Admin, Dental Surgeries, Pharmaceuticals etc.

Learners will leave the course with skills for employment, or further studies. It will also provide opportunities to progress to apprenticeships.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

Those wishing to pursue a career, or further learning in business. This course provides the opportunity to obtain the most up to date administration and IT skills necessary for a 'fast paced business environment.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Business Administration Accounting Manual and Computerised • Communications • Work
- Experience Word Processing • Spreadsheet Methods • Database Methods
- Payroll Statistics.
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Optional: •Reception and Frontline Office Skills • Medical Terminology. *subject to change

Progression Options

Learners who successfully complete this Level 5 course may continue their studies or seek employment.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level education, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.

Alternatively, students may progress to an Accounting Technicians course (ATI), or to an IPASS (Irish Payroll Association) course. See also the many varied apprenticeship opportunities in areas such as ICT, Insurance and Finance.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate or equivalent standard of education.

Successful completion of interview and Maths assessment.

English Language assessment may be required (where English is not first language).

LOETB Abbeyleix welcomes applications from mature students.

Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience. A good level of basic computer skills is required.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Business Studies
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M2102

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of \in 50 may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

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PRE-UNIVERSITY SCIENCE QQI LEVEL 5



PRE-UNIVERSITY SCIENCE

This full time one-year course is designed to give students an opportunity to explore aspects of the field of science.

The purpose of this award is to enable the student to acquire the knowledge, skills, and competencies to work independently and under supervision in a science laboratory or to progress to a range of science-based programmes at third level.

Previous graduates have pursued further education in areas such as Forensic Science, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Science.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

This course is suitable for learners who wish to pursue a career or further learning in science. The mathematics element allows students to bring their levels of proficiency in the subject up to the standard required for their intended third level course.

Students will also have the option to study other modules along with science allowing them to tailor their qualification for entry to their desired course or area of employment.

What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Biology Laboratory Skills Mathematics
- Chemistry Safety and Health at Work
- Anatomy & Physiology Environmental Studies
- Word Processing Work Experience
- Clean Room Operations Communications.
 *Subject to change

Progression Options

There are progression options in a wide range of areas including Biomedical, Pharmaceutical, Environmental, Agriculture, Nutrition/Dietetics, Biological, Brewing, Food Science, Forensic and Sports Science as well as Pharmacy Technician programmes in a range of HEI's and colleges around the country.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level education, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate with a combination of 5 O6/H7's or its equivalent with at least one science subject and a minimum entry requirement of Ordinary Level Maths.

Abbeyleix FETC welcomes applications from mature students. Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

Successful completion of interview, Maths and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

Certificate in Laboratory Techniques QQI Level 5

Course Code: 5M3807

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 and a fee for any optional additional training may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week.





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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Do you dream of a career where you can contribute to a sustainable future? LOETB Abbeyleix offers you the opportunity to turn your passion into a profession with our QQI Level 5 Environmental Science course where you'll learn from experienced instructors and engage in hands-on practical work.

This dynamic programme provides a solid foundation in the core principles of science, equipping you with the knowledge and practical skills needed to thrive in this vital and growing field.

Whether you're a recent school leaver, returning to education, or seeking a career change, our course offers a pathway to exciting opportunities in employment or further study.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

This course is suitable for learners who wish to pursue a career or further learning in science. The mathematics element allows students to bring their levels of proficiency in the subject up to the standard required for their intended third level course.

Students will also have the option to study other modules along with science allowing them to tailor their qualification for entry to their desired course or area of employment.

What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Laboratory Skills Biology Mathematics
- Chemistry Soil Science Environmental Studies • Work Experience • Biodiversity & The Natural Environment • Communications.
- *Subject to change

Optional: • Safety and Health at Work • Clean **Room Operations**

Progression Options

There are progression options in a wide range of areas including Agriculture, Geosciences, Pharmaceutical, Environmental, Ecology, Forestry, Education, Climate, Brewing, Food Science, as well as Laboratory Technician programmes in a range of HEI's and colleges around the country.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level education, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate with a combination of 5 O6/H7's or its equivalent with at least one science subject and a minimum entry requirement of Ordinary Level Maths.

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Successful completion of interview, Maths and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

Certificate in Laboratory Techniques QQI Level 5

Course Code: 5M3807

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

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DURATION

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SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY



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SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE WITH BIODIVERSITY

Are you passionate about the environment? Do you dream of working with plants and contributing to a more sustainable future? Then our QQI Level 5 Course in Sustainable Horticulture and Biodiversity is the perfect starting point for your journey. This course, offered over one academic year, will equip you with the essential knowledge and practical skills to thrive in the growing field of sustainable horticulture or to progress on to further education.

Discover how you can play a vital role in protecting our biodiversity and creating greener, healthier communities. Join us in cultivating a sustainable tomorrow, today.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

This course is suitable for learners who have an interest in horticulture and pursing employment or further education in this area.

Learners will be supported in identifying their individual progression needs and opportunities.

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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Plant Identification Plant Science Soil Science
- & Growing Media Plant Protection Biodiversity &

The Natural Environment • Work Practice • Environmental Studies • Communications • Plant Propagation

Optional: • Landscape Construction and Maintenance • Garden Design *subject to change

Progression Options

Learners who successfully complete this Level 5 course may have the option to continue their studies or seek employment. There are varied opportunities available to progress to higher education programmes.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level education, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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Leaving Certificate or equivalent standard of education.

Successful completion of interview and English Language assessment (where English is not first language).

LOETB Abbeyleix welcomes applications from mature students.

Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

Applicants should have an interest and basic knowledge in Horticulture.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Horticulture
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M2586

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 and a fee for any optional additional training may apply.

Learners must provide their own

materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week. Part-time options also available.



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HORTICULTURE WITH GARDEN **DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING**

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HORTICULTURE WITH GARDEN **DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING**

Do you dream of transforming outdoor spaces into stunning, thriving environments? If so, your journey begins here. LOETB Abbeyleix offers a comprehensive QQI Level 5 course in Horticulture with Garden Design and Landscaping, providing you with the essential skills and knowledge to flourish in this rewarding field.

This programme is more than just learning about plants; it's about mastering the art of creating and maintaining vibrant landscapes. This course will equip you with the practical expertise and theoretical understanding to turn your passion into a fulfilling career or progress on to further education.

At LOETB Abbeyleix you can immerse yourself in a learning environment that combines hands-on experience with expert instruction.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information. Who should apply?

This course is suitable for learners who have an interest in horticulture and pursing employment or further education in this area. Learners will be supported in identifying their individual progression needs and opportunities.



What will I study? Modules may include*:

• Plant Identification • Plant Science • Soil Science & Growing Media • Plant Protection • Landscape Construction and Maintenance • Garden Design Work Practice
 Communications
 Plant Propagation

Optional: • Environmental Studies • Biodiversity & The Natural Environment. *subject to change

Progression Options

Learners who successfully complete this Level 5 course may have the option to continue their studies or seek employment.

There are varied opportunities available to progress to higher education programmes.

Learners who have satisfied the criteria set by the CAO process may progress to third level education, and may secure a place in the National and Technological Universities on various Degree Programmes.



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Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

Applicants should have an interest and basic knowledge in Horticulture.

AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Horticulture
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M2586

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbeyleix.

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 and a fee for any optional additional training may apply.

Learners must provide their own

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DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week. Part-time options also available.

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GP PRACTICE ASSISTANT **QQI LEVEL 5**



GP PRACTICE ASSISTANT

Our QQI Level 5 GP Practice Assistant course provides the essential skills and knowledge required to thrive in a busy GP practice environment. From mastering administrative tasks to understanding medical terminology and patient care, you'll gain the confidence and expertise to become a vital member of a healthcare team.

This course is designed to equip you with practical, hands-on experience, ensuring you are prepared for the demands of a modern GP practice.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

Those seeking to develop the theoretical and practical skills necessary to pursue a career in health or social care.

Learners will develop the skills, knowledge and competence to work under supervision in a variety of medical and administration settings.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

- Care Support Infection Prevention and Control
- Medical Terminology
 Anatomy and Physiology
- Care of the Older Person Reception and Frontline Skills • Word Processing • Communications • Work Experience

Additional Certification*

• Phlebotomy and IV Cannulation • Patient Moving and Handling • CPR & AED PHECC Training *Subject to change

Progression Options

Third Level progression options include:

Level 7

SE928-Applied Healthcare-Level 7-SETU Waterford Campus

PC404-Applied Social Studies-Level 7-Carlow College

Level 8

SE900-Health Sciences-Level 8-SETU Waterford Campus

US921-Social Care Practice-Level 8-TUS Midlands (Athlone Campus)

SE918-Professional Social Care Practice-Level 8-Carlow College

AU663-Public Health Nutrition-Level8-ATU Galway/Mayo

Holders of a QQI Level 5 Community Health Services Certificate may seek employment in both the public and private sectors



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Leaving Certificate or QQI Level 4, or equivalent standard of education. LOETB Abbevleix welcomes applications from mature students. Applicants are assessed on relevant life and work experience.

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AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- **Community Health Services**
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M4468 •

GARDA VETTING

At the start of the course students are requested to complete the Garda Vetting process. Completing this process and receiving clearance is a mandatory requirement for work placement.

COST

There are no tuition fees payable to LOETB Abbevleix

However, a QQI Certificate fee of €50 and a fee for any optional additional training may apply.

Learners must provide their own materials as specified by the tutor.

DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week. Part-time options also available.





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PHARMACY ASSISTANT **QQI LEVEL 5**



PHARMACY ASSISTANT

The QQI Level 5 Pharmacy Assistant course at LOETB Abbeyleix is a comprehensive programme designed to equip you with the essential knowledge and practical skills required to excel in a retail pharmacy setting. Whether you're looking to begin a rewarding career in healthcare or enhance your existing skills, this course provides a solid foundation for success.

You'll gain hands-on experience through work placement, allowing you to apply your learning in real-world scenarios.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Please contact the centre for further information.

Who should apply?

Those seeking to develop the theoretical and practical skills necessary to pursue a career in Retail Pharmacies or Further Education in Pharmaceuticals.

Learners will develop the skills, knowledge and competence to work under supervision in a variety of pharmacy settings.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

• Safety and Health at Work • Infection Prevention and Control • Medical Terminology • Anatomy and Physiology • Reception and Frontline Skills • Word Processing • Communications • Work Experience

Additional Certification*

Irish Pharmacy Union Medicine Counter

Assistant (MCA) Certification • CPR & AED PHECC Training

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Progression Options

Third Level progression options include: Level 6

TU654-Pharmacy Technician Studies-TU Dublin, Grangegorman Campus

SE937-Pharmacy Technician Studies-SETU **Carlow Campus**

Level 8

DC209-Health & Society-DCU US869-Medical Technology-TUS Midwest (LIT)

Holders of a QQI Level 5 Pharmacy Assistant Certificate may seek employment in Retail Pharmacy and Health Store settings.



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DURATION

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HEALTHCARE SUPPORT QQI LEVEL 5



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This full time programme provides students with the essential foundational knowledge, skills and experience needed to work within the healthcare sector.

Learners will have the opportunity to access our skills lab in Rathdowney which mirrors a professional clinical setting.

Graduates can expect employment opportunities in settings such as hospitals, residential homes, community nursing units, nursing homes, community based services and home care.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Funding supports may be available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

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Who should apply?

Those seeking to develop the theoretical and practical skills necessary to pursue a caring career.

Learners will develop the skills, knowledge and competence to work under supervision in a variety of healthcare settings.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

• Care Support • Care skills • Safety and Health at Work • Infection Prevention and Control • Care of The Older Person • Intellectual Disability Studies • Palliative Care Support • Communications • Work Experience

Additional Certification:

- Patient Manual Handling
 CPR & AED PHECC
- Training
- *Subject to change

Progression Options

Learners who satisfy the criteria set by the CAO for progression to third level education may secure a place in tertiary settings in Ireland and abroad.

Holders of a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Healthcare Support may seek employment as a Healthcare Assistant in hospitals, nursing homes, community, and disability settings in both the public and private sectors.



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AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Certificate in Healthcare Support
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M4339
- GARDA VETTING

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COST

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DURATION

1 academic year full time - 5 days per week. Part-time options also available.

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NURSING STUDIES



QQI LEVEL 5

NURSING STUDIES

This full time one-year course is designed to give students an opportunity to explore aspects of the field of Nursing.

This programme is a valuable foundation course for those who wish to pursue a career as a Registered General Nurse, Intellectual Disability Nurse, Psychiatric Nurse, Children's Nurse or as a Healthcare Assistant.

Some modules of this programme are delivered at our purpose built clinical skills lab in Rathdowney. The lab features a range of hospital grade training tools and equipment, simulating real-world clinical scenarios.

Learners may be eligible to apply for a SUSI grant or a Back to Education Allowance. Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) places are available for jobseekers and others getting certain social welfare payments on all full-time courses.

Who should apply?

Those seeking to develop the theoretical and practical skills necessary to pursue a nursing, midwifery or a caring career.

The course will develop learners skills, knowledge and competence to work under supervision in a variety of healthcare settings.



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What will I study?

Modules may include*:

 Anatomy & Physiology • Nursing Theory & Practice • Human Growth & Development • Communications • Work Experience • Safety & Health at Work • Care of the Older Person • Palliative Care • Intellectual Disability Studies.

Additional Certification:

• Patient Manual Handling • CPR & AED PHECC Training.

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Progression Options

Nursing Studies is a recognised QQI Award for progression to CAO Nursing Degrees in all Higher Education Institutions in Ireland. Colleges typically reserve a set number of places for QQI students. Additionally, students may progress to study Nursing in the UK. Students may also progress to 3rd level studies in areas such as Social Care, Physiology, Sports and Health Sciences.

Holders of a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Nursing Studies may seek employment as a Healthcare Assistant in hospitals, nursing homes, community, and disability services in both the public and private sectors.



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AWARD TITLE, LEVEL, AND CODE

- Certificate in Nursing Studies
- QQI Level 5
- Course Code: 5M4349

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Sustainable Horticulture with Biodiversity	5		
PART TIME OPTIONS *		*may be subject to change	
Art (Painting)	4	Thursdays 12:00-15:30 (One academic year)	
Care Skills (Rathdowney Campus)	5	Tuesdays 9:30-13:30 (13 weeks approx.)	
Design Studies/Room Design	4	Tuesdays 9:00-12:00 (One academic year)	
Garden Design	5	Fridays 11:00-13:00 (One academic year)	
Introduction to Horticulture	4	Fridays 9:00-11:00 (One academic year)	
Introduction to Healthcare	4	Wednesdays 13:30-15:30 (One academic year)	
Infection Prevention and Control	5	Fridays 9:00-13:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
I.T.S (Computers)	4	Mondays 13:30-15:30 (One academic year)	
Landscape Construction & Maintenance	5	Fridays 13:30-15:30 (One academic year)	
Medical Terminology	5	Thursdays 11:00-13:00 (One academic year)	
Office Skills	4	Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 (One academic year)	
Payroll - Manual and Computerised	5	Wednesdays 9:00-13:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
Plant Identification	5	Tuesdays 9:00-12:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
Plant Protection	5	Thursdays 9:00-12:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
Reception and Front Office Skills	5	Thursdays 13:30-15:30 (One academic year)	
Safety and Health at Work	5	Mondays & Thursdays 9:00-11:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
Pyrography	3	Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 (One academic year)	
Spreadsheets	5	Wednesdays 13:30-15:30 & Fridays 11:00-13:00 (13 weeks approx.)	
Soil Science	5	Tuesdays 12:00-15:30 (13 weeks approx.)	
Upholstery	3	Wednesdays 11-13:00 (One academic year)	
Introduction to Word Processing	4	Tuesdays 12-15:30 (13 weeks approx.)	

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