

Apprenticeship Programmes



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What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a structured training programme that combines practical training, on-the-job, with formal education, off-the-job. Apprentices learn from experienced workers, and/or mentors, and develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in a particular trade, craft or profession.

Apprenticeships in Ireland are between two-four years long, and apprentices are employed by their employer throughout the programme. Apprentices attend initial off-the-job training at a local Education and Training board (ETB) and two other off-the-job phases at a Technological University, such as TUS.

During the apprenticeship, apprentices earn a salary and are entitled to the same benefits as other employees, such as paid holidays and sick leave. When they complete their apprenticeship, apprentices are awarded a recognised qualification.

Why choose an Apprenticeship?



Earn while you learn

Acquire valuable skills while gaining practical work experience.



Gain hands-on experience

Immersion in real-world projects and application of theoretical knowledge at each on-the-job phase.



Build a community of practice

A network with professionals in the field and establish lifelong connections.



Develop in-demand skills

Stay ahead of industry trends and acquire sought-after expertise.



Strong foundational education

Gain a competitive edge for pursuing higher-level qualifications.

TUS Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship	Type	Duration	Location	Qualification
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Mechanical and Manufacturing				
Mechanical Automation and Maintenance (Fitter)	Craft	4 years	Limerick	Advanced Craft Certificate
Manufacturing Technician	CLA	2 years	Limerick	Higher Certificate
Manufacturing Engineer	CLA	3 years	Limerick	Bachelor of Engineering
Polymer Processing Technology	CLA	3 years	Athlone	Bachelor of Science

Built Environment				
Carpentry and Joinery	Craft	4 years	Limerick	Advanced Craft Certificate
Plumbing	Craft	4 years	Athlone	Advanced Craft Certificate
Advanced Quantity Surveyor	CLA	2 years	Limerick	Master of Science

Motor				
Light Vehicle Service & Maintenance (Motor Mechanic)	Craft	4 years	Limerick Athlone	Advanced Craft Certificate
Heavy Vehicle Mechanic	Craft	4 years	Athlone	Advanced Craft Certificate

Electrical				
Electrical	Craft	4 years	Limerick Athlone	Advanced Craft Certificate
Industrial Electrical Engineer	CLA	2 years	Limerick	Bachelor of Engineering

Culinary				
Chef de Partie	CLA	4 years	Limerick	Bachelor of Arts
Sous Chef	CLA	2 years	Limerick	Bachelor of Arts (hons)

* Consortia Led Apprenticeship (CLA)

Access To Apprenticeship

TUS deliver a 12-week Access to Apprenticeship programme that gives young people, from under-represented backgrounds and areas of disadvantage, a chance to get on the third-level education ladder, through the pursuit of an apprenticeship programme. Through a combination of classroom learning, mentorship, and hands-on skills sampling, each participant receives a taste of different apprenticeships on offer at TUS and gain valuable work experience. Together with Personal and Professional Development, this helps them make informed choices about their future and connect with employers who are looking for apprentices.



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