

# Moville Community College



## Leaving Certificate Applied





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# What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?



- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past

# Purpose of LCA



- Caters for and rewards all types of learners
- Prepares students for further **education.**
- Prepares students for **adult and working life**
- Promotes communication and decision making **skills.**
- Builds **confidence**
- **Less stressful.**

# Why choose LCA ?



- ▶ You learn best by doing - hands on, practical type of work
- ▶ You struggle with essays and analysing written material
- ▶ If you know that the LCA will get you into the course you want to do
- ▶ Exams stress you out

Learning in LCA involves students in many out-of-school activities including:

- Work Experience
- Enterprise
- Visits outside school
- Investigations in the community
- Working with community groups
- Outings e.g. outdoor education
- Interviews
- Surveys
- Visitors





*Subjects*

# CURRICULUM



<b>Vocational Preparation</b>	<b>Vocational Preparation &amp; Guidance</b>  <b>English &amp; Communications</b>
<b>Vocational Education</b>	<b>Mathematical Applications</b> <b>Engineering/Hotel Catering &amp; Tourism/Childcare/Graphics &amp; Construction</b>  <b>Information Communication Technology</b>
<b>General Education</b>	<b>Art</b> <b>Social Education</b> <b>Irish (year 1) &amp; Spanish (year 2)</b> <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b>



Maths

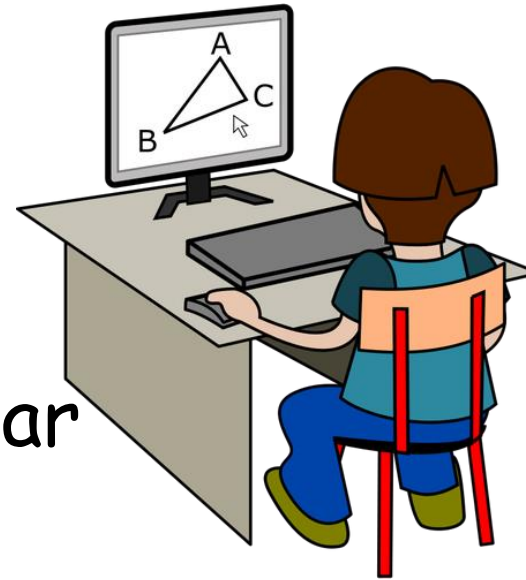
English

Irish

Spanish

5th Year

6th Year



- Social Education
- Vocational Preparation
- Engineering/Child care
- Graphic and Construction
- Art
- Leisure and Recreation (PE)
- Horticulture/Agriculture
- Hotel Catering and Tourism
- Information Technology



# The Difference in the End

## Leaving Cert Applied

- 1. Well prepared for work.**
- 1. Will be experienced in interviews.**
- 1. Good at working in a team.**
- 1. Have good self knowledge**

## Leaving Cert

- 1. Well prepared for further study.**
- 1. Good at dealing with pressure.**
- 1. Will have learned more from books.**
- 1. Be competent academically**

# Work Experience



- 1 day per week
- Experience different types of work
- Find out if its the type of work you want to do
- Develop life skills



# Skills for the future

- ▶ Interviews
- ▶ Presentation
- ▶ Team work
- ▶ Personal responsibility

# Assessment

## 3 Modes



Completion of Modules      62 credits      (31%)

7 Tasks (projects)  
(35%)      70 credits

Final Exams  
(34%)      68 credits  
(June of 2<sup>nd</sup> year)

# Leaving Certificate Applied Qualification



## Certificate awarded at three levels:

Pass                      60-69 %                      (120 -  
139 credits)

Merit                      70-84 %                      (140 - 169  
credits)

Distinction              85-100 %                      (170 - 200  
credits)

# Fergal Quinn Award

Fergal Quinn Awards" is presented each year to those students who obtain the top credits in the Leaving Certificate Applied Examination of that year.

The top performing students are notified by the State Examinations Commission.

The student's final credit total is based on their performance in the Leaving Certificate Applied Examination over the two years.



# Olivia Stanley Winner of the Fergal Quinn Award 2023



**Olivia is currently studying in the North West Regional College, Derry.**

**She is studying BeautyTherapy, Special effects and Media.**

# Progression From LCA

## Tertiary education programme:

The tertiary education programme is a new way to get a degree at third level.

How the programme works:

1. You start your course in a further education college, usually an Education and Training Board (ETB) . You will attend the ETB for 1 to 2 years depending on your course. **There are no fees when you attend an ETB**
2. You then progress to third level to complete your degree in a higher education college or university.
3. All courses lead to a degree at Level 7 or 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

## Do I need Leaving Cert or CAO points?

No. You do not apply through the CAO and you do not need the same Leaving Certificate points.

However, there are entry requirements to get on a course with the Tertiary education programme.

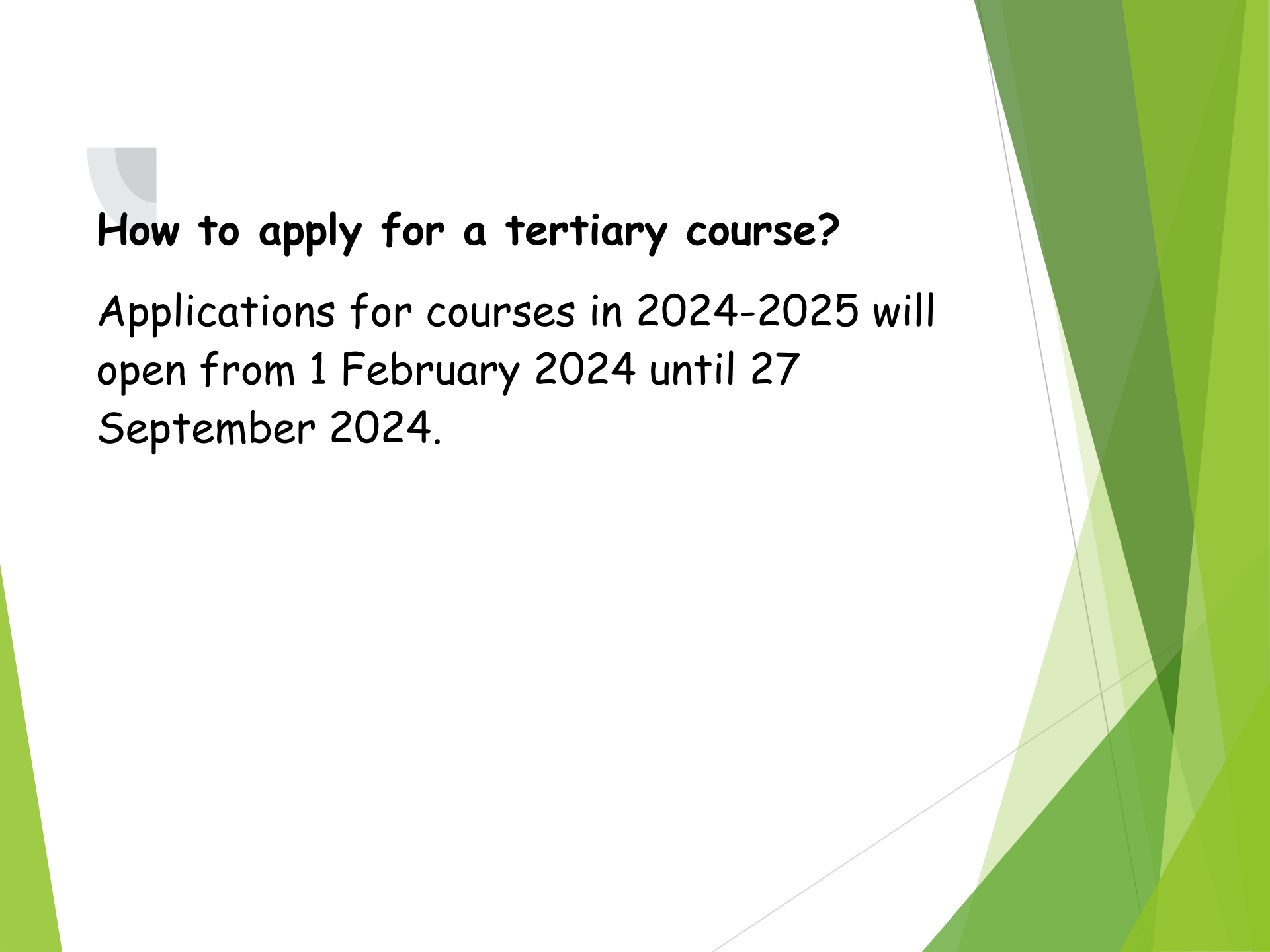
## Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate or a Merit in Leaving Certificate Applied or a relevant QQI Level 4 certificate (UK and International equivalents will be considered)



## How to apply for a tertiary course?

Applications for courses in 2024-2025 will open from 1 February 2024 until 27 September 2024.



## What course can I do with the tertiary education programme?

Over 40 different courses starting in 2024.

These courses include degrees in:

- Business
- Nursing
- Engineering
- Construction
- Music and Sound Production
- Software Development

You can find out more about the courses available as part of the tertiary education programme and where they take place.

<https://nto.hea.ie/courses/>

# Essential Skills

Essential Skills Level 2 is required for entry into a number of courses in NWRC

Essential Skills (NI) will help you to improve your:

- working with numbers
- reading, writing, speaking and listening
- using technology.

You'll learn how to use these skills in real-life situations and undergo a supervised assessment at the end of your course.

**Essential skills will be offered to all LCA students in 6th year in MCC.**

# What teachers think



- Builds confidence, focuses on individual strengths, equips students with a number of skills required for the modern workplace and gives them invaluable first hand experience of the world of work.
- I'd say that LCA is the ideal program for the more practical oriented student and would especially suit those looking to do apprenticeships after leaving school.
- LCA exists because it is needed.
- It is brilliant to see students who had perhaps struggled at Junior Cert achieve so much from this course and leave school with a very positive attitude towards their education

*What I liked about LCA was the fact that you get credits as you go along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments.*

I choose it because it was more practical and you had assignments which was the same for college

I wanted to do LCA because it meant I only had to go to school for 4 days a week

## Why I chose LCA

*I didn't feel I could cope with the workload of LC*

*I wanted to do LCA because exams stressed me out. It has made me more confident.*

*I liked the idea of doing tasks in LCA so that's why I chose to do it.*



*"You also get  
to learn more  
about your self and  
what you're  
capable of doing*

"It helped me  
because  
it got you  
ready for  
college"

"It gave me an  
idea of  
what I wanted to  
do  
when I am older."

"I just feel  
with LCA  
you  
get better  
one on one  
teaching"

"It made me  
more confident"

"I really  
loved the 1  
day  
a week  
work  
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LCA Information

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