



# Quick Guide

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# Welcome to Online, Flexible & Professional Development

I am delighted to welcome you to Atlantic Technological University. As leaders in online and flexible learning, we offer students the opportunity to study part-time from Higher Certificate right up to Masters level, and with over 100 courses open for application as part of our January intake, we have plenty to choose from.

With an applied focus, championing equality, diversity, and inclusion with the belief that education should be accessible to all, our close links with industry ensure that we offer a portfolio matched to industry needs, supporting employers in our region and beyond to attract and retain talent.

Through initiatives such as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and My Career Path, we support learners and employers who want to facilitate career development while also recognising prior experience.

Projects such as Maker Space which gives students the opportunity to work with equipment and technology that they wouldn't have had access to previously, launching state-

of-the-art recording studios for programme content and having dedicated Instructional Designers who work with academics to apply the most recent innovations in online learning to their course material, allows ATU to transform how learners engage with Higher Education through the Higher Education 4.0, a €12M project funded by the HCI.

I trust that you will find this Guide informative and of interest, please feel free to contact our Admissions team for any further information or guidance on the wide range of online and flexible learning opportunities at ATU.

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# Our Flexible Campus

As a student of Online, Flexible & Professional Development at ATU, you will have the opportunity to visit our campus locations for blended learning, workshops, guest lectures, lab sessions or to avail of our campus facilities such as library services and study zones.

Making this connection helps to foster a sense of community and shared learning experiences. We encourage students who have the opportunity, to visit one of our nine campus locations across the west and north-west of Ireland.

### **ATU Galway City, Dublin Road**

ATU Galway City's building on the Dublin Road is one of Galway's iconic landmarks due to the three distinctive sail-shaped copper panels at the front of the main building. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in business, science, computing, engineering, culinary arts, hospitality, tourism and heritage. Located in the heart of Galway's thriving business parks, the campus offers ease of access for those wishing to undertake blended learning.

### **ATU Galway City, Wellpark Road**

ATU Galway City's building on the Wellpark Road is located even closer to Galway City centre. The location is a hive of creative activity and is home to several creative enterprises. It offers programmes in design, art, film and documentary, creative media and storytelling, animation and game design, and teaching (art, design and graphics).

### **ATU Mayo**

ATU Mayo offers courses in nursing, social care, early childhood education and care, community development and youth work, outdoor education, history and geography at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Co-located with the Mayo University Hospital in Castlebar, the campus has a distinct strength in upskilling and continuous professional development for Nursing and Healthcare practitioners.

### **ATU Connemara**

ATU Connemara is located along a stunning coastline just over an hour from Galway City. The campus is home to over 200 students, studying a range of degree courses in furniture design and technology. The campus boasts state-of-the-art workshop facilities with the most advanced machinery and computer technology.

### **ATU Mountbellew**

ATU students in Mountbellew can choose between degrees in rural enterprise and agri-business, agri-engineering or agri-science. Students spend their time between the Mountbellew campus (one hour drive from Galway City) and the ATU Galway City Campus.

### **ATU Donegal**

ATU Donegal is a modern campus offering 40 postgraduate programmes across three faculties of Engineering and Technology, Business, and Science. Built on a foundation of strong collaboration with industry, Donegal offers flexible learning experiences that deliver real skills needed in the regional and national economy, particularly in areas of Technology, Nursing & Healthcare and Business Leadership.

### **ATU Killybegs**

The Killybegs campus is in Ireland's premier fishing port which is rich in tradition and heritage. Students experience small class sizes and a personal approach to learning in a flexible and welcoming setting. The campus has an impressive reputation for delivering exceptional academic programmes in culinary arts, hospitality and tourism.

### **ATU Sligo**

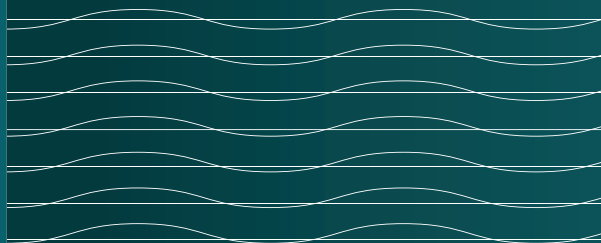
As Ireland's leader in online learning, ATU Sligo works in collaboration with industry to offer a significant portfolio of flexible learning programmes to meet skills needs within the region and beyond. With strengths in the Biopharma and MedTech sector, as well as accredited programmes in Engineering, ATU Sligo offers students the opportunity to advance their career in a flexible and supported environment.

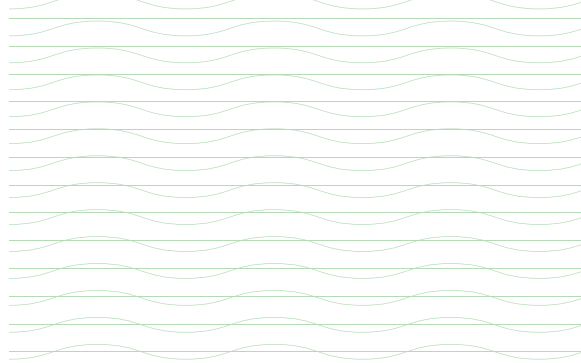
### **ATU St Angelas**

Over 1,600 students study full-time, part-time or online with ATU St Angelas. Courses are delivered across a range of disciplines including Education, Special Education, Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies and Home Economics, from Level 7 up to PhD Level 10. Students experience a personal approach to learning with many courses offering a balance of theory and practical elements to enhance their skills for the world of work.

# Flexible Study Options

We understand that many of our part-time, flexible learning students are juggling work and family commitments, in between learning. Our focus has always been to deliver a flexible learning experience designed to suit you and your life.





To help balance work, life, and flexible learning, it is important to understand the time that you will need to dedicate to your studies. This will help you to stay focused, reduce stress, and achieve your goals while also working full-time.

For part-time online or blended learning, it is recommended that you should try to allow for 5-6 hours per week per 5-credit module to your studies.

### **Online**

Learn online with ATU by attending live lectures through our online learning environment. Simply log on from work, home, or anywhere and be part of weekly lectures. Engage in discussions, live chat, and interact with fellow students and lecturers. Unable to attend? Recorded sessions are available within hours, so students can watch back at a time that suits them.

### **Blended**

Blended learning is a flexible way of completing your course of study, combining online aspects with in-classroom experience to allow for an accessible learning style. In a blended course, students may view lectures, access readings, ask questions and complete assignments online, so time in the classroom can focus more on discussion and activities.

### **On-Campus**

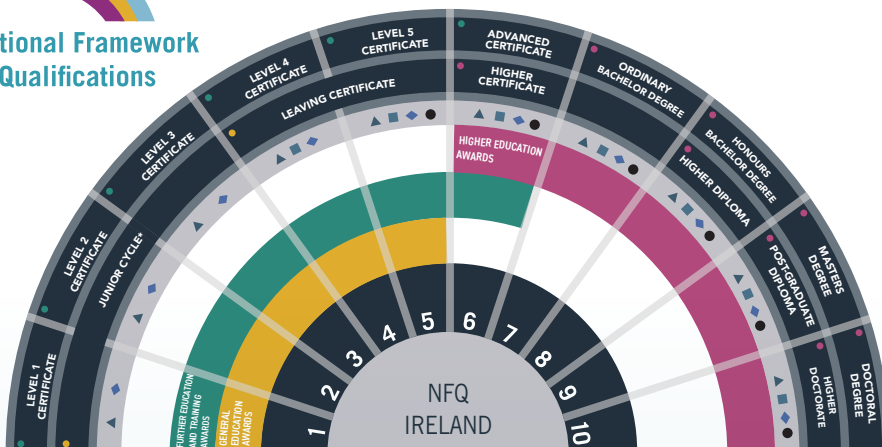
Some of our courses are available to study fully on-campus and students studying an on-campus course will have the full in-classroom experience at ATU. Students will learn and experience all the practical elements in the learning outcomes. Guest lectures, tutorials and residential workshops are accessible to all online students either via live streaming or as recorded sessions.

### **Peer-to-Peer Learning**

Working collaboratively is part of the college experience and part-time learning is no different. Group learning and assignments encourage peer support and small classroom sizes ensure students are supported throughout the learning journey.



## National Framework of Qualifications



### CLASSES OF AWARD



**Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level



**Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award



**Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award



**Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement



**Professional Awards:** are for occupation-orientated qualifications including apprenticeships

\*Please refer to NCCA website, [ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/](http://ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/)

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- Qualifications
- Providers
- Courses

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# Accredited Qualifications

## **Special Purpose Awards**

These are programmes developed to address a skills gap in a specific industry or to meet a certain demand. They are awarded as a Special Purpose Award, typically in certificate format from the major award. The total number of credits for an SPA award may vary from programme to programme.

## **Conversion Courses**

These are courses that enable students to pursue a new career path, which may differ from their original qualification i.e. cross-skilling as opposed to upskilling. Conversion courses are made available in areas where there are known skills shortages e.g. Engineering, Automation, Computing, Biopharma, MedTech etc.

## **General Entry Requirements**

For all courses, there are specific entry requirements which applicants must meet in order to be accepted onto the course. Depending upon the level, some prior qualifications may be required, and/or certain subjects or industry experience may be needed in order to gain admission. Full details on the entry requirements for all programmes are available on our website or by contacting our admissions team.

## **Advanced Entry**

Many applicants come with a unique mix of experience and previous qualifications. Therefore many applications are individually reviewed by our academic team to ensure that students are matched to the correct level course, that suits their learning and preferred career trajectory. We also want our students to thrive and succeed and we may suggest commencing at a lower level qualification and progressing to higher qualification in a stepwise approach.

## **Progression**

Our courses follow the ladder structure system, meaning you can start and progress at a pace that suits you. Some students may choose to start at a Level 6 certificate for instance, and graduate at that level or progress on to the next level within the same subject matter area. Other students, whose experience and academic history are given higher academic credits, may advance straight into an Ordinary Degree (Level 7), an Honours Degree (Level 8) or a postgraduate qualification (Level 9).

## **International Students**

Flexible Learning is open to all students in any location and that is why ATU has a growing online international cohort. We welcome and support our global learning community through forums, live streaming and group assignments. Support staff are on-hand to help navigate all the elements of a distance learning journey from administration to assessment and examinations.

# Course Listing

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## Business, Education & Design

Whether you're driven by the complexities of the business industry, the transformative power of education, or the ever-evolving world of design, take the next step in your career at ATU. With part-time courses in leadership, business, finance, design, management and hospitality from Level 9 Masters to Level 6 Certificate, we have a variety of flexible courses designed to suit you and your life.

Course Title	Award	Level	Delivery	Fees	Duration	Campus
Leadership & Innovation in the Public Sector (Executive)	Master of Science	9	Blended	€9,960	2 Years	Letterkenny
Innovation & Leadership (Executive)	Master of Business	9	Blended	€13,000	2 Years	Letterkenny
Digital Media and Marketing	Master of Science	9	Blended	€7,000	2 Years	Galway City
UX Design & Applied Innovation	Master of Arts	9	Online	€5,750	1.5 Years	Letterkenny
Governance & IT in Financial Services	Master of Arts	9	Online	€5,750	1.5 Years	Letterkenny
Transformative Practices Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Master of Arts	9	Blended	€7,560	1.5 Years	Galway City
Applied Brand Strategy and Identity	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€2,500	1 Year	Letterkenny
AR and VR for Creative Industries	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€2,500	1 Year	Letterkenny
Blockchain for Managers	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€1,200	1 Year	Galway City
Professional Skills for High Performance Sport	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€1,700	1 Semester	Letterkenny
Business Finance & Technology (FinTech)	Higher Diploma	8	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Leadership and Wellbeing in the Workplace	Higher Diploma	8	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Early Childhood Care, Health & Education	Bachelor of Science (Honours)	8	Blended	€2,700	4 Years	Letterkenny
Hospitality Management (WBL)	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	8	Online	€12,000	3 Years	Letterkenny
Professional Kitchen Management	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	8	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Early Childhood Care, Health & Education	Bachelor of Science	7	Blended	€6,000	4 Years	Letterkenny
Applied Approaches to Childhood Autism	Bachelor of Science	7	On - Campus	€3,000	2 Years	Letterkenny
Lifestyle Retail & Digital Marketing	Diploma	7	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Human Resource Management and Employment Law (CIPD)	Diploma	7	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Logistics and Marketing	Certificate	7	Blended	€400	1 Year	Galway City
Management and Leadership	Certificate	7	Online	€1,050	1 Year	Letterkenny
Licensing Law	Certificate	7	Online	€500	1 Semester	Letterkenny
Regional Guiding	Certificate	6	On - Campus	€1,000	1 Year	Letterkenny
Access Studies	Certificate	6	Blended		1 Semester	Letterkenny

## Engineering & Technology

Many of our online and flexible learning courses within Engineering and Technology are accredited by relevant Industry bodies such as CIOB, SCSi, CABE and we also have funding opportunities through DASBE and LASTNG. This recognition ensures that your credentials are not just a testament to your skills but also open doors to the best opportunities in the field. Choose from part-time courses in areas such as computing, BIM, built environment, property services, sustainability and much more.

Course Title	Award	Level	Delivery	Fees	Duration	Campus
Data Science	Master of Science	9	Online	€9,000	2.5 Years	Sligo
Building Information Modelling and Digital Leadership (BIM)	Master of Science	9	Blended	€2,250	2 Years	Galway City
Built Environment Regulation*	Master of Science	9	Blended	€2,250	2.5 Years	Galway City
Building Information Modelling and Digital Leadership (BIM)	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	€1,500	1 Year	Galway City
Built Environment Regulation*	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	€1,500	2 Years	Galway City
Building Information Modelling and Digital Leadership (BIM)	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	€750	1 year	Galway City
Road Safety Audit and Engineering	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Sligo
Energy Conservation and Environmental Services*	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	€375	1 Semester	Galway City
Fire Safety	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	€375	1 Year	Galway City
Building Information Modelling	Higher Diploma	8	Blended	€1,500	2 Years	Galway City
Building Information Modelling	Certificate	8	Blended	€500	1 Year	Galway City
Lean & OpEx (Yellow Belt)	Certificate	7	Online	€250	13 weeks	Sligo
Applied Fire Safety Management	Certificate	7	Online	€650	1 Semester	Letterkenny
Heat Pump Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance and Servicing	Certificate	6	Blended	€1,400	1 Semester	Galway City
Sustainable Development Goals, Partnership, People, Planet and Prosperity	Certificate	6	Online	€840	1 Year	Galway City

\*These are available as full-time programmes, please visit the programme webpage for further details.

## Science & Health

ATU are leaders in flexible learning within the area of Science and Health. In collaboration with NIBRT, we have developed a variety of part-time courses that focus on the core competencies demanded by the biopharma industry. We also offer courses in health, nursing and social care through online or blended learning, giving you the flexibility to invest in yourself and your career, while also balancing life commitments, such as family, work or caring responsibilities.

Course Title	Award	Level	Delivery	Fees	Duration	Campus
Medical Technology Regulatory Affairs	Master of Science	9	Online	€12,000	2.5 Years	Sligo
Biopharmaceutical Science	Master of Science	9	Online	€12,000	2.5 Years	Sligo
Advancing Health and Social Care*	Master of Science	9	Blended	€5,750	2 Year	Letterkenny
Therapeutic Interventions for Alcohol & Other Drugs*	Master of Science	9	Blended	€5,750	2 Year	Letterkenny
Therapeutic Interventions for Alcohol & Other Drugs*	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	€5,750	2 Year	Letterkenny
Environmental Protection	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Online	€4,500	2 Years	Sligo
Advancing Health and Social Care*	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	€5,750	2 Year	Letterkenny
Biopharmaceutical Science	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Online	€9,996	2 Years	Sligo
Biopharmaceutical Science	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	€6,000	1 Year	Sligo
End-to-End Sterility Assurance	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	€2,775	1 Year	Sligo
Contemporary Healthcare Management	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	€1,500	1 Semester	Letterkenny
Applied Strength & Conditioning	Bachelor of Science (Honours)	8	Online	€12,000	3 Years	Letterkenny
Recovery in Mental Health	Certificate	8	Blended	€640	1 Semester	Galway City
Emergency Nursing	Certificate	8	Blended	€950	2 Semesters	Letterkenny
Acute Medicine	Certificate	8	Blended	€1,000	1 Semester	Letterkenny
Environmental Management	Bachelor of Science	7	Online	€5,004	2 Years	Sligo
School Age Childcare	Diploma	7	Blended	€3,000	1Year	Galway City
Buildings Archaeology	Certificate	7	Blended	€1,500	1 Semester	Sligo
Buildings Archaeology	Certificate	7	Online	€1,500	1 Semester	Sligo
Archaeological Excavation and Post-excavation International	Certificate	6	Online	€3,000	1 Semester	Sligo
Archaeological Field Studies International	Certificate	6	Online	€4,500	2 Semesters	Sligo
Archaeological Excavation & Post-Excavation	Certificate	6	Online	€3,000	1 Semester	Sligo
Aseptic Biopharmaceutical Operations	Certificate	6	Online	€3,150	1 Year	Sligo
Irish Wild Flower Identification	Certificate	6	Blended	TBD	1 Semester	Sligo
Health & Safety Representation	Certificate	6	Online	€750	1 Semester	Sligo
Personal Fitness	Certificate	6	Online	€3,000	1 Year	Letterkenny

\*These are available as full-time programmes, please visit the programme webpage for further details.

## Springboard+ Course List

The Springboard+ upskilling initiative in higher education offers free and funded courses at certificate, degree and masters level leading to qualifications in areas where there are employment opportunities in the economy..

For further information on how to apply and eligibility criteria, please visit [www.atu.ie/springboard](http://www.atu.ie/springboard)

Course Title	Award	Level	Delivery	Study	Duration	Campus
Digital Media and Marketing	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Online	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Entrepreneurship & Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Entrepreneurship & MedTech	Postgraduate Diploma	9	Blended	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Marine Spatial Planning	Postgraduate Certificate	9	Blended	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Computing in Software Development (12 months)	Higher Diploma	8	Online	1 Year	Part-time/ Full-time	Galway
Computing in Data Analytics (12 months)	Higher Diploma	8	Online	1 Year	Part-time/ Full-time	Galway
Business Analytics	Higher Diploma	8	Online	1 Year	Full-time	Galway
Digital Mapping and GIS	Certificate	8	Online	1 Year	Part-time	Mayo
Revit & 4D BIM	Certificate	7	Online	1 Year	Part-time	Letterkenny
Culinary Arts	Higher Certificate	6	Blended	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Culinary Skills	Certificate	6	Blended	1 Year	Part-time	Galway
Digital Marketing Practice	Certificate	6	Online	13 Weeks	Part-time	Sligo
Social Media Marketing	Certificate	6	Online	13 Weeks	Part-time	Sligo
Biopharmaceutical Processing	Certificate	6	Online	26 Weeks	Part-time	Sligo

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## Stand Alone Modules

At ATU, we offer a variety of part-time Stand Alone Modules which are typically 1-2 semesters long in duration and are either 10 or 15 credits. Our Stand Alone Modules gives students the opportunity to study flexibly and choose modules to suit their own professional development or skills needs.

As Stand Alone Modules are typically short in duration and time commitment, they are an ideal way to return to education, upskill in a new area or further develop skills in an agile manner. ATU have Stand Alone Modules in areas such as Nursing, Health, Social Care, Education, Law, Business, Leadership & much more. Please see our Stand Alone Modules list below.

Course Title	Award	Level	Delivery	Study	Duration	Campus
Teaching and Learning	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Contemporary Legal and Professional Issues	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Advance Research Skills	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Assessing and Managing Clients Presenting Following Self-harm	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Autism (Health Sciences)	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Early Intervention for People who Experience First Episode Psychosis	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Eating Disorders in Adults and Adolescents	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Introduction to Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Quality and Healthcare Management	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Autism (Education)	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Educational Research Methods	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
General Learning Disabilities	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Numeracy	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Specific Learning Difficulties 2: Dyscalculia, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Dyspraxia/Developmental Coordination Disorder	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	St Angelas
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Education	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Restorative Practice: a Transformative Approach in Teaching and Learning	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Educational Leadership and Management	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Recognition of Prior Learning	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
Effective Supervision	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny

<b>Fundamentals of Blockchain Technology</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Online	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Building Information Modelling Infrastructure</b>	Stand Alone Module	8	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Building Information Modelling Collaboration</b>	Stand Alone Module	8	Blended	2 Semesters	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Advanced Practice in Transfusion and Transplantation Science</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Advanced Clinical Chemistry</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Advanced Clinical Microbiology and Infection</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Clinical Immunology, Global Infections and Therapeutics</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Advanced Cellular Pathology</b>	Stand Alone Module	9	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City
<b>Employability Skills</b>	Stand Alone Module			1 Semester	Part-time	Letterkenny
<b>Building Information Modelling Collaboration</b>	Stand Alone Module	8	Blended	1 Semester	Part-time	Galway City









# How to Apply

## Before you Apply

Before you apply for a flexible course at ATU, we recommend that you research your course by viewing the course webpage. Check the entry requirements as these vary from course to course. You will find your course's specific entry requirements on the course webpage.

## When to Apply

Flexible learning courses are popular, and they fill on a first come, first served basis. There are two major intake periods in the academic year - September and January.

For January start, applications open in October. Closing dates for applications are listed on the course website pages.

## How to Apply

Applying for a flexible course is easy - simply visit the webpage of your chosen course and select the 'apply now' button and follow the steps outlined.

Each college, ATU Sligo, ATU Donegal, ATU St Angelas and ATU Galway-Mayo, has their own dedicated application process and information on each application process can be found at [atu.ie/flexible](https://www.atu.ie/flexible)







# Entry Requirements

At ATU, we have designed our online and flexible courses in a way that gives our students the option to graduate at different levels.

These levels include Special Purpose Awards, Level 6 Certificate or Higher Certificate, Level 7 Bachelor Degree, Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree and Level 9 Postgraduate qualifications.

This ladder system enables students to progress through to qualifications appropriate to individual requirements, previous qualifications, and work experience.

At ATU, every course is made up of a set of modules or subjects and each of these has a credit weighting. Credits is a universal term used to quantify learnings in higher education.

If you're thinking about applying for a flexible learning course at ATU, please make sure to check the level of the course, the credits, and if you meet the entry requirements listed on the individual course web page.



# Examinations & Assessments

While continuous assessment occurs throughout many modules on our courses, many are also assessed by scheduled examinations at the end of each semester. The methods of assessments are specific to each course and the modules within that course.

Assessments in the forms of quizzes, practical labs and assignments are used to gauge students' understanding of a topic throughout an academic semester.

For examinations, students may have to attend an in-person exam at a nominated venue by ATU or at an ATU campus.

If you are studying a fully online course, it may be possible for the exam to be taken remotely via online proctoring, if you are an overseas student or a student with extenuating circumstances.

End of semester exams are typically held in January and May each year, and you may be required to take some time off work to attend these exams.

Full details of examination and assessments can be found on our course webpages.

# Fees & Funding

Fees vary for each course, it is important that you check the relevant course webpage for further information regarding the fees for your interested course.

## **Self-Funding**

To help make payments more manageable for students who are self-funding, ATU has a variety of payment options that include payment per semester, in-full or by instalment.

## **Employer Funded**

If your employer is partly or fully funding your course, you will need to organise payment through the ATU Admissions team with your employer.

## **EU Fees/Non-EU Fees**

Fees quoted in this guide are quoted as EU fees for the current academic year.

## **Tax Relief**

As ATU is listed by the Irish revenue as an 'APPROVED INSTITUTION' students are eligible to claim tax relief at the standard rate for tuition fees. In order to determine your own eligibility and if the course you have applied for qualifies for a tax refund, please read the information on the Revenue website: <https://www.revenue.ie/en/personal-ta>

## **Skillnet**

Funding opportunities may be available from Skillnet Ireland to partially fund programme fees. For further information, please visit [www.skillnetireland.ie](http://www.skillnetireland.ie)

## **Springboard+**

If you are a Springboard+ funded student completing a Level 6 course, it is fully funded by the HEA, and you are not required to make any payment towards your tuition fees. If you are employed and are completing a Level 7 - 9 course it is 90% funded and you are required to pay the remaining 10% tuition fee. If you are unemployed, Springboard+ will cover 100% of the course fees.

The HEA require you to confirm your registration status on the Springboard+ platform at specific times during the academic year to ensure your tuition fees are released to ATU. The Springboard+ Coordinator will send you an email when you are due to complete these registration steps.

For further information visit [www.atu.ie/springboard](http://www.atu.ie/springboard)











# Support Services

## **MyCareerPath**

If you are unsure about what you would like to study, My Career Path is an excellent 1-to-1 mentoring service available from ATU for people in the workplace, returners to education, entrepreneurs seeking to upskill and people looking to accelerate their career and progress within their organisation.

You will receive advice on the learning pathways available to you and how to achieve your career objectives or improve your employability. For further information on My Career Path, please visit **[www.mycareerpath.ie](http://www.mycareerpath.ie)**

## **Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process whereby evidence of learning (formal, non-formal or informal) that has taken place prior to enrolment in higher education is recognised and given value as part of your application process.

A fundamental principle of RPL is that a learner should not be asked to relearn something they already know. With RPL, prior learning can count towards entry, advanced entry, credit or exemptions from modules at ATU. To apply for RPL, please visit **[myexperience.ie/how-to-apply](http://myexperience.ie/how-to-apply)**





### Further Information

For further details on any of the information contained within this book, please visit [www.atu.ie/flexible](http://www.atu.ie/flexible)

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