

About Us

Sligo College of Further Education is the largest provider of Further Education in the Northwest offering a diverse range of courses for Post Leaving Certificate and mature students.

We have close links with our neighbour, Sligo Institute of Technology / Atlantic Technological University and we also work closely with industry and the professions, thus ensuring excellent employment opportunities and progression to Higher Education Institutions for our graduates. Students also have the opportunity to complete their work experience abroad in destinations such as, Malaga, Tenerife, Leipzig, Kempten, Hameln and Fougères through the Erasmus+ Programme.

Our highly qualified and experienced teachers are dedicated to the educational development and advancement of all our students. Our facilities include specialist classrooms across all of our courses and rank among the best in the country. For those requiring accommodation there is an extensive range of good quality affordable houses/apartments within walking distance of the College.

Sligo is a vibrant and dynamic town with over 6000 Third Level/Further Education students and has excellent sporting and recreational facilities. We are confident that you will find a course that will help you achieve your ambitions and progress your education.

Why Choose us?

Choosing the right college for you is about so much more than just picking a course and hoping for the best. Your college years are a combination of education, self-development and life experience, so you'll want to spend them in a place that you'll love for the duration of your course. It's about finding a home away from home, making new friends and doing a course that you'll really enjoy.

That's why SligoCFE ticks all the boxes. It offers everything from level 5 & 6 QQI Awards to ITEC, City & Guilds and Trades at a single campus on the edge of Sligo town. Not only can students enjoy the bustling attractions of the town but there is everything from world class surfing spots to wild, unspoilt countryside on its doorstep. Here's why SligoCFE is the perfect college for you.

Top class courses and tutors



College may be about more than just learning, but SligoCFE gives you the chance to learn from the best in their field. Its passionate, engaging tutors combine academic theory with industry experience in their lessons.

Most programmes offer added value like professional accreditation, work experience abroad or

pathways into college. With a very high employability rate, students leave SligoCFE ready for the world of work or to further their education experience in college.

Work Experience Abroad & Erasmus



Erasmus+

Work experience is a mandatory element of each course whereby students are afforded the opportunity to develop vocational skills in a real work environment. All our students are afforded the opportunity to complete their work experience abroad in locations such as Barcelona, Malaga, Tenerife, Hameln, Leipzig and Kempten in Bavaria, Germany, through the Erasmus+ programme.

Great Facilities



SligoCFE invests heavily in state-of-the-art facilities like industry-spec computer labs, science and engineering labs as well as quality teaching spaces.

The latest addition is a newly designated Create Digital Media suite with Apple Macs and a Nursing / Childcare Hub which will open this September. There's also a subsidised canteen to cater for modern student needs.

A real sense of community



SligoCFE is the sort of college where you'll get to know your teachers almost as well as your classmates. It's a far cry from some of the bigger colleges, where you can sometimes feel like you're just another face in the crowd. The Guidance department will keep you up to date with career progression opportunities and our support services cater to the need of all academic abilities.

A Lively Town atmosphere



Another attraction of coming here is the chance to live and study in Sligo, a town that has everything you'll need but with a more relaxed lifestyle than its city counterparts. It's a safe, friendly, lively town where the students and the locals mix freely.

As you'd expect from somewhere in Yeats County, Sligo has a thriving cultural scene, but you'll also find great eateries, cafes and bars in town. It's home to artists, writers, digital creators and filmmakers as well as exciting new enterprises in technology and food tourism.

A safe place to study despite Covid-19



Co Sligo has one of the lowest rates of confirmed Covid-19 cases in the country but SligoCFE has taken active steps to protect the health and wellbeing of students when they return in September. The college is working towards a blended learning approach, providing on-campus delivery where it is safe to do so.

Student accommodation providers are increasing broadband capacity by up to 400pc to ensure that students can access remote lectures from any location. They are also including the provision of hand sanitisers in each property and will use fogging machines to decontaminate textiles and hard surfaces. They are being extremely flexible by not charging deposits for booking and offering shorter contracts.

A natural wonderland on your doorstep



One of the advantages of studying along the Wild Atlantic Way is the wealth of natural amenities and scenic destinations on offer. From surfing at Mullaghmore or Strandhill to camping at Lough Gill or hiking Benbulbin, the surrounding countryside is an adventure playground that's just waiting to be explored.

Its dramatic coastal scenery makes it an ideal spot for road trips with friends or outdoor pursuits when you need a well-deserved break from the books. The S1 and S2 bus routes run directly opposite the college and make it easy to reach popular hotspots like Strandhill or Rosses Point.

Lots of accommodation options

The student accommodation villages are super convenient but there are other options available. The town also has plenty of digs accommodation on offer or you can privately rent out a room in a shared house or with friends. In Sligo, you'll be a world away from the soaring rents and the accommodation crises you'll find in bigger cities.

A lower cost of living

One of the biggest college expenses is rent but student accommodation is a lot more affordable in Sligo than in other student towns or cities. The cost of simple things like groceries, gyms, taxis, eating out or even a pint is also lower in Sligo than it is in major cities. So your Euro will go much further, which is good news for students.

Travelling home is easy

You may be having too much fun to think about home, but you'll need to get that laundry done eventually! As the largest urban centre in the North West, Sligo is well-connected with a road and rail infrastructure.