



Useful Information

Irish Association of Social Workers - <https://www.iasw.ie/iasw-career-in-social-work>

Career Development Centre - <http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/social-guidance-and-community-work>

Gradireland - <https://gradireland.com/careers-advice/job-descriptions/social-worker>

CORU - <https://www.coru.ie/about-us/registration-boards/social-workers-registration-board/>

Courses/Entry Requirements:

Students are advised to check with course providers for full details on course application & entry requirements.

Application Fee: €50 (approx.). Fees may be subject to change

Selection: On-line Application and Interview (may include group interview and written test)

Funding Higher Education Grants may apply - Contact: <http://www.studentfinance.ie>

Maynooth University – (2 years) [Master of Social Science \(Social Work\)](#)

- ❑ Minimum Second Class Honours (2H2) primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in social science or equivalent, with social policy as a major component
- ❑ Minimum of 420 hours of relevant and verified social work/social service experience, paid or voluntary, by the time they commence the programme
- ❑ Suitability and readiness for entry to the social work degree programme. Applicants will be required to provide a minimum of two references including an academic reference and a practice experience-related reference.
- Fees: (EU f/t) €8,000
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **To be confirmed**
- ❑ Online Application: through www.pac.ie

UCD – (2 years full-time, 4 years part time) [Master of Social Science \(Social Work\)](#)

- ❑ Minimum entry requirement is a 2.2 degree including a Social Policy content. Graduates who do not have a 2.2 standard degree but have completed a Higher Diploma in Social Policy or equivalent can also apply.
- ❑ Candidates who have not previously studied the required Social Policy content will be required to take a programme such as the Higher Diploma in Social Policy course or equivalent and pass at the required level before being allowed to apply for the MSocSc (Social Work) programme.
- ❑ Applicants will be expected to have completed at least 250 hours of relevant paid or voluntary employment experience at time of application and 420 hours in total completed by the time they begin the course in September
- Fees: (EU f/t) €9,375
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **To be confirmed** – usually rolling applications from October/November onwards
- ❑ Online Application: [UCD](#)

UCC - (2 years, full time) [Master of Social Work \(MSW\) / Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work Studies \(PDSWS\)](#)

- ❑ MSW: Minimum 2.2 in B.Soc.Sc. degree or equivalent plus relevant experience. It is not necessary to have 2.2 degree for entry to the PostgradDip.
- Relevant practice experience in a social work related area – minimum 470 hours.
- Fees: (EU f/t) €6,835
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **To be confirmed**
- ❑ Online Application: through www.pac.ie

NUI, Galway - (2 years) [Masters in Social Work](#)

- ❑ Minimum 2.2 degree in BA with a major in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Social Policy, Public and Social Policy, Youth and Family Studies or BSocSc or hold other qualifications deemed acceptable (**contact college for details**).
- ❑ Minimum of 6 months (approx. 960 hours) experience in a social work or social care setting is compulsory to be eligible to apply
- Fees: (EU f/t) €7,100
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **31st January 2021**
- ❑ Online Application: [NUI, Galway](#)

TCD - (2 years full time) [Master in Social Work](#)

- ❑ Successful completion (minimum 2.1 grade) of a Level 8 degree in the social sciences is required prior to acceptance on the course. Candidates holding a primary degree in a discipline outside the social sciences must hold a postgraduate award in social sciences (minimum 2.1 grade)
- ❑ Candidates will be required to demonstrate at least 850 hours practice experience. This will be assessed in terms of quality, relevance of work (can be either paid or voluntary) and what the applicant has gained from it.
- ❑ When assessing the quality of previous practice experience, the factors taken into consideration include: nature of the tasks undertaken; quantity and quality of supervision and training available to and availed of by the candidate; connections the candidate can make between practice experience and wider social issues
- ❑ Examples of relevant practice experience include employment as residential childcare or social care workers, social work assistants, family access or family support workers. Voluntary work covers a wide range of activities such as phone-line counselling, volunteer support and befriending work, and community activism.
- Fees: (EU f/t) €9,097
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **to be confirmed**
- ❑ Online Application: [TCD](#)

IT Sligo - (2 years) [Masters in Social Work](#)

- ❑ Grade of 2.1 or above in Social Sciences i.e. B.Soc.Sc, Community Development, Early Childhood Care and Education, Psychology, Social Policy, Social Science, Social Care Practice, Sociology, Social Policy, Youth and Family Studies. If an applicant has a level 8 award in a discipline that is not social sciences, they must hold a postgraduate award in social sciences (minimum 2.1 grade).
- ❑ Accumulated non-study related relevant and certified work experience with service users of 800 hours. Supervision must have been available to the applicant during the experience. Examples of relevant direct work experience include working directly with service users in health and social care settings, youth and community, care of the elderly, residential care, voluntary activities.
- Fees: (EU f/t) €4,750
- ❑ Closing Date (Entry 2021) **to be confirmed**
- ❑ Online Application: [IT Sligo](#)

CONVERSION COURSES

Graduates with degrees other than Social Science can complete a conversion course in Social Policy before applying for Social Work Courses.

It is advised to contact individual colleges for specific requirements

Courses

[Maynooth University – Higher Diploma in Social Policy](#)

[UCD – Higher Diploma in Social Policy](#)

[UCC – Higher Diploma in Social Policy](#)

[TCD - Online Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy & Practice](#)

Entry Requirements:

A non-Social Science Degree. Normally 2.2 minimum – can contact college to discuss.

Duration: Normally 1 year, there may be 2-year part-time options

Fees (EU) Entry 2020

MU: €6,200. UCD: €6,710 UCC: €6,000 TCD: €6,313 (Fees may be subject to change.)

Grants: Higher Education Grants may apply (usually for one postgraduate course only. For further details contact <http://www.studentfinance.ie/>)

Application:

Applications to MU and UCC through www.pac.ie;

Applications to other universities may online: [UCD TCD](#).

Application Fee: €50 (approx.) Application fees may be subject to change.

Closing Date (Entry 2021):

MU - 30th June 2020

UCD – Rolling applications - check the [website](#) for full details. N.B. Candidates advised to apply as early as possible.

UCC: Rolling applications/acceptance dates – <https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/how/applicationclosingdates/>

TCD: [website for details](#).