



NUI CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Level 7 (20 ECTS)

This course focuses on introducing participants to current debates on disability. On completion, participants will have become familiar with current theories and debates relating to disability and the development of Independent Living. They will have explored associated issues such as models of disability, legislation, access, equality, and neurodiversity to name but a few.

WHO IS THIS QUALIFICATION FOR?

People working OR wanting a career in the disability sector.

Disabled People and family members, people who wish to learn more about disability and independent living

People working in Social Care and Health Care professions.

OVERVIEW

Disability Studies is a unique course for people working or wanting to be employed in the disability sector. It attracts both disabled and non-disabled students eager to understand oppression, exclusion and the politics of disability. The course is delivered in a participative, non-threatening way through a series of intertwining modules. The modules enable students to understand current theories and debates of disability, along with tutorials on Independent Living, universal access, social inclusion, and general equality issues. If you are looking to challenge and be challenged regarding the assumptions surrounding disability in an enjoyable yet provocative way, then disability studies will give you this learning opportunity. On completion

students will have explored such topics as models of disability (medical vs social), legislation, access, independent living, equality issues and neurodiversity and to name but a few.

DATES, VENUES AND FEES

This course will commence Wednesday 6th October 2021 7.00-10.00 on campus in Maynooth University. The course fee is €1250 per student. An Easy Payment Plan is available upon registration.

Part time students who are on courses at levels 6 to 10 on the framework of qualifications may be eligible to for the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) to help with the associated costs of attending a university course such as Travel, Childcare, Utilities, Materials etc. You should first consult: [SAF Guidelines](#) to see if you qualify and then e-mail student.budget@mu.ie to make further enquiries.

COVID 19 CHANGES:

Given the current situation with the Covid 19 pandemic we hope to be able to run the courses as closely as possible to the way we have always run them. This being the case we are looking at the university guidelines for face-to-face classrooms and this means having small classes in large classrooms in order for us to observe physical distancing rules. However, we will need to be flexible in our approach and therefore we are also preparing for **Blended** delivery of courses. This will mean that depending on the advice from the government regarding tightening or loosening the control measures of lockdown we might have to switch to Microsoft TEAMS, Video or Moodle classes at short notice. Consequently, people who are thinking of applying for our certificate courses for 2021-2022 will need access to a PC or Laptop to take part in distance learning. We will do our utmost to give you the best learning experience that circumstances allow and hope to be able to continue with our preferred face to face classroom-based teaching for as long as possible and it is safe to do so.

CPD & PROGRESSION

The NUI Certificate in Disability Studies is a standalone qualification however credits from this course can be used for Recognition of Prior Learning to go towards the Degree in Community

Studies. Our Disability Studies courses have been found to benefit and inform the work practices of people working in the areas of Disability, Social Care, Education and Health.

The Cert. in Disability Studies when combined with the NUI Certificate in Training and Continuing Education (Train the Trainer Level 7) plus the Certificate Equality Studies (Online) entitles students to apply for the award of the Diploma in Arts: Training and Development for Socially Inclusive Workplaces. This suite of CPD courses provide a comprehensive educational/training package in core skills such as managing issues of equality and diversity in the workplace for Team Leaders, Managers and Learning and Development Specialists.

As with all of our level 7 and 8 certificate and diploma courses credits gained on this course can be used for Recognition of Prior Learning on MH101 and [MH803](#).

CONTACT US

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