

Career Guidance 2009/2010

POINTS OF INFORMATION

APRIL 2010

CAO... CHANGE OF MIND?

CHANGE OF MIND TIME – 3RD MAY to 1ST JULY

At the beginning of May, you will be able to register on-line a change of course choices, free of charge should you so wish.

- If you change online (www.cao.ie) and have supplied an email address, an acknowledgement will also be sent to that email address.
- There is no fee for using the Change of Mind facility.

Subject to the exceptions and restrictions mentioned below, you may change course choices (without fee) as often as you wish, up to 17:15 on the 1st July.

If you submit a Change of Mind, it cancels and supersedes all the previous course choices in any category in which changes are made. However, choices in the two categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) are considered to be completely separate from each other for this purpose - e.g. a change of Level 8 course choices will not affect Level 7/6 choices.

Restricted-Application Courses which are added for the first time via a Change of Mind are invalid choices and will not be considered.

Statement of Application Record: You will soon receive your statement of application record from the CAO. Please do not assume that everything on the application record is correct. If there are any errors or omissions you should notify CAO immediately.

UCD UNILIFE SUMMER SCHOOL- JUNE 2010 – 8/9/10/11th.

Seize the opportunity to experience university life with UCD's UniLife Summer School for secondary school students entering 6th Year in September 2010.

Attend real lectures and tutorials, given by some of UCD's top academic staff. Learn about further study and career opportunities after your undergraduate degree. Find out how UCD graduates succeeded in the real world, and make use of UCD's world-class teaching and learning facilities.

UCD UniLife Summer School is aimed at students nearing the end of their second-level education, who know what discipline they want to pursue at university but don't yet know what path to take through their degree.

For example, your heart may be set on Science, but you may be caught between Botany or Physics, Biochemistry or Zoology. UCD UniLife will help you finalise your decision by giving you hands-on experience with your discipline of choice.

For further information on available academic disciplines and details on how to apply please visit www.ucd.ie/myucd/unilife.

POINTS OF INFORMATION

MARCH / APRIL 2010

SPEAKERS

- DCU-Law and Society, International Relations, Economics, Politics and Law-12th April

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

- Application forms available in my office or can be downloaded.

ACCESS PROGRAMME - IT CARLOW

- This scheme is aimed at students who have academic potential for a third level course but who for reasons of socio-economic disadvantage, may not achieve the adequate CAO points for admission to IT Carlow at either the main Campus or at the Wexford Campus. Thirty five first year places have been reserved for this scheme, twenty at the Carlow campus and fifteen places at Wexford.

The criteria for eligibility under the scheme will include the following:

1. parental income
2. a high level of motivation on the part of the applicant
3. The minimum entry requirements for the course applied for.

Students who are successful under this scheme will be offered a place and the benefit of ongoing financial, social and academic support from the Access office.

The closing date for application is 12th March and April 30th for financial documentation.

- **ACCESS PROGRAMME-DCU**

Closing date- 16th April. Please see me for further information and application form.

Happy New Year

from the Guidance & Counselling Department

POINTS OF INFORMATION-JANUARY 2010

January and February are always very busy months for students. It's UCAS and CAO time, Mock Exams for Leaving Certs and Junior Certs. UCAS application deadline is January 15th. Students who apply to the CAO by January 20th will avail of a discounted application fee of €35. \ The normal closing date for CAO is February 1st @ 5.15 p.m.

- **HPAT**

For students who will take the HPAT (Health Professions Admission Test) on 27th February, please ensure that you have done the practice test which will take you 100 minutes. The general advice on taking HPAT should be read as it contains some very good tips and advice. A copy of the practice test is available in the Guidance Counsellor's office or you may obtain your own copy at www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au.

- **EXEMPTION IN IRISH/THIRD LANGUAGE**

Students who are exempted from Irish and/or a third language are reminded to download forms from www.nui.ie and to send completed forms to the NUI (National University of Ireland). This is essential if you are applying to any of the NUI colleges.

- **CAMPUS VISIT**

Fifth years will be attending UCD on Wednesday, 20th January.

- **SPEAKERS**

A representative from NUI Maynooth will visit the school on Wednesday, 3rd February and speak to fifth years.

- **POST LEAVING CERT COURSES (PLC'S)**

Applications should now be made to Colleges of Further Education. Each College has a separate application form. Most of the Colleges have websites and some have facilities for applying on-line. Please see Guidance Counsellor for more information.

Points of Information

November 2009

**Calendar of Career Events is displayed on the Careers' Notice board
outside the Guidance office -please check the list of Open Days.**

Remember visiting a College gives a great insight into the College, its courses, facilities, staffing and general college life on the campus.

Important Dates/ Information to keep in mind:

- HPAT:27th February 2010

Closing Date for registration for the HPAT-Ireland test for entry to Medicine.

- Sports Scholarship with I.T. Tralee

The Institute of Technology, Tralee is offering Sports Scholarships for the academic year 2010/11. Deadline for receipt of application is March 5th, 2010. Further information on www.ittralee.ie

- NCI is now accepting Foundation Level Maths as part of the minimum entry requirements to all their courses.
- DCU has launched the following new degree programmes:
 1. B.Sc in Aviation Management(with Pilot Studies)
 2. B.A. in International Business and Languages (English with French or German or Spanish)
 3. B.Sc in Psychology
- Irish Taxation Institute Third-Level Scholarship 2010. Interested students should speak

with Guidance Counsellor and register their interest by 29th January. Further details of this scholarship programme and an application form will be sent out to interested students in February. All students applying for the scholarship will be subject to a means test. Further information available at rmcentee@taxireland.ie

- Change in UCD Engineering Programmes-removal of the majority of its direct entry CAO routes into Engineering and replaced them with a single entry point-DN077 Engineering

SPEAKERS-NOVEMBER:

- UCD Quinn School of Business-2nd
- DCU-2nd
- WIT-3rd
- Mary Immaculate, Limerick-16th
- NCI-23rd
- St Patrick's College, Maynooth-23rd
- Queens College, Belfast-24th
- Tipperary IT-25th

OPEN DAYS-NOVEMBER

- DCU-20th & 21st
- NUI Maynooth-27th & 28th
- IT Tralee-6th
- UCC School of Music-7th
- UCD Quinn School of Business-21st (1-4 p.m.)
- IT Blanchardstown-10th
- Schools of Mathematics and Physics of Trinity College-7th

INFORMATION EVENINGS

- UCD Agriculture, Food and Nutrition-25th November-Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy @ 7.30 p.m.
- UCD Science Careers-UCD-10th November@ 6 p.m.

Students will get to meet lecturers from all areas within the UCD Science programmes, current Science students & Alumni working in a variety of areas.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.studentfinance.ie-provides details on the range of financial supports for students going to further and higher education
- www.careerdirections.ie-online Career Interest test
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.careersportal.ie

HEAR PROGRAMME-SIXTH YEARS WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTY

- For basic queries on filling out your HEAR Application Form contact the CAO Helpdesk on (091) 509800.
- For more complex queries, contact a HEAR representative. Contact details can be found on www.accesscollege.ie

Dates to remember:

- Complete the HEAR Online Application Form by 1 February 2010 on www.cao.ie.
- Sent Supporting Documents to CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street , Galway by 1 April 2010.

September/ October 2009

CAO

- The 2010 CAO application literature has been distributed to sixth years. CAO Applications may be made online from Tuesday 3rd November.
- The normal application fee is €45. Applicants submitting an online application before 5:15pm on 20th January 2010 will pay a reduced fee of €35.
- Applicants with a disability or specific learning difficulty will be able to complete their own section of the SIF (Supplementary Information Form when they apply online. They will then print the sections to be completed by the school and by a consultant and return these to the CAO. A guide and instructions will be available on the website in November.
- Applicants who are socio-economically disadvantaged may complete a special section of the online application form and submit certain documentation to be considered for supplementary entry and post-entry supports.

OPEN DAYS

- NUI Galway-October 2nd and 3rd
- Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT)-10th Dec
- UCC-10th October
- Mary Immaculate College-13th and 14th October
- St Patrick's College, Maynooth-27th and 28th November
- Trinity College-9th Dec
- DCU-20th and 21st November
- St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra-Saturday 21st November

SPEAKERS

- NUI Maynooth-30th September
- Mater Dei Institute-19th October
- DCU-2nd November
- St Patrick's College, Maynooth-9th November
- Mary Immaculate, Limerick-16th November
- National College of Ireland-23rd November
- Tipperary Institute-25th November

