

St Augustine's Vocational Development

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Aim of Vocational

The aim of Vocational Development is to prepare students for their transition from St Augustine's ; whether to further training or to the world of work.

Through the participation in a range of realistic work-related activities, students are given opportunities - each according to his or her own individual level of ability and pace of learning - to develop hands-on practical and employability skills.

PCP	Horticulture and Environment	Technology	Catering	QQI	Community Work Placement
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Person Centred Planning

Person Centred Planning is planning from a young person's perspective on his or her own life.

Students will explore, set, and review, Personal Goals and be supported in identifying personal strengths and areas of learning which they wish to focus on.

Family members, and other potential supportive network members will be included in the process, with a view to developing a Circle of Support. It will involve visualising the student's lifestyle post –Graduation and exploring what Networks of Support may be available.

Students will be assisted in developing a Person Centred Plan, which they can use for progression to other Services, further education, employment, family or brokerage supports.



Horticulture and Environment

During the student's time in this area the aim is to develop a range of knowledge and skills relevant to Horticulture. Student's will also follow the Horticulture JCSP Statement Number 31.

Student's will have completed a Manual Handling course before commencing.

Skills will include:

- Learning to use a variety of garden tools and equipment.
- Learning about safe lifting, team work and Personal Protective Clothing.
- Learning about staying safe in a horticulture environment.
- Building on following a instruction and completing a task from start to finish.
- Sowing and plant vegetables in raised beds
- Weeding and cleaning area by hand using garden hoe, rakes and brushes.
- Mixing and blending Compost.

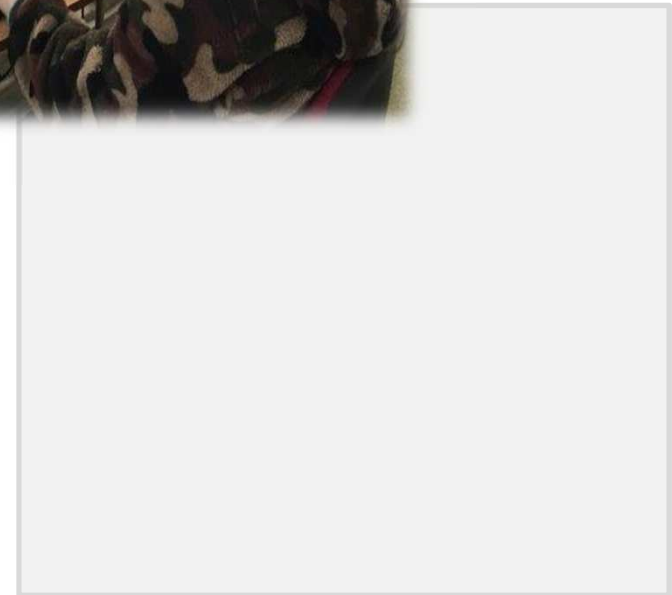


Technology

The aim of this programme is to introduce student's to the world of technology – for personal, social and work use.

Students will cover:

- An introduction to various types of technology, Desktop Computers; Tablets; Smartphones.
- Risks and how to stay safe through Interactive Workshops.
- Typing – 'Touch Type Read & Spell (TTRS).
- Using computer programmes – Microsoft Word; Excel; PowerPoint.
- The student's will work towards attaining a JCSP in Basic Computer Technology Statement Number 13.



Catering

The aim of this programme is to build on the knowledge and skills to enable student's to progress to safely working in a catering environment.

Modules covered within this area are:

- Manual handling.
- Basic HASSP.
- Using a range of kitchen equipment and appliances.
- Being able to present yourself in a catering environment with your uniform and protective clothing.
- Personal hygiene training.
- Fire evacuation.
- Knife safety.
- Floor safety- slips, trips, falls.
- Burn prevention.
- Using chemicals safely.

Students will have the option of working towards a QQI Nutrition and Healthy Options Level 3

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QQI

(Quality and Qualifications Ireland)

Established in 2003, the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a 10-level, single national entity through which all learning achievements may be measured and related to each other. Underpinned by quality assurance principles, the Irish NFQ describes qualifications in the Irish education and training system and sets out what each qualification says about what learners know, understand and are able to do. It also sets out qualifications pathways from one NFQ level to the next.

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is responsible for developing, promoting and maintaining the Irish NFQ. QQI also facilitates the recognition of foreign qualifications. (www.qqi.ie)

Students will have the option of working towards the following QQI currently being offered:

Communications L3- 3N0880

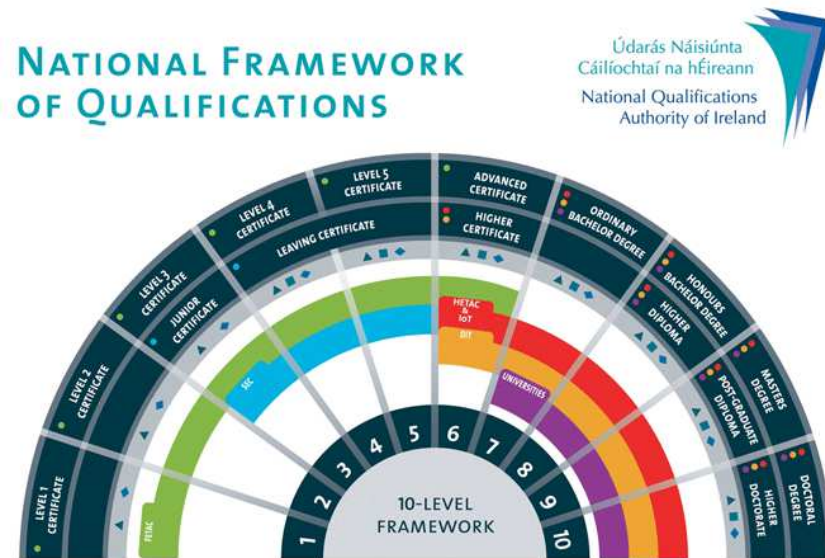
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The purpose of this module is to equip the Student with the knowledge, skill and competence to use a range of communication skills in familiar social and work or public contexts in one-to-one or in a small group.

Personal Effectiveness L3 – 3N0565

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The purpose of this module is to equip the Student with the knowledge, skill and competence to use the personal resources at their disposal in order to meet the personal and social demands of the learning and working or community environments



Community work Placement

The aim of Community Work Training is to provide opportunities for student's to trial and experience realistic working environments.

Students will have the opportunity to both learn about the actual tasks involved, and the physical and social environments in which such work takes place.

While some students may prefer working indoors, surrounded by lots of social interactions, others might prefer quieter, or even outdoor places.

The Community Work Training Programme, in conjunction with Person Centred Planning, aims to help the student identify such personal preferences, and match their current skills and potential learning accordingly.

In preparation of Graduation, students will develop a Curriculum Vitae, and Record of Work Placements. Students will also have the opportunity of working towards a QQI Level 3 Minor Award in Work Experience.

Students will have the option of working towards the following QQI currently being offered:

https://www.qqi.ie//sites/docs/AwardsLibraryPdf/3N0587_AwardSpecifications_English.pdf

