



Leaving Certificate Applied

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Can a student go to further education and training?

Yes. The Leaving Certificate Applied is accepted for a wide range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5. It also provides access to most apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.

Can a student go to Higher Education?

Graduates of Leaving Certificate Applied **do not have direct access** to Higher Education through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

However, achieving an appropriate further education award e.g. FETAC Level 5 may provide access for those who wish to apply to courses in Third Level colleges.

Who should consider Leaving Certificate Applied?

- ▶ Someone who wants to stay in school and get a Leaving Certificate
- ▶ Someone who prefers learning by doing
- ▶ Someone who would be motivated by continuous assessment
- ▶ Someone who wants to get work experience to help them with their career choice
- ▶ Someone who wants to develop skills which help them in their future career

Develop skills for work and for life

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Team Work
- ▶ Enterprise
- ▶ Organisation
- ▶ Self-Awareness
- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Self-Esteem
- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Initiative
- ▶ Planning

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Two Year Practical Leaving Certificate

- Continuous assessment ◀
- Individual talents recognised ◀
- Community as classroom ◀
- Work & career focus ◀
- Success & achievement ◀
- Different ways of learning ◀
- Pathway to further education & training ◀

It is a completely different programme to LCE.

Difference is the assessment- LCA is based on continuous assessment over 2 years.

- It is designed to cater for students who like to learn more practically.
- It is applied as opposed to theoretical – so LCA allows students to apply their learning and experiences to practical educational tasks at school, in the workplace.

1. Prepares learners for the demanding transition to adult and **working life**.
2. Recognises **talents of all learners** - programme responsive to aptitudes, abilities, needs and interests.
3. Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, **self-esteem** and self-knowledge.
4. Develops **communication** and **decision making** skills.
5. Helps learners achieve a more **independent** and enterprising approach to learning and to life.

The LCA ...

What do they learn?

The curriculum is set but we tried to personalize it to meet the needs of each group

There are 3 sections to the LCA course

1. Vocational preparation

2. Vocational education (specialisms)

3. General education

The 1st area is Vocational Preparation



English & Communication this looks at preparing for work (CV, letters etc); language skills for business; media; novel; play; short story; film.



• **Vocational Preparation & Guidance** this subject covers Jobsearch; Enterprise; Community work; Careers Education



Work Experience – normally this is two weeks in 5th year and two weeks in 6th year



The Work Experience



Work Experience is very important in LCA

- Students do four work experience placements over the two years. Students get to do work experience in a range of different places, primary schools they went to, creches, hairdressers, offices, garages, painter and decorator. It gives students the opportunity to get a taste of what it is like in the work place.

The 2nd area is Vocational education

Mathematical Applications Budgeting; Invoices;
Household bills; VAT; Payslips; Measurements

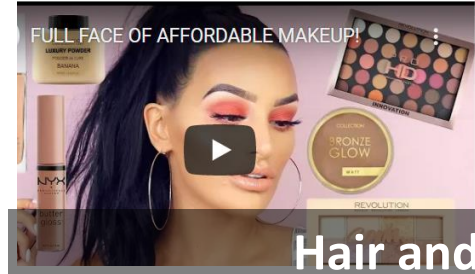
Information & Communication Computer skills
– word processing, spreadsheets, databases;
Graphics; New technologies- All of our LCA
students have IPADS to use in class

And includes two specialisms and this year we are doing

- Specialism can change from year to year depending on the wants and needs of the students

MAKEUP BLOG

MAKE UP



Holly Boon is one of my favorite makeup artists as she can create any look on trend. In this tutorial she's creating a look using cheap, affordable makeup products.

Hair and Beauty

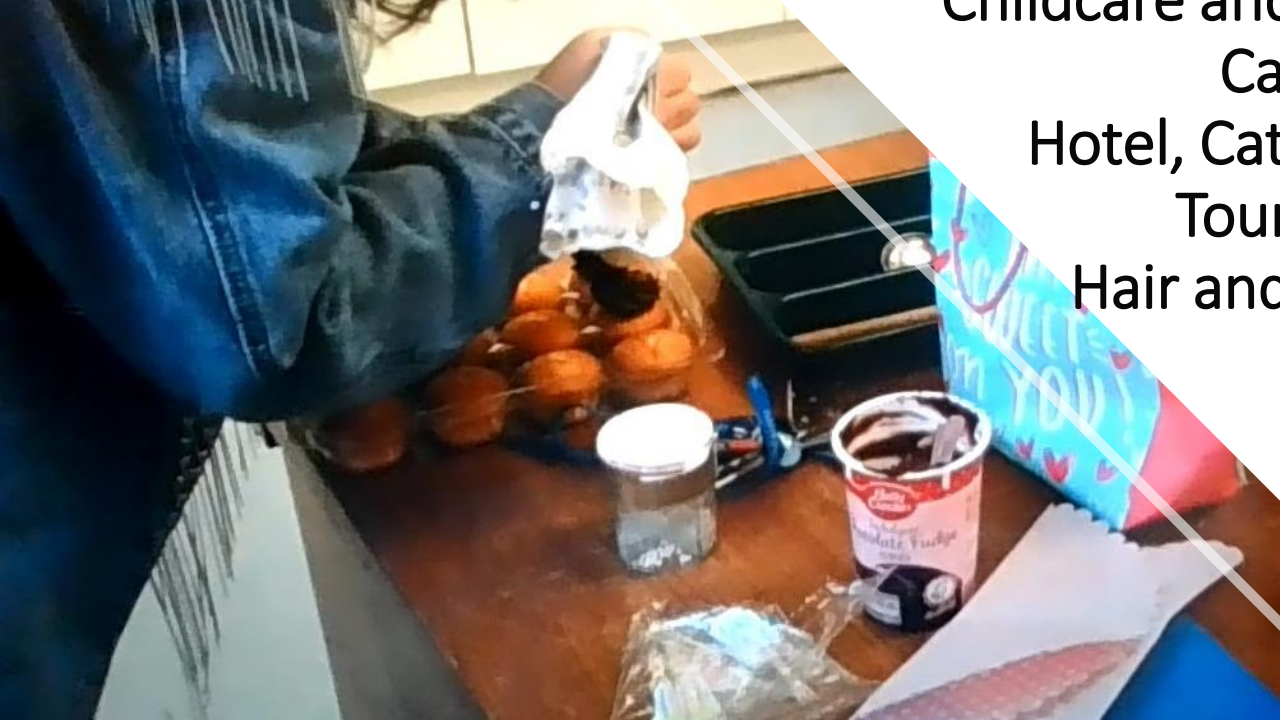
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Hotel, Catering and Tourism

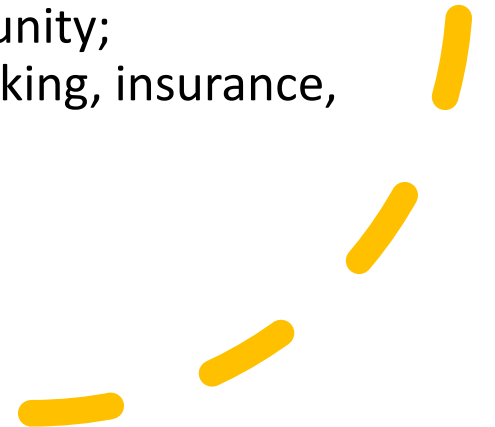


Other Specialism
we have done
Graphics
and Construction Studies
Childcare and Community
Care
Hotel, Catering and
Tourism
Hair and Beauty



The 3rd area is General Education

- **Languages**
 - **Gaeilge Conversation skills;** Culture; History of the language; Arts
 - **French Conversation skills;** Useful French (travel arrangements, directions, food); Greetings; Culture and the arts
- **Leisure and Recreation PE** - Active Leisure Studies Outdoor education (hill walking, camping, orienteering, climbing), fitness plans; coaching (swimming, football); health & safety in sport
- **Social Education** - Understanding your community; Contemporary issues (Task); Taking Charge (banking, insurance, renting etc)
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Students also do four electives each year..

At the moment we are doing ..

Horticulture



Music



Art



The LCA has a focus on building team skills i



Many of the LCA students act as mentors to the younger students in the school

Assessment in
LCA has three
parts ... 1. Key
Assignments
2. Tasks
3. Final Exam



KEY ASSIGNMENTS (KA) ARE
ONGOING WORK IN SCHOOL OVER
THE TWO YEARS



THEY NEED TO HAVE AROUND **90 %**
ATTENDANCE TO GET THEIR KA

Summary of Tasks

Task	Credit	%	Completed in session	Assessment
1. General Education Originating in Arts Education, Leisure & Recreation, Language or Social Education	10	5	1	Jan
2. Vocational Preparation Originating in either Vocational Education & Guidance or English & Communication	10	5	2	Ma
3. Vocational Education - 1st specialism Originating in one Vocational Specialism	10	5	2	Ma
4. Vocational Education - 2nd specialism Originating in the second Vocational Specialism	10	5	3	Jan
5. Contemporary Issues Anchored in Social Education	10	5	3	Jan
6. Practical Achievement Generally out of school / centre	10	5	3	Jan
7. Personal Reflection Statement 1 from year 1 will be stored and returned to SEC when Statement 2 is complete	10	5	2 & 4	Ma

They have 7 tasks with interviews to complete over the two years

Final Examinations

Area	Credits
English & Communication Oral and written incorporating audio visual	12
Vocational Specialisms (x2) Practical and written - practical briefs issued in advance <i>(see next slide for details)</i>	12 each
Languages (x2) Oral and written incorporating aural	6 each
Social Education Written incorporating audio	10
Mathematical Applications Written - research topic (Q.2 issued in advance)	10

They have
final exams
in 7 subjects

Assessment
is continuous
over 2 years
Total 200
credits
(100%)

31% (64 CREDITS) AWARDED FOR
ATTENDANCE AND KEY ASSIGNMENTS
(SCHOOL- BASED WORK)

35% (70 CREDITS) AWARDED FOR 7
STUDENT TASKS (PROJECTS) WHICH ARE
COMPLETED OVER THE 2 YEARS

34% (68 CREDITS) AWARDED FOR EXAMS
AT END OF THE 6TH YEAR

- SO 2/3^{RDS} OF YOUR LC DONE BEFORE
JUNE 2023

LCA Certification

Certification awarded at 3 levels

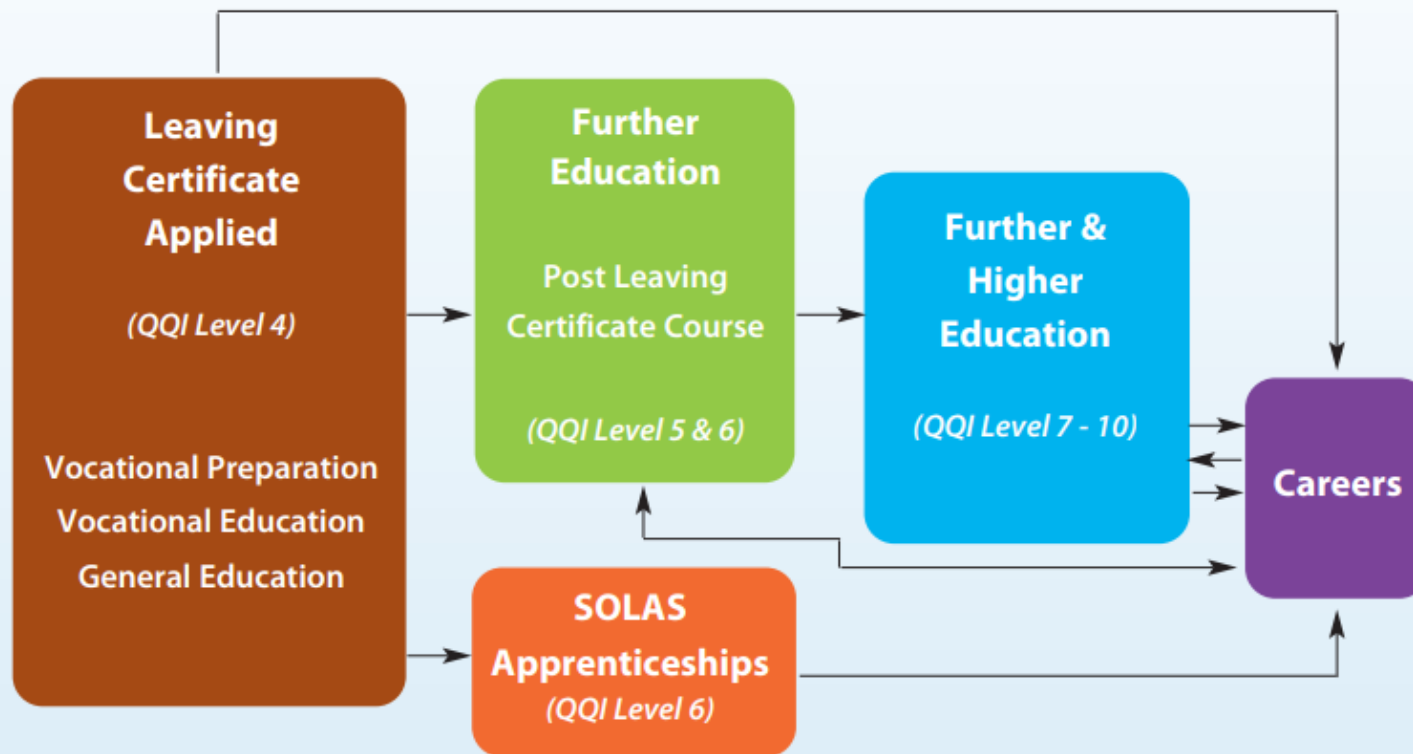
PASS	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
MERIT	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
DISTINCTION	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a **“Record of Experience”**.

Certificate is awarded at three levels:

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map

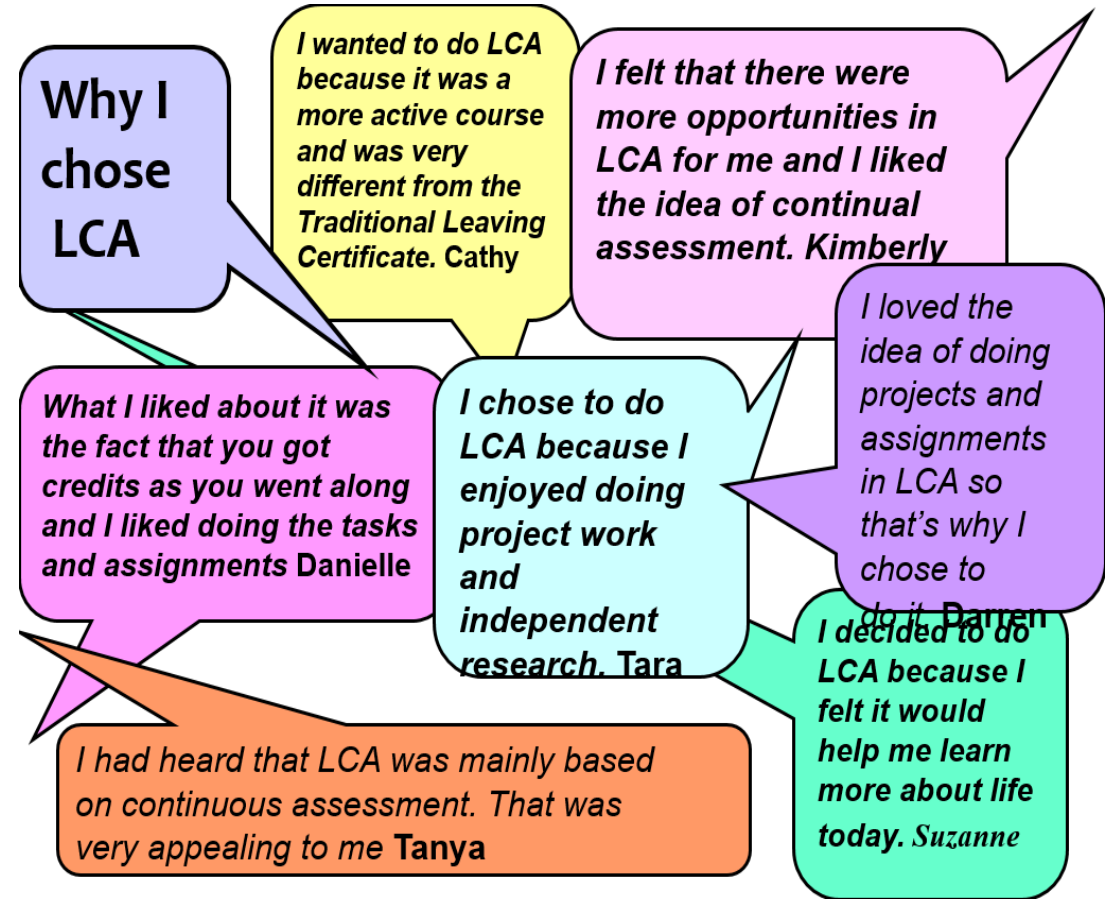


The LCA can lead to further progression in education

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Who would benefit most from the Leaving Certificate Applied?



A big advantage to the LCA is that I was able to apply for college outside of the regular CAO process. I was offered a place on a course in travel and tourism industry Inchicore college of Further Education back in February. I did an interview with them and I was just delighted when I got in. Coming up to the final exams, it's just amazing to have my college place in the bag.

Next steps....

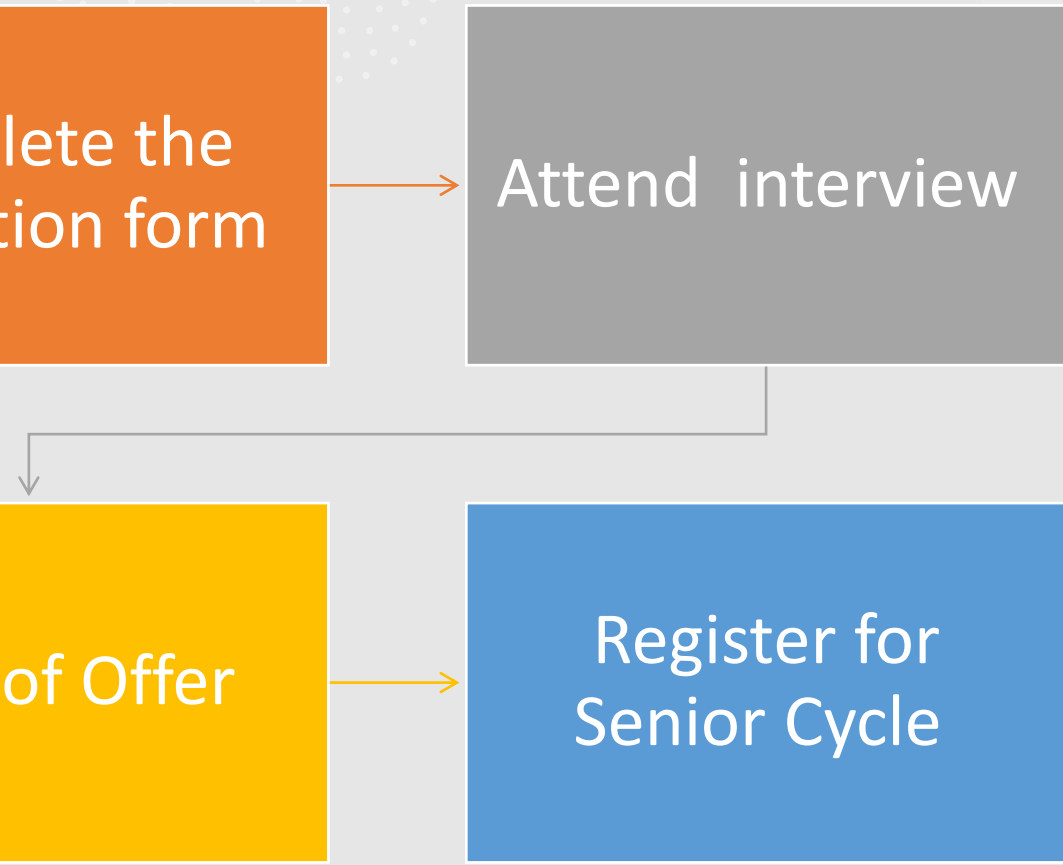
The screenshot shows the top section of a web application form. At the top left is the Deansrath logo. The title is "Senior Cycle Programmes 2021-2022". Below the title, it says "Form must be completed by Thursday 11th February 2021". The main content area has a white background with a maroon header. It starts with a greeting: "Hi Susan, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address." Below this is a red asterisk and the word "Required". The first question is "1. What is your name? *" with a text input field containing the placeholder "Enter your answer". The second question is "2. What class are you in? *" with a text input field containing the placeholder "Enter your answer". The third question is "3. Please select the senior cycle programme(s) that you would like to apply for. You may select more than one programme. *" with two radio button options: "Transition Year" and "Leaving Certificate Applied".

Complete the application form

Attend interview

Letter of Offer

Register for Senior Cycle





**Would Leaving Cert Applied
be right for me?**

**Thank you for
listening**



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