

Post Leaving Certificate Courses

Drumshanbo Vocational School has a long tradition of offering Post Leaving Certificate Courses to learners: The courses are full-time and last for one to two years. PLC courses offer a mixture of practical work, academic work and work experience. They are designed as a step towards skilled employment and, as such, they are closely linked to industry and its needs. The Post Leaving Certificate courses in DVS adopt an integrated approach, focusing on technical knowledge, core skills and work experience.

Some students use points acquired from PLC courses as an entry to college. Other learners have chosen to defer a college course while obtaining valuable vocational skills on our PLC courses. Research conducted by third level Institute of Technologies has shown that students who have previously completed a Post Leaving Certificate course prior to commencement of college have higher retention levels.

The college is currently offering four PLC courses

[Business IT QQI Level 5 - 5M2468](#)

[Advanced Business IT QQI Level 6 - 6M4985](#)

[Traditional Irish Music QQI Level 5 - 5M2011](#)

[Sound Production QQI Level 5 5M2149](#)

Applications for any of the courses can be downloaded [here](#)

The **Business IT** course, which has been established for over forty years, is continuing to update Post Leaving Certificate students and adults who may wish to return to the workplace, or provide an opportunity to upgrade Information Technology (IT) skills.

The **Advanced Business IT** course offers students who have completed a Level 5 I Business IT certificate an opportunity to acquire more advanced IT skills and obtain a Level 6 Higher QQI Certificate

The **Traditional Irish Music** learners get an in-depth knowledge and practice of Traditional Irish Music. Various instruments are taught particularly instruments connected with Traditional Irish Music.

The **Sound Production** course offers a practical introduction to sound engineering, radio production, media analysis and serves as a solid foundation for further studies.

For further details on courses, contact the PLC Co-ordinator, Ms Phyllis Heduan