Why study Applied Social Care at GMIT Mayo?

- GMIT Mayo is located in Castlebar which is a warm and vibrant town. It is small enough to find your way around, but large enough to offer a wide range of activities and entertainment for students.
- The campus itself has state of the art lecture theatres, video conferencing suites, IT labs with the latest technology and a purpose built community living-room for our social care students.
- Clubs and societies are at the heart of campus life. From surfing to soccer, yoga to archery, mountaineering to martial arts you are guaranteed to find the ideal activity to help you strike the balance with the academic side of college life.
- The cost of renting accommodation in Castlebar is lower than many college towns.
- Students are close enough to nearby Westport (16kms away) to enjoy all the tourist attractions and social life it offers.
- We have close ties with local and national employers and this link can often lead to employment upon graduation.

Student Stories

I love the course I am in. Applied Social Studies has opened my eyes in a way I never thought possible.

I have been so lucky to have had such brilliant, interesting and engaging lecturers who have instilled in me a passion for helping people and trying to achieve equality for every individual.

My course has enabled me to gain an insight into the society that surrounds me and the influences which have shaped me as a person. It is a unique sense of self-awareness that I feel I would not have were it not for me studying the Applied Social Studies course in GMIT Mayo Campus.

Declan Murphy

As this course was my first encounter with social sciences/social care studies at a higher level, I benefited immensely from the conducive grounding I received at GMIT Mayo.

It ensured not only a successful career in social care initially, but also subsequent acquisition of transferable academic skills, knowledge, ethics, requisite disciplines and a sociological imagination.

It has enabled me to successfully pursue post graduate studies in social work, and ultimately engage in research work at the highest level of academia.

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Course Level Duration CAO Code Campus
BA (Hons) in Applied Social Care 8 4 years GA889 Mayo
BA (Hons) in Applied Social Care (Add on) 8 1 year Direct Application to GMIT Mayo
BA in Applied Social Care 7 3 years GA879 Mayo

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What is Applied Social Care?

Applied Social Care is a degree designed to enable graduates to make the world a better place for everyone, by correcting the social injustices that exist in today’s society. Graduates will understand the inherent structures of inequality and the impact that has on human rights and society in general.

Students will develop the necessary skills needed to support and care for the vulnerable, the excluded and the oppressed within society.

This degree is underpinned by an educational philosophy based on dialogue and lived experience. Our small class sizes help enrich students’ understanding of what is involved in an authentic and therapeutic relationship driven by a person-centred approach toward care.

What will I study?

Areas of study include:

- Introductions to sociology and psychology
- Communications and interpersonal management skills
- Law and legal frameworks
- Social theory
- Social care practice and issues
- Diversity and social inclusion
- Work Placements

In Year Four of the Level 8 Honours Degree, students have an opportunity to specialise in different areas, for example, Youth Work, Therapeutic approach to Adventure and Nature, and Probation work, as well as focusing on paradigms of Social Care in a globalised setting.

Students who have undertaken a Level 7 in this or other colleges can apply to complete the Level 8 one year add on programme.

See www.gmit.ie for more

Garda Vetting

It is a requirement that all students are Garda Vetted for this programme by GMIT on commencement of their studies.

Career Opportunities

The BA in Applied Social Care is a professionally recognised qualification, and leads to careers in the following areas:

- Working with people in need, the less privileged, vulnerable and marginalised in our society
- Care workers
- Youth work
- Working with people with disabilities
- Addiction and the homeless
- Childcare
- Community development
- Interpersonal services
- Education and
- Others.

Work Placements – Ireland and International

Work placements in Year Two and Year Three are facilitated largely in the Mayo and Galway regions and may require periods of travel or residency outside the Castlebar area. Second year students spend 12 weeks on work placement while third year students spend a further 14 weeks on work placement.

GMIT Mayo has an established link with the University of Applied Sciences in Leeuwarden in Holland. Students have an option of doing their Year Three placement in Holland as part of the Erasmus+ programme.