

Special Education Needs

Our centre has many physical advantages particularly in relation to accommodating people with physical disabilities. We have excellent wheelchair access with extra wide corridors and doors. There are lifts from the ground floor to the first floor and an electronic wheelchair lift from the foyer to the basement. There are access ramps to the front and rear of the building with designated car parking accommodation for those with disabilities. We have created wide aisles between workstations in our computer rooms and planned the height of fitted work surfaces to allow for comfortable access for wheelchairs. We have independent washrooms for people with disabilities on both floors. We also have evacuation chairs to assist our Special Education Needs (SEN) apprentices to be fully compliant with our evacuation procedures.

There is a designated area for SEN apprentices that includes a supervised room where they can access the support they need to ensure they optimise their learning experience.

We also work with the Clanrye Group who provide us with support for those students with special needs.

We also work with Autism NI who have trained our staff and are helping us to become a more Autism Friendly College for our students.



Placements

- A placement is real life work experience with an employer
- Placements are for 3 days each week
- On placement, you follow a programme of training that is designed with your employer



Why go on placement?

- To gain work experience
- To develop relevant skills
- To meet new people
- To help you become work ready
- Placements are extremely important as they help you gain “on the job skills” that employers want



Finding a placement

- Tell your tutor if you already know of a work placement you would like to go to or if you have already secured a placement.



Finding a suitable work placement is an integral part of the programme. Your tutor will support YOU in doing this.



Work Ready

If you do not feel ready for Full Work Based Learning with an employer 3 days a week then you can do Work Experience instead.

Work Experience

- The work experience will take place over a shorter number of hours and days

If you are not ready for Work Experience you can do Work Based Simulation within Springvale or USDT.

Work Based Projects within Springvale or USDT

The work experience will take the form of short work based simulation projects with staff in Springvale or USDT. They will be fully supported and supervised within different departments throughout the organisation with work experience that is relevant to their qualification.

