



Certificate in

# Applied Learning and Skills Development [CALSD] (Level 6)

- Full-Time, 2 Years
- 60 ETCS, HEA Funded



## Are you a student of 18 years or above with an intellectual disability?

### Why Study for this award at TUS?

The aim of this certificate course is to equip students with an intellectual disability with the skills, knowledge and confidence necessary to participate fully in higher education and to develop work-related competencies which facilitate meaningful employment. Its focus, therefore, is on inclusivity, personal academic and social development and preparation for professional life. Upon successful completion of the course, students may continue to further study or avail of work-related opportunities in the community.

**Commencement Date: September 2026**

## Contact Us

### The Applied Learning Team

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## Course Content

The course, held over 4 semesters, comprises both compulsory and elective modules. A strongly supported work placement module constitutes the final semester.

### Compulsory modules:

#### Year 1:

- Skills for Higher Education Wellbeing
- Advocacy in Higher Education and Society

#### Year 2: Elective Modules from which students choose one:

Students can choose from modules such as: Culinary Arts, Sport and Coaching Skills, Creative and Recreational Studies, Outdoor Pedagogy Practices.

#### Year 2: Compulsory Modules

- Placement Preparation
- Professional Reflection for Placement
- Work Placement

## Course Delivery

Teaching will occur in small groups with a high level of individual support if required and will focus on active student engagement, adaptive assessments and digital literacy. Assessment will involve practical tasks, portfolios, group projects and reflective journals.

There will be opportunities for students to experience mainstream classes in semester one, with progressive inclusion following in semester two.

## Course Entry Requirements

For consideration of entry on to this Level 6 Certificate in Applied Learning and Skills Development, all applicant must:

- be aged 18 years and above.
- have a diagnosed intellectual disability [ID] as evidenced by a letter or report from a GP or recognised allied professional.
- possess reading and comprehension skills commensurate with QQI Level 4 or above.

Applicants are also expected to undergo an interview with two members of our CALSD programme team. There are no course fees; however, transport costs must be met by students.

## If interested, what to do next?

To launch this exciting new initiative, we, at TUS, are hosting open evenings and welcome all those who wish to learn more about the course and meet the team.

**TUS Athlone:** Wednesday 22nd April,  
11am - 1pm, Room E3209  
6pm - 8pm, Room E3209

**For further enquiries email:**  
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**TUS Limerick:** Wednesday 22nd April,  
11am - 1pm in room 3A05  
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