



Dun Laoghaire
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Colleges of Further Education

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- **College open days** are a good way of finding out more about the college and course you are interested in
- Think about what information you want find out, and **talk to tutors** on the day
- If you are still interested in the course, the college will be happy to put you in contact with a **present or past student**
- Try to get **work experience** or speak to somebody already working in an area related to the course and find out about career opportunities
- Build up a **folder of information** to keep your research in, this will be useful if you are attending an interview for a college place

Applying to a College

- Applications are accepted from **October** for entry the following year
- Interviews in the colleges of further education are held from **February** onwards
- Applications are accepted during the summer months and you can even make a late application in September. With a late application you will only be considered for a place if there are still vacancies on the course
- Apply early for courses such as Beauty Therapy as they are in high demand

Advisory Meeting / Interview with the College

- This is a chance for you to find out more and to show that you have done your research
- Think about why you want to do the course and what you hope to achieve
- Consider how you will fit study in with your other commitments

Remember, the colleges want you on their course as long as you will try your best, so don't be too nervous!

Finding out more

Local Newspapers

Libraries

Websites:

Courses – Qualifax:

www.qualifax.ie

Careers – Career

Directions (FAS):

www.careerdirections.ie

Supports, Rights and

Entitlements –

www.citizensinformation.ie

Contact the college directly or the adult guidance service

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