



PATH
Programme for Access
to Higher Education



Certificate in Independent
Living Skills
PROGRAMME INFORMATION
FOR Sep 2026 ENTRY.

Certificate in Independent Living Skills Programme at Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin).

Introduction:

Welcome to the Certificate in Independent Living Skills Programme at Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin). This document will provide you with an overview of our programme, its aims, values, entry requirements and how to apply.



About the Certificate in Independent Living Skills Programme:

What is it?

- The Certificate in Independent Living Skills Programme is a post-secondary higher-level education programme for people with intellectual disabilities.

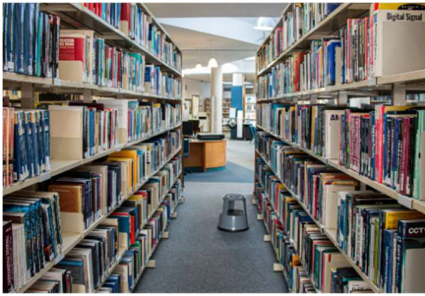
Duration and Qualifications:

- It is a full-time, 2-year course.
- It is aligned to level 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
- Successful completion leads to a Certificate in Independent Living Skills.

Location:

- Part of the School of Social Sciences, Education and Law in the Faculty of Humanities.
- Offered on Blanchardstown and Tallaght campuses. 8 places per campus.





Features and Supports:

- Inclusive programme with modules in a range of disciplines.
- Social care supports and opportunities for work placements.

Funding:

- Funded by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) under PATH 4.



About Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin):



Overview:

- TU Dublin was established in January 2019 and is Ireland's first Technological University.
- Our vision is to "create a better world together".

For more information about the University:

- Visit our website: www.tudublin.ie

Programme Aim, Ethos and Values.

- Provide inclusive education and pathways to employment and independent living for individuals with intellectual disability.
- Human rights approach with teaching based on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles.

Graduate attributes:

Our graduates will:

- Know their rights and be confident in their ability to make their own choices.
- Be able to speak up for themselves and others and be skilled in expressing their own views and ideas.
- Be active agents in their own lives and live as independently as possible.
- Contribute to society by living a valuable and meaningful life of their choosing. This may include employment, further education or another path of interest.
- Have a broad range of skills and knowledge in creativity, healthy living, sustainable living, digital skills, hospitality and applied science.
- Have effective personal and interpersonal skills which can be transferred to the workplace and other settings.
- Be critical and creative thinkers and lifelong learners.



Module outline:

What will I study?

You will study a range of mandatory and elective modules:



Mandatory Modules – These are the modules that you must take



Personal Development

- All about me, Life planning & Money Management, Digital Skills.



Preparation for Work

- Career Development, Work experience



Advocacy and Citizenship

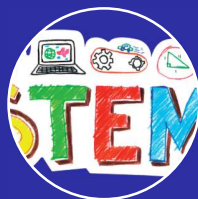
- Human Rights & Advocacy, Sustainability & Active Citizenship

Elective Modules -These are the co-learning modules that you can chose (Note – some elective modules may not run every year due to timetabling. Some electives are offered on both campuses, some on Tallaght campus only, some on Blanchardstown campus only.)



Creative Arts

- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Art and Music



STEM

- Exploration of Science
- Global Environment
- Sustainable Horticulture
- Community Horticulture
- Photography
- Digital Audio



Health and Fitness

- Sport
- Coaching
- Exercise for Health



Humanities

- Communication
- Disability Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Outdoor Learning



Work Experience:

You will carry out 40 hours of work experience on campus in Year 1 and 80 hours of work experience in the community in Year 2. We work closely with you to explore and discover your interests, talents and capabilities. We match you carefully to a work placement which suits you and we support both you and the employer throughout the work placement.

Academic Calendar:

- Semester 1 starts in Sep 2026 and ends in Dec 2026.
- Semester 2 begins in Jan 2027 and ends in May 2027.
- Semester 3 begins in Sep 2027 and ends in Dec 2027.
- Semester 4 begins in Jan 2028 and ends in May 2028
- There will be a Winter break and a Spring break.
- There will be assignments and/or assessments in each semester.
- For more information, check our main website www.tudublin.ie. Look for 'University Calendar' under the 'Explore' tab.



Entry Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Have an intellectual disability.
- Be willing to come for interview.
- Applicants with a level 3 qualification will be prioritised for interview.



How to apply:

Apply directly to the University as follows:

- Complete the online application form available at:
[Application Form 2026 TU 609](#)
- You may be called for an interview.

Contact information:

For further enquiries, contact:

- Email: pathwaystogether@tudublin.ie
- Website: <https://www.tudublin.ie/connect/access-outreach/path/path-4/>

Thank you for considering the Pathways Together Programme at TU Dublin! We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

