

Self-Employment for People with Disabilities Module

This module is designed for people with disabilities who have a business idea and wish to undertake a training programme that will assist them to evaluate the viability of their business idea and develop their business skills.

Course Delivery: The course will be delivered Online with the use of new software- SimVenture Validate, which students will complete on a weekly basis leading to the publication of a full business plan. The lectures will feature Guest Speakers, including role models and subject experts. The lectures will be recorded and made available for viewing at any time, plus a range of useful content resources will be provided online for review when suitable for the course participant.

Course Duration: Starting in September 2021, the module will consist of 12 lectures followed by a 4-week period to allow for the completion and submission of a Business Plan.

Who should Apply: The course is open to anyone who self-identifies as having a disability and who wishes to start their own business. The course is not suitable for a person who already has started their own business or simply wants to learn about entrepreneurship.

Support: Each student will be assisted by a business mentor, plus a range of other supports will be available such as budgeting guidance by financial institutions, library and disability supports from TU Dublin, and advice on intellectual property.

Assessment: Each student will be required to complete a business plan.

Accreditation: The course is being offered at NFQ Level 6 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and successful participants will be awarded 5 ECTS credits.

Entry Requirements: Ideally, participants should have completed their Leaving Certificate or post-secondary school qualification. However, consideration will be given to people with disabilities who may have relevant experiences that relate to their business idea.

Fee: The course is sponsored by Pobal through The Open Doors Initiative and therefore participants will not be required to pay fees.

How to Apply: Applicants are required to submit an application and provide a summary of their business idea, email chelsea.hollywood@tudublin.ie for a link to the application.



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Partner Organizations include:

- Local Enterprise Office network
- MicroFinance Ireland
- Disability Federation of Ireland
- Kaleidoscope Investments (UK)
- SimVenture (UK)
- DoLearnFinance.com

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