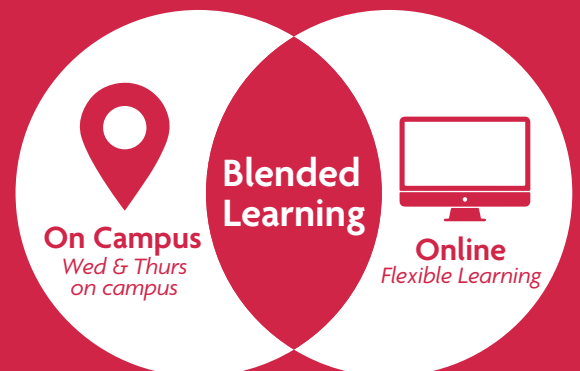


# B.A. (Hons) in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care)

## 3 Great Reasons To Study This Course

- 1) Bring your work experience to the classroom and build on your professional Social Care skills and specialist knowledge.
- 2) Gain experience in field research with the guidance of one-to-one supervision.
- 3) Strengthen your social care leadership capabilities through a 'community-of-practice' approach with social care workers through blended learning.



**NFQ Level:**  
8

**Duration:**  
1 year

**Start Date:**  
September

**Location:**  
Carlow

**Award:**  
Major

**Delivery Mode:**  
Blended  
(Wed & Thurs on campus)

**Apply:**  
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## Course Modules

### Semester 1

- Advancing Practice: Social Care Work with Children
- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Equality and Diversity and Sustainable Development
- Management and Leadership: Theory and Practice

- Dissertation and Seminar 1

### Semester 2

- Advancing Practice: Social Care Work with Families
- Professional Development and Employability Skills
- Quality Management in Social Care
- Dissertation and Seminar 2

## Electives

### Semester 1 (choose 1)

- Advancing Practice: Youth and Community
- Advancing Practice: Working with Older People
- Creativity & Digital Media Skills
- Inequality, Crisis & Change: Sociological Perspectives

### Semester 2 (choose 1)

- Advancing Practice: Advocacy with Marginalised Groups
- Advancing Practice: Health Promotion and Community Social Care Work
- Community Arts
- The Psychology of Gender and Sexuality

## What is this course about?

This one year 'add-on' programme builds on the knowledge and professional skills gained at Level 7. The programme will broaden the scope of your understanding of social care theory and practice, and further develop your problem solving and analytical skills.

## Key Features

- Completion of research and dissertation where students choose a topic and are guided through a research process that enables them to explore an aspect of social care in detail.
- Employability and Professional Development module that is aimed at building a career path in Social Care.
- Elective modules that allow the student to choose areas of specialisation.
- Projects and assignments that enable the student to deepen their knowledge and be ready for the world of work or postgraduate study.
- The programme is experienced through a mix of in-class sessions and flexible online supports, with two days per week in college. The fixed two-day model allows students to take on work roles alongside their study to add to the richness of the learning experience.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of this programme have an advanced social care award and will be ready to take on leadership roles in professional settings. They are equipped to undertake postgraduate studies in Social Care and related fields. There is a growing demand for Carlow College Social Care graduates who are recognised as being prepared to meet the complex needs of children and adults who use Social Care supports and services. Employment opportunities exist in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in a variety of community-based and residential settings.

Holding a Level 8 degree in Social Care provides for broader career opportunities, as well as the ability to command a higher salary or apply for leadership positions.

## Minimum Entry Requirements

- Hold a Level 7 qualification in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care or equivalent.

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