

# Certificate Programmes at IADT

## When are classes held?

Classes take place at IADT for 20 weeks, 10 weeks in Term 1 and 10 weeks in Term 2, on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm. The specific dates for when classes start and finish each year are on the information pages for each program.

Some of the part-time program are run in block delivery mode, over 4 full days. The days and dates for these will be advertised on the programme webpage.

## Where are classes held?

Classes are usually held in the Atrium Building on the IADT campus on Kill Avenue in Dun Laoghaire.

## Is there a distance or online learning option to study for these programs?

- No – Students are expected to attend classes in person on Wednesday evenings during the two terms.

## If I have to miss a class or two over the 20 weeks, can I make up the missed material?

- Yes – Each program has a Virtual Learning Environment, called Blackboard, where students can access the class notes, readings, videos and all other important information relating to their program. The lecturers for each program frequently update and add to their program materials on Blackboard, therefore, students should log on to Blackboard very few days to keep up-to-date on their course materials. Students will be given technical support and information at the beginning of their program so that they are able to use all of IADT online resources during their studies in IADT.

- In block delivery mode, it is more difficult because the programmes are delivered intensively over four days. You will need to contact the programme co-ordinator and lecturer if you miss one of the days.

## How are students assessed?

- There are no written, formal examinations. Students are assessed for the Certificate programs on a Continuous Assessment (CA) basis. Usually students complete two CA pieces of work each year that each count for 50% of their overall award grade for their Certificate. The first CA is due at the end of Term 1 (in Week 10) and the second CA is due at the end of Term 2 (in Week 20). All CA details are given to students in the first week or two of classes in Term 1. They are also published in the program handbook which students receive a copy of in the first week of classes.

## What are the fees?

- The fees for the Certificate programs are €900.

## Where can I access the application form for the Certificate program I wish to apply for?

- The application form is available to download on the course webpage on the IADT website. The form for the Certificates is called 'Part-Time Certificate Programs Application Form'. Applicants should download and complete this form in full. The completed application form should be returned to the IADT Postgraduate Admissions Office. The contact person in the Admissions Office in IADT is Eileen Mac Namara ([eileen.macnamra@iadt.ie](mailto:eileen.macnamra@iadt.ie)) or ([postgradadmissions@iadt.ie](mailto:postgradadmissions@iadt.ie)). Eileen will acknowledge receipt of the application within a short period of time once she has received each application form, with all of the supporting documentation also attached in order for students to be considered for any program.

## **When will I hear if I have been accepted on the program?**

- Students are formally offered places on the Certificate programs at the end of August or the beginning of September each year, after all of the formal deadlines have passed for the acceptance of applications, and when all applicants have been reviewed to determine if they qualify for a place on the program.

## **How many places are offered on each program?**

- 25 – These are often highly sought after, therefore, interested applicants should apply as soon as possible. Places are offered on a first-come-first-offered basis, once the applicant meets the minimum standards of qualification for an offer.

## **What level is the Certificate qualification?**

- Most IADT Certificates are at Level 8 (Honours Degree level qualification) - 10 Credit qualifications. The Certificate in Critical Research (Foundation, Futures & Skills), and Fundamentals of UX Design is a Level 9 qualification (a Masters level qualification).

## **If I wish to speak with an academic member of IADT staff about the programme(s) I am interested in applying for, can I do so?**

- Academic staff are often on their annual leave during the months of July and August and may only have access to their email infrequently. However, if you wish to ask a specific question about a course, here are the individuals you may contact. Please be patient when expecting a reply to your query over the July-August period. The individual will contact you as soon as is possible.

## Course Content Queries - Contact Person

*Please use Course title as email subject*

- Certificate in Sport Psychology: Dr Olivia Hurley [[olivia.hurley@iadt.ie](mailto:olivia.hurley@iadt.ie)]
- Certificate in Critical Research [Foundation, Futures & Skills]: Sinead Meade [[sinead.meade@iadt.ie](mailto:sinead.meade@iadt.ie)]
- Certificate in Data Visualisation: Mr Cyril Connolly [[cyril.connolly@iadt.ie](mailto:cyril.connolly@iadt.ie)]
- Certificate in Design Thinking: Dr. Hilary Kenna [[hilary.kenna@iadt.ie](mailto:hilary.kenna@iadt.ie)]
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