

# DGS Careers Bulletin - February 2017

## CAO

The 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring also marks the closing date for applications to the CAO. With the exception of restricted courses, e.g. Medicine, students do not have to enter any course choices as this can be done from 5<sup>th</sup> May up to 1<sup>st</sup> July using the CAO's Change of Mind Facility.

Students applying through the DARE Scheme, as part of the CAO application process, are reminded that Section A of the Supplementary Form must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) College Applications

All PLC colleges are now open for application 2017/18. PLC courses can offer students an opportunity to sample a specific course area, e.g. Psychology, prior to committing to a full-time Degree programme at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level. In addition some courses can give students the time to prepare portfolios for application to colleges including NCAD and Dun Laoghaire. Many students use PLC courses as their back-up in the event of not meeting the entry requirements for their desired course at I.T. or University.

Application to PLC's are made on-line directly to each institution. Students require their PPS number when applying and interviews at our two local PLC Institutes, O'Fiaich and Drogheda Institute, take place during the second week of May.

## Mock Exams

All Junior and Leaving Certificate exam students have received the mock exam timetable. Exams commence in Finnamore Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and we wish all students every success. It is also important to highlight mindfulness over the two weeks of examinations. Students should ensure they eat well, exercise and take adequate study breaks.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Student On-Campus Accommodation 17/18 - Dates for your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> February - Corrib Village (NUI Galway) on-line booking opens <http://www.campusaccommodation.ie/students/>

22<sup>nd</sup> February – DCU on-line booking opens <http://www.dcuaccommodation.ie/>

2<sup>nd</sup> May (12 noon) – Maynooth University application opens [https://  
www.maynoothuniversity.ie/accommodation/accommodation-campus/applications-  
overview/incoming-cao-students](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/accommodation/accommodation-campus/applications-overview/incoming-cao-students)

10<sup>th</sup> May – UCD application opens  
<https://www.ucd.ie/residences/how-to-book-a-room/first-year-students/>

### Study in the USA

Following a few enquiries about 3<sup>rd</sup> Level study in the USA you may find some of the following websites informative.

[www.educationusa.state.com](http://www.educationusa.state.com)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.chea.org](http://www.chea.org)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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