

Certificate in Practice Support in Social Farming (NFQ level 6)



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What is the course about?

The Certificate in Practice Support in Social Farming offers an inter and multidisciplinary approach, informed by scholarship from law, social policy, environment and mental health studies, communication and disability studies. The course is designed to introduce students to the practice of social farming which are founded on the principles of equality, social inclusion, community and collaboration. Through the exploration of the history of social farming, the challenges and perceptions of people with a disability and other marginalised groups, the role of social farming for physical and mental wellbeing and its function as an initiative for social inclusion within society are explored.

Who should apply?

This course is aimed at people involved or interested in social farming either on farms or in the community as part of social inclusion initiatives, people with an existing qualification in support work and are seeking to broaden their knowledge of social farming practice, those seeking a career in support work working with people with a disability or other marginalised groups.

How will you benefit?

This is an introduction to social farming and acts as a stand-alone qualification or as a springboard to employment or further study. The course provides students with relevant current legislation and policy relating to marginalised sectors of society including those with a disability. Effective communication and coaching are also key skills developed which facilitate effective and positive action of the practice of social farming in the use of the environment and farm setting for social inclusion and well-being. Students will also develop life skills; problem solving, independent thinking, self-management and teamwork, as well as professional skills through the various continuous assessment within the programme.

How is it delivered?

- Blended learning - most lectures delivered online where students will attend live virtual classes which will incorporate opportunities for engagement and interactivity with lecturers and fellow students, supported by several online tools, plus occasional Saturday workshops and farm visits from September to May for one year.

Fees

€990

Apply now at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-cpsf/>

Want to know more?

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