



## Waterford Institute of Technology

### Alert List for Guidance Counsellors and Applicants for WIT for 2021 Admission

#### Update for Mature Applicants for Nursing on Assessment Tests 2021

The Public Appointments Service (PAS) are no longer administering the assessment test. Instead, mature applicants must apply directly to the NMBI to take the tests. The CAO will remind all mature applicants about the NMBI assessment test in an email after the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. For full details on the application process and the written assessment test, applicants may click [here](#) and download the latest edition of the booklet *Nursing/Midwifery A Career For You*. Nursing Programme choices are **purposely omitted** from the WIT Mature Applicant Assessment process.

The quota of places reserved for applicants applying for Nursing programmes is very strict. The table below sets out the number of “Mature” places currently available in WIT:

Course	Total Places	Quota For Mature Intake	Total Places Available For Mature Intake
WD116 - General	51	15%	8 (7.65)
WD117 - Psychiatric	43	35%	15 (15.05)
WD120 - Intel. Disability	25	35%	9 (8.75)

Applicants may not enter on a Change of Mind any Nursing Course Code (WD116/WD117 & WD120), unless at least one such Course Code was among your choices at 1<sup>st</sup> February and you have taken the aptitude test in the year you seek admission.

#### Important Steps for 2021

	Action	Date	Where
Step 1	Apply to CAO	1 <sup>st</sup> February	CAO website
Step 2	Access test familiarisation booklet	15 <sup>th</sup> April	NMBI website
Step 3	Register for tests	Opens on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – 10.00 a.m and closes 28 <sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm	NMBI website

## NEW in WIT for 2021

Waterford Institute of Technology is delighted to announce 3 new level 8 offerings for 2021 entry:

WD Code	Programme Title
WD007 AUE	<b>Bachelor of Eng (Hons) in Automation Engineering</b> Automation Engineering is a new degree option being offered as part of WIT's Engineering (Common Entry) degree programme.
WD231	<b>Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education</b> This course is a new 4-year honours degree programme which focuses on early years' care, education, psychology, and sociology. Students will undertake practice placements in years 2, 3 and 4.
WD232	<b>Bachelor of Business Studies (Hons) in Business Information Systems</b> This new level 8 programme is designed to develop graduates with high-level ICT skills, business knowledge and experience as BIS professionals to drive digital transformation across all industries.

## DISCONTINUED in WIT for 2021 admission

WD Code	Programme Title
WD149 (L8)	<b>Early Childhood Studies</b> This course has been replaced by WD231 BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Care and Education.
WD139 (L7)	<b>Civil Engineering</b> This course has been discontinued. Students wishing to study Civil Engineering are advised to apply for WD007 Engineering (Common Entry) and to choose degree option Sustainable Civil Engineering.

## PROGRESSION:

On page 94 of the CAO Handbook there are some additions to the Progression options listed:

**WD096 – Horticulture (Waterford-Kildalton) Level 7 -> 8**

**WD097 – Horticulture (Dublin-National Botanic Gardens) Level 7-> 8**

**WD173 – Hospitality Studies – Level 6 -> 7-> 8**

**WD174 – Tourism – Level 6-> 7-> 8**

## Maths Entry Exam 2021

Designed to assist students who have not achieved the required grade in maths for entry into Waterford Institute of Technology. The process provides a “second chance” for students to achieve that grade by attempting a paper comparable to the leaving certificate ordinary level paper. The content of this paper will be based on the leaving certificate (ordinary level) syllabus. Candidates who apply to sit the examination at WIT and if they achieve the designated grade specific to their chosen programme of study and meet the points for entry, they will be offered a place (subject to numbers) as a **CAO Round 4** offer in September. Offers to eligible applicants will *not* be made in advance of round 4. The exam will take place at WIT on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**. **Full details can be found at [wit.ie/mathsentry](http://wit.ie/mathsentry)**

## English Language Requirements

Please note that this policy is currently under review.

## WIT President’s Scholarship

WIT is currently accepting applications for the WIT President’s scholarship programme. For 2021 entry we are offering 5 scholarships to students who can demonstrate they have made a difference in society. Each scholarship is worth up to €12,000. Details and how to apply available at [wit.ie/psp](http://wit.ie/psp)

## WIT’s Sports Scholarship Programme

WIT’s Sports scholarship programme is an athlete led development programme aimed at supporting the overall development of high performance athletes in a wide range of sports. Applications will be accepted from January 2021. Details and how to apply available at [wit.ie/sportsscholarships](http://wit.ie/sportsscholarships)

## Admissions Policies

Policies can be viewed at <http://www.wit.ie/admissionspolicies> It is important that you understand these policies. A very helpful tool has been introduced for parents titled ‘College Choices – The Parents Manual’ – both are available in PDF format on [www.wit.ie](http://www.wit.ie) and can be ordered online at [www.wit.ie/teachers](http://www.wit.ie/teachers) Our Admissions policies for 2021 entry are currently being updated.

## Important Dates for your Diary

WIT Spring Open Day – Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

WIT Music Auditions – For applicants who list WD027 Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Music on their CAO before 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021 they will have the option of submitting an audition video by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020 or attending for audition by Zoom between Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Full details are available at [wit.ie/wd027](http://wit.ie/wd027).

**Contacting the Admissions Office of WIT in relation to first year application:**

Our CAO Admissions team are working remotely and can be contacted by email:

CAO queries: [caoadmissions@wit.ie](mailto:caoadmissions@wit.ie) Our Admissions team continue to operate virtually and are available in the first instance via e-mail at the addresses given here. We would ask that you include as much information as possible to assist us in dealing with your query and always include your CAO Application Number in all correspondence (where available).

**2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021**

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