

# Software course got Dylan networking

**Name:** Dylan Coakley  
**Address:** Ballincollig, Co. Cork.  
**Secondary School:** Ballincollig Community School  
**Course attended at Cork College of Commerce:** Advanced Certificate in Networks and Software Systems  
**What was your experience there like?**  
 Excellent... The teachers are strict but fair and not too serious. I learned more than I expected in just one year and the facilities are great.

## GRADUATE PROFILE

### Any comments on any aspect of the College?

I want to say a big thank you to Maura O'Halloran my course director. She has always been friendly and helpful throughout the year.

### What are you doing now?

I am currently attending St Johns Central College in the second year of Networks and Web Design. Next year I hope to go to CIT and do

Software Development. Failing that, I may go to Germany to work since there are lots of IT opportunities there and I have a reasonable level of German thanks to this course.

**What are your future ambitions?**  
 In the future I would love to start up my own IT company.

**Hobbies and Interests:**  
 Playing soccer and working on my own image editing software project — <http://www.photofiltre-lx.org>.

**Any other comments:**  
 The College of Commerce has been a great starting point for my career.



**SOFTWARE GRADUATE:** Dylan Coakley studied the Certificate in Networks and Software Systems.



## College of Commerce Diary

## 100 COURSES ON OFFER FOR THE COMING SPRING SESSION

### Prospectus out now

CORK College of Commerce has launched its new prospectus for the College's Adult Education Programme spring 2010.

There are 100 courses on offer for the coming session ranging from professional and business courses, computing courses, complementary, beauty and fashion courses, health studies, childcare and psychology courses. And if those career-orientated courses weren't enough, the College offers a further 45 courses which cover Languages varying from German to Italian to Spanish to Japanese to Dutch to Irish as well as offering English as a 2nd Language, FCE/CAE to the growing international population. To avoid the queues why not apply online on at the college's website, [www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie](http://www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie).



**Cork College of Commerce students Victoria, Dalia and Mariana at a recent International Student Event in the college. The college's spring prospectus is out now.**

## New route for repeat Leaving Certs

REPEAT Leaving Certificate students attending College of Commerce may be eligible for a special quota of around 1,000 reduced-point CAO places across all academic areas set aside by UCC, the six other Irish universities, DIT and the seven colleges of education. Students can apply for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) scheme up to February 1 as part of the CAO application process. Students who secure one of these places are also offered a range of academic and financial supports throughout their college education. Students who are on FETAC courses can apply through the FETAC Links scheme for college places that UCC has set aside for the UCC Direct Entry Access Route. They need to submit both a CAO form and special UCC Direct Entry Access Route application form available in College of Commerce from their guidance counsellor. To be eligible for the HEAR Scheme, or UCC Direct Entry Access Route scheme, students must be under 23 on January 1, 2010. Details of the HEAR scheme are available at [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie). Details of the UCC Direct Entry Access Route scheme available by calling (021) 4903678.

# Courses open career doors

**STUDENTS who are now completing one and two-year courses at the Cork College of Commerce may now apply to their choice of more than 500 Degree Courses.**

Many of our students are currently in the process of filling in CAO applications online or on paper.

Mature students are broadening their educational horizons, getting references and writing personal statements.

There is an air of expectant excitement around the college which will intensify towards the end of January as students aim to fulfil their dream of a degree.

The wonderful range of third-level opportunities open to our students has been brought about through the National Framework of Qualifications which offers progression opportunities to degree level to students who hold FETAC (Further Education and Training Awards Council) awards at level 5 and level 6.

For students who complete a

one-year course at Cork College of Commerce (CCOC) and achieve a full FETAC level 5 Award, there are opportunities to apply through the CAO to their choice of 20 degree courses from more than 500 throughout the country.

Applicants to UCC compete for places which are reserved exclusively for FETAC applicants. Degree places at CIT are open to FETAC applicants along with Leaving Certificate applicants.

FETAC results must usually be achieved in one sitting for application to UCC.

CIT accepts FETAC results from multiple sittings. Some courses may have specific pre-requisite requirements.

For students who might consider going to the UK to continue their studies, CCOC has established valuable progressions in areas such as Business, Health Studies, Applied Psychology and Social Sciences.

This year, for instance, a number of our students from the Graduate Diploma in Financial Management will progress to Swansea Metropolitan University

to complete the final year of a BA (Hons) in Business.

Some will go on to the final year of BA (Hons) in Marketing at SMU, while others will opt to continue their studies to degree level in Advertising with Media Studies at Trinity College, Carmarthen.

Twenty-three of our current Community and Health Care Pre-Nursing students have been offered places on Diploma/Degree courses in Adult, Children's and Intellectual Disability Nursing at Kingston University in London, pending successful results in their FETAC Level 5 examinations.

CCOC offers students a choice of courses which provide an excellent preparation for entry to the world of work and which also facilitate entry to third-level education.

So whether your aim is to join the workforce on completion of your course or to consider progression into Higher Education, Cork College of Commerce can facilitate you.

## Therapy and beauty are a healthy choice

### COURSE PROFILE

#### Complementary Health Therapy Diploma

**Aim:** This course leads to professional qualifications for those who wish for a career in the rapidly growing health sector. The programme will focus on the alternative energy and healing therapies of massage, reflexology, aromatherapy, sports massage, reiki, Indian head massage and lymphatic drainage.

**Duration:** Two Years

**Examining bodies:** International Therapy Examinations Council (ITEC) and the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC)

**Entry requirements:**

Leaving Certificate, LCA or LCVP and an interest in health and/or alternative therapies. Applications are welcome from mature students.

**Applying for a college place:**

As interviews are not held for this course, places are allocated on the payment of a Student Activity Fee, on a first come first served basis. Details of payment will be forwarded to applicants.

For further details see applying for a college place. You can also apply online or download an application form.

**Course content:**

**Year 1:** Anatomy, physiology & holistic massage (ITEC Diploma)

Core subjects: business studies, hygiene/sterilisation, first aid.

**ITEC Diplomas:** Reflexology, on-site massage, diet and nutrition for complementary therapists.

**Certificate**

● Reiki 1 (optional)

● Reiki 2 (optional)

● Occupational First Aid (FETAC)

**Year 2:** ITEC Diplomas

Aromatherapy, sports massage, lymphatic drainage, Indian head massage, sports therapy equipment, spa treatments (optional)

**Certificate:**

● Reiki advanced (optional)

● Reiki 3 (optional)

**Further studies:** Progression to year three (final year) University of Wolverhampton - BSc Hons - Rehabilitation Studies

**Employment opportunities:**

This is a rapidly expanding career area.

Individuals are continuously turning to complementary therapies as a means of healing. Graduates can expect to find employment in hotels, beauty salons, healing centres, cruise ships, sports clinics, physical therapy clinics, and gymnasiums.

Graduates may also start their own business as an aromatherapist, massage therapists or reflexologist, sports therapists, Reiki therapists, Indian head massage therapists or onsite massage therapists

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