

## **Admission Guidelines and Procedures for Applicants with Disabilities and/or Learning Differences**

Carlow College, St. Patrick's (hereafter Carlow College) welcomes applications from students with disabilities and/or learning differences.

### **CAO Applications**

Applications must be made through the Central Applications Office (CAO) (Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway). Application forms are available from the CAO directly or online at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). Applicants must achieve at least the minimum entry requirements for the programme they have applied to.

Carlow College does not operate a Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) or any other supplementary admission route. However, applicants are encouraged to disclose information on their particular needs through the CAO application process.

Following disclosure through the CAO, applicants will receive an Evidence of Disabilities and/or Learning Differences Form from our Admissions Office which applicants are requested to complete and return to Carlow College. This form requests details of the academic and/or personal supports an applicant may require in order to complete their programme of study and allows the college to plan accordingly.

Applications from mature students are considered on the basis of an application form and interview; some programmes require a written assessment (see *Admission Guidelines and Procedures for Mature Applicants*). Where an applicant with a disability/learning difference requires an accommodation to the interview/assessment process, this must be indicated on the application form prior to the interview/assessment process.

Applicants who do not wish to disclose a disability/learning difference on their CAO application form, may do so at any time during their programme of study by contacting the Academic Resource Officer.

### **Non-CAO Applications**

Applicants with a disability/learning difference, who apply directly to the College (e.g. Advanced Entry, Non-EEA, Postgraduate, etc.), are encouraged to disclose their specific needs on the relevant application form. Applicants who do not wish to disclose a disability/learning difference may do so at any time during their programme of study by contacting the Academic Resource Officer.

### **All Applications**

While every attempt is made to provide reasonable accommodation for learners with physical disabilities, Carlow College is a protected structure with limits imposed on the structural modifications that can be made. As all areas cannot be universally accessed, applicants with restricted mobility are strongly advised to visit the College to explore its suitability for individual learning needs.

Further information is available on our website [www.carlowcollege.ie](http://www.carlowcollege.ie) and in our prospectus.