



St. Angela's College, Sligo
Coláiste San Aingéal, Sligeach
A College of NUI Galway

ACCESS TO POST-PRIMARY TEACHING (APT) PROJECT



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INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION AT ST. ANGELA'S

WHAT IS THE ACCESS TO POST-PRIMARY TEACHING PROJECT?

The Access to Post-Primary Teaching (APT) Project is a joint initiative between the National University of Ireland Galway and St. Angela's College, Sligo. The APT Project has developed a direct entry route into St. Angela's three Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes. This restricted entry route is specifically for students, who come from under-represented socio-economic groups, with an approved QQI-FET qualification from a partner Further Education (FE) College within the *Border Midlands and Western region only*, as these individuals are typically under-represented within the teaching profession. This project is led by the School of Home Economics and School of Education, along with the Access Office of St. Angela's College, in partnership with Further Education (FE) providers in the Border, Midlands and Western (BMW) region.

St. Angela's offers a total of three BA/PME Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes through the Access to Post-Primary Teaching (APT) Project. Each programme is 5 years in duration. All students study Home Economics & Education, along with one additional subject area, namely, Biology, Religious Education, or Irish.

Home Economics explores the areas of food studies, family resource management, fashion & design.

The **Education** component provides students with the foundational studies of Initial Teacher Education.

A total of **6 APT places** (two per programme) have been reserved on the following BA/PME Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Programmes for entrants who meet the eligibility criteria and who have engaged fully in all aspects of the APT project over the course of the academic year.

AS001: HOME ECONOMICS AND BIOLOGY (TEACHER EDUCATION)

Two APT places are available on this course.

Biology explores the areas of biological & physical sciences and methodology of Science & Biology teaching.

AS002: HOME ECONOMICS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (TEACHER EDUCATION)

Two APT places are available on this course.

Religious Education includes Theology, Contemporary Religious Practice, World Religions, and Ethics.

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AS003: HOME ECONOMICS AND GAEILGE* (TEACHER EDUCATION)

Two APT places are available on this course.

Students must have minimum H5 in LC Gaeilge or Merit in QQI minor award Gaeilge (5N1631).

The **Gaeilge** programme enables students to attain a high level of proficiency in the spoken language and includes modules such as Irish Literature, Irish Poetry, Drama Folklore, and Irish Media and Film Studies.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE APT PROJECT?

To become involved in the APT project students must meet **all** of the following Eligibility Requirements:

BE A FIRST-TIME ENTRANT TO HIGHER EDUCATION

(i.e. *not* already have partially undertaken a level 6, 7 or 8 course at a higher education institution in the Republic of Ireland for which fees were paid for by the HEA)

BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ON AN APPROVED FULL-TIME QQI-FET LEVEL 5 COURSE AT ONE OF THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS:

St Angela's College are delighted to have established partnership agreements with seventeen Further Education providers in the Border Midlands Western (BMW) region. Students who wish to participate in the project *must be enrolled in an approved course* at one of the following colleges:

[Sligo College of Further Education](#)

[Monaghan Institute](#)

[North Connaught College, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo](#)

[Drogheda Institute of Further Education](#)

[Castlebar College of Further Education](#)

[Drumshanbo FET Centre](#)

[Errigal College, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal](#)

[Galway Community College](#)

[Finn Valley College, Co. Donegal](#)

[Galway Technical Institute](#)

[Cavan Institute, Co. Cavan](#)

[Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo](#)

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Moate Business College,
Co. Westmeath

Mullingar Community College ,
Co. Westmeath

Ó Fiach Institute, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Portlaoise Institute, Co. Laois

Longford College of Further Education (Templemichael College)

APPROVED COURSES:

The relevant FET programmes (and specific minor awards where applicable) are as follows:

- Applied Social Studies (5M2181)
- Early Childhood Care & Education (5M2009)
- Education & Training (5M3635)
- General Studies (5M3114)
- Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)
- Food Science (5M5267)
- Community Health Services (5M4468)
- *Community Health Services (5M4468) must include the following:*
 - Dietetics (5N3736)
 - Nutrition (5N2006)
- Anatomy and Physiology (5N0749) *and one of the following:*
- Behavioural Studies (5N1351) **or**
- Social Studies (5N1370) *or*
- Psychology (5N0754) **or**
- Family Studies (5N4466)

FREE FEES

Students must be eligible for free fees. For more information about the eligibility requirements for free fees please [click here](#).

SUSI / BACK TO EDUCATION ALLOWANCE

Students must meet the financial requirements for, or be in receipt of, a [SUSI Maintenance Grant](#) or a [Back to Education Allowance](#) (supporting documentation will be required and must be included in your application).

COMPLETE ALL *IN-REACH* & *OUT-REACH* ACTIVITIES INCLUDING

Prior to applying to the BA/PME, your main responsibilities as an APT participant are to engage in **all Inreach & Outreach activities** including;

- Campus visits and on-site / virtual lectures (St Angela's and at your FE college)
- Complete the Academic Writing assignment
- Participate in virtual student and lecturer roundtables and webinars as required.

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- Successful APT entrants to the BA/PME will also be required to engage in course discernment interviews. Interview topics may include:
 - Educational Experiences
 - Motivation for Teaching
 - Your experiences in Initial Teacher Education
 - Career Plans for the Future

ACHIEVE A QQI-FET LEVEL 5 MAJOR AWARD

Eight modules with a minimum of 5 *distinctions* in the academic year in which you apply for entry to St. Angela's

CAO APPLICATION

Apply for entry into an [Initial Teacher Education](#) course at St. Angela's through the [Central Applications Office \(CAO\)](#) by 1 February 2022 for entry in September 2022.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTS

PRE-ENTRY SUPPORTS

In-Reach activities such as short 'taster' courses which take place at St. Angela's or via webinar during the academic year.

Outreach activities on topics such as applying to the CAO, study skills, academic writing, as well as lectures on subject areas from BA/PME, provided by St. Angela's staff on campus at your FE college or via webinar.

POST-ENTRY SUPPORTS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A €1000 equipment bursary on entry to Year 1;
- A €500 School Placement grant for each of the 5 years of study;
- A Personal and Academic Liaison (PAL). This is a member of staff who will support the student during their studies;
- Academic Writing & subject-specific support throughout their course of study.

APPLYING TO THE BA/PME PROGRAMME

Apply to St. Angela's *via the CAO by 1 February 2022* for entry in September 2022.

When entering your St Angela's College course choices in the application, it is essential that you list them in your order of preference. **As this is a restricted entry route, you must list one of the ITE course electives as your first choice** to be considered for entry onto the

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programmes. All places are allocated on merit, and a random selection will apply, if necessary. Places will be formally offered by St. Angela's College via the CAO. Offers based on QQI-FET qualifications are usually issued in early August each year. All places are allocated on merit, and a random selection will apply, if necessary.

PROVISIONAL DATES: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Date	Topic
Monday 4th October	Access to Post-Primary Teaching Project (APT) Briefing Webinar (on Teams)
Wednesday 20th October	Closing date for receipt of APT student Applications
Friday 22nd October 2021	<u>St Angela's Virtual Open Day</u> For more information about the St Angela's College Virtual Open Day please <u>click on this link.</u>
November –December 2021 (dates to be confirmed)	Candidate Interviews Inreach / Outreach Activities Online and campus visits (<u>www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie</u>)
January –February 2022 (dates to be confirmed)	Inreach / Outreach Activities Online and campus visits (<u>www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie</u>)
1st February 2022	<u>Apply to the CAO</u>
April 2022	<u>Apply to SUSI</u> Course discernment interviews Meetings with Further Education Colleges
May – July 2022	CAO Change of Mind
August 2022	Round 0 offers

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QQI-FET Pathway to Home Economics Teacher Education

(entry September 2021)

For students of all FE colleges, who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the APT project, St Angela's College, Sligo created a new QQI pathway for our BAPME (Home Economics Teacher Education) courses. For more information on this see www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on St. Angela's ITE programmes, please see the following links:

St Angela's "Undergraduate" Programmes:

<http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/stangelas/courses/undergraduate-courses/>

St. Angela's Undergraduate Prospectus can be obtained here:

<http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/stangelas/prospectus/>

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