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**Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies AU171.**

**Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies AU170.**

**Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Dietetics Studies AU172.**

Congratulations on being offered a place of study in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences at ATU Donegal. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department in the Faculty of Science and Health. It is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09.30 17.30. Attendance at all lectures, practicals, site visits and placements (if applicable) are recorded and monitored. If a student has attendance less than 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a Department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

These programmes involve work placements and students **will be required to engage in placements outside the Donegal and Northwest region.** Students cannot contact the HSE directly themselves. Students are responsible for sourcing and paying for both accommodation and travel to these placements.

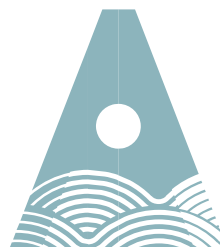
**Health Science students are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.** This vaccine needs to be administered in three stages. This vaccination will be arranged for students through the Student Health Centre on campus. Students will start their vaccinations immediately and this must be completed prior to progressing to placement. Further information regarding vaccination will be provided at Induction. Students are required to provide written evidence of achieving a sufficient Antibody titre following vaccination and prior to progressing to placement. Students who do not provide this information will not be allowed to progress on to work placement. The cost of the vaccination programme is included in your course costs.

You are also required to undertake **mandatory training** prior to engaging in work placement. Training will be arranged on your behalf by ATU Donegal, and attendance is mandatory. Please see Additional Costs on the next page for further information.

Once again congratulations on securing your place in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences. On-Campus Induction for Department of Life and Physical Sciences Health Science Students takes place on **Thursday 14th September.** You will receive information about your Class Group and Timetable at Induction.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Dr Kim McFadden  
Head of Department of Life and Physical Sciences



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## **Quick Guide Information for Health Science Students**

### **Vaccinations**

- You are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B – ATU Donegal Health Centre. Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

### **Placement Information**

- Please note, placement will be facilitated outside of County Donegal.** Students will have the responsibility of organising transport and/or accommodation where required to support their placement.
- OT Studies students and Dietetics Students complete placement in Year 2
- Mandatory training includes – Fire Safety at work, People Moving and Handling, Cardiac First Response Training – all students must attend
- Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

### **Progression**

- Upon successful completion of the programme at ATU Donegal, students can progress to year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy or BSc (Hons) Dietetics
- All graduates of the programmes in Coventry University are eligible to register with the HCPC in the UK

### **Additional Costs\***

Purpose	Cost	
Course Costs	€200 – student contribution towards Mandatory Training, Uniforms, t-shirts, Vaccinations	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	SU Campus Shop

\*Please note additional costs are not covered by the SUSI grant and students are required to arrange payment through their ATU Student Account.

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