

Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies**LY836****Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies LY826****Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Dietetics Studies LY846**

Dear Student,

Congratulations on being offered a place of study in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences at LYIT. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department to be part of with enthusiastic staff and students. It is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories.

As part of your programme of study you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme of study as they put into practice much of the theory that you have been taught in class. Employers expect and require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. As a Department we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study. Laboratory manuals outlining laboratory procedures for the various practical's will be available for new incoming students in September. Each student must have a copy of the practical manual for those modules which incorporate practical work.

Students on Health Science programmes are required to purchase a Polo shirt available from the Department at an approximate cost of **€20**. Students are required to have protective clothing when working in the science labs. All students will be required to purchase a lab coat which costs **€50** and is available to purchase from the LYIT Student Union shop.

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 approximately **€25 per vaccine** and will be incurred by the student.

Further information on all aspects of the programme will be provided at induction.

COVID-19 remains part of our lives and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are a feature of campus life. In line with Government Guidelines LYIT have place a range of measures to protect both students and staff. For your safety and that of your fellow students and Institute staff, please adhere to all guidelines relating to COVID-19 measures which are in place across the Institute.

Once again congratulations on gaining a place on our Health Sciences programme. Registration and Induction takes place on campus on Tuesday **21st September, and you are required to attend**. Please refer to www.lyit.ie for information on the induction schedule.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Dr Kim McFadden

Head of Department of Life and Physical Sciences