

Nautical Studies @ NMCI

Level 6 Entry

Entry to this course is by direct application to the Admissions Office, National Maritime College of Ireland. Please note that application is NOT through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

Admission Requirements

Applicants should be at least 17 years of age. Applicants are normally expected to have reached the Leaving Certificate level of the Department of Education or equivalent standard. Please see more detailed information below.

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AWARD

Higher Certificate in Science in Nautical Studies

Full-time course duration

3 Years

Helpful Leaving Certificate Subjects

Mathematics, Science subjects, and English.

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N.B. Applicants for this course may be asked to attend a college interview. All applicants must pass the Seafarer Medical and eyesight ests as specified by the Maritime Safety Directorate of the Department of Transport.

Work Placement

The Higher Certificate programme includes in-service training or work placement onboard ship at sea. During this work placement the Learner works alongside the ship's crew in the operation of the vessel and alongside the ship's officers. All in-service training is supported by work placement modules which must be completed by the Learner.

Every effort is made to secure sea berths with shipping companies, but this cannot be guaranteed.

About Nautical Studies

This course provides an opportunity to train for a career as a Seaman or as a Deck Officer in the Merchant Navy. Applicants who train as a Seaman will exit the course after approximately 16 months having attained the Certificate in Seamanship, a minor award associated with the Higher Certificate. They will then be able to obtain employment at sea as a Category 2 Seaman.

Successful Learners completing the full course will obtain a Higher Certificate in Science in Nautical Studies – Level 6. On completion of a Department of Transport oral examination they will be issued with a Certificate of Competency as Officer of the Watch on a vessel of more than 500 gross tonnage. This qualifies the holder to serve as a junior Deck Officer on board a merchant vessel trading worldwide.

Further Studies

Holders of the OOW certificate may proceed to:

1. Chief Mate/Master on vessels of 500 to 3000 gross tonnage
2. Chief Mate/Master on vessels of greater than 3000 gross tonnage

The most appropriate avenue is one of personal preference. However, option 2 gives the widest range of job opportunities and the possibility of a shore based job.

Related Courses

It is anticipated that in the near future a link will be available to the BSc in Nautical Science Level 7 degree programme.

Graduate Profile

Tony Mulcahy
CORK HARBOUR PILOT



'Great course, providing excellent career opportunities.' Tony qualified as Officer of the Watch and worked on Bulk Carriers with Arklow Shipping for a number of years. He returned to CIT to complete qualifications as Chief Officer. He then qualified as Master Mariner and has served as Chief Officer and Master on board a large Car Carrier with United European Car Carriers. Tony is now a Harbour Pilot in the Port of Cork.

First Year Modules

SEMESTER 1

Seafarer Basic Safety Training
Introduction to Seafaring
Bridge Watchkeeping – (work placement)
Shipboard Operations – (work placement)

SEMESTER 2

Creativity, Innovation & Teamwork
Shipboard Support Units
Navigation & Meteorology
Introduction to Coastal Navigation
General Ship Knowledge

Module Information

<http://modules.cit.ie>

CIT has developed a website which gives full details of all modules for all courses. The website also has information on recommended textbooks, average weekly workload, assessments and exams.