

College Information

St. Mary's College of Deaf Education is the only PLC College in Ireland whose instructors are fully trained teachers of the deaf. We offer small groups so that students benefit from maximum individual attention.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the college is by interview.

Applicants must have completed a post-primary senior cycle course.

Mature students are most welcome to apply.

Some courses have special requirements: please refer to particular courses for details.

COURSE CERTIFICATION

Students who successfully complete PLC courses will receive FETAC Certification.

EXTERN EXAMINERS

Each course will have an Extern Examiner who validates the grades awarded in accordance with national standards.

The Extern Examiner will be from a 3rd Level College, Professional Body or an appropriate area of Business/Employment.

COLLEGE LINKS

Graduates from St. Mary's College can progress to reserved places in I.T. Colleges.

These links provide a means for students to pursue their chosen field of study to diploma or degree level and beyond.

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Each piece of work that you submit during the year e.g. assignment, project, test etc. is marked and the mark is recorded.

A high standard of continuous assessment work gains valuable marks towards your final grade.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Relevant work experience is an integral part of all our PLC courses.
Work experience is also an opportunity to secure permanent employment.

COURSE COSTS

There are no tuition fees at St. Mary's College of Deaf Education.
A nominal contribution towards photocopying is payable on acceptance of a college place.
Other costs students may incur are : books, clothing, equipment, examination fees.

GRANTS

A college maintenance grants scheme is in place for PLC students at St. Mary's College.
Eligibility is subject to application and approval under the Maintenance Grants Scheme.
Details are available from your local VEC.

VALUE OF GRANTS 2007/2008

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full Maintenance	€3,420	€1,370
Part Maintenance 50%	€1,710	€ 685

APPLICATION DATES

Application forms are available from January 12th, and they can also be downloaded from the website: www.stmarysdeafgirls.ie
Application forms should be returned by 31st March.
Interviews take place in April.
Offers of places will be made in late April/ early May.