

MIC PROVIDES TOP CLASS PROGRAMMES

Mary Immaculate College continues to feed directly into the core objective of the Mid-West Action Plan for Jobs through a series of new programmes and industry links, and its Strategic Plan (2017-2021) aims to support the creation of jobs and employment across the region.

Mary Immaculate College (MIC) occupies a unique position in the third-level landscape, boasting a 96 per cent student retention rate. This reflects its innovative and vibrant community, distinguished by highly responsive student support services and excellence in learning and research.

Now a multi-campus institute MIC's 4,500 students, across the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education, enjoy conveniently-located campuses in the heart of Limerick City and Thurles town. Recent developments include the unveiling of plans for a 21st century Library and Learning Resource Centre, designed to accommodate the college's increasing student numbers, which are set to reach 5,000 by 2020.

An augmented arts programme, in collaboration with the University of Limerick (UL), now offers students a wider range of subject choices, making it the largest jointly-delivered programme in Ireland. MIC's suite of programmes has been further enhanced with the introduction of the innovative BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies degree.

MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles offers four second-level teaching programmes with unique content and subject combinations. In addition MIC is renowned for its ever-popular primary teaching degrees, early childhood care and education degrees, a range of CPD programmes and postgraduate programmes at Diploma, MA and PhD level.

LINKAGE AND COLLABORATION

As an influential Higher Education Institution in the region, MIC is a key member of the implementation group of the Mid-West Action Plan for Jobs and steering group of the Mid-West Regional Skills Forum.

This enables the College to deepen linkages and further develop collaboration between public and private sector bodies in the region, between enterprise and the education sector, delivering the skills agenda within the region.

According to Dr Maeve Liston, Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement: "MIC is committed to ensuring the ongoing work of the Mid-West Action Plan for Jobs Implementation Committee. We will continue to grow and intensify this commitment by fostering and strengthening our links with enterprise and industry



MIC offers an innovative and creative learning environment distinguished by the first-class facilities, resources and expertise available to students.

and other education providers, both nationally and regionally, in building the skills needs required at all levels.

"Educational providers in the region and within the Shannon Consortium have expertise in a variety of different sectoral niches and through working together are making a significant impact in the area of skills needs and shortages."

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The College's Liberal Arts and Education programmes are widely recognised and celebrated, nationally and internationally, for their academic excellence, offering learners the critical, analytical and transferrable skills central to the success of the ever-evolving economy.

According to Prof Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice President Administration: "MIC plans to continue to feed directly into the core objective of the plan to support the creation of jobs and employment across the region through our Strategic Plan 2017-2021.

"We are planning a new suite of programmes that are innovative, of demonstrably high quality and value to the students, as well as to the wider social, cultural and economic needs of our society. Our strategic plan sets out to ensure all MIC students will be career-ready with key skills transferable to the 21st century workplace."

Prof O'Brien noted that this goal will be achieved as a result of the college's collaborations with representatives from the industry and enterprise sector, local authorities, and other public bodies through the Mid-West Action Plan for Jobs.

He added that MIC intends to broaden its new engagement with enterprise and industry, actively seeking out new opportunities for collaboration and partnership towards shared goals.

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