



Leaving Certificate Applied

Parent Presentation

What is LCA

- It is a 2 year Leaving Certificate available to students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Certificate programme with a vocational focus.



What is different about LCA?

It is practical with emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning.

Work experience is a major component of the programme

There are lots of opportunities to learn in a practical and active way - learn by doing.

There is less emphasis on the final exams as work is assessed throughout the 2 years and students gain credits as they go along.

Work is assessed in different ways - interviews, written, oral and practical assessments

Results from the State Examination Commission are sent out 4 times over the 2 years

What are “Credits”?



As students complete their LCA coursework they are awarded credits. There are 200 credits available in total which are awarded as follows:



62 credits

31%

Ongoing attendance, class work and assignments



70 credits

35%

7 student tasks (project work)



68 credits

34%

7 Final exams



Total:



200 credits

100%



How is the LCA awarded?

- ▶ The LCA is awarded at 3 levels
- ▶ Pass 120-139 Credits
- ▶ Merit 140 -169 Credits
- ▶ Distinction 170 - 200 Credits
- ▶ If you have less than 120 credits you receive a Record of Experience

What Courses (subjects) are taught in LCA?

- ▶ Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- ▶ English and Communication
- ▶ Mathematical Applications
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ Arts Education
- ▶ Social Education
- ▶ Gaeilge Chumarsáideach
- ▶ Modern Language
- ▶ Leisure and Recreation
- ▶ Elective Modules



The background of the slide features a close-up, high-angle shot of architectural blueprints spread out on a surface. A pair of drafting compasses is positioned in the lower-left corner, with its legs open. Two markers, one orange and one green, lie diagonally across the top left of the blueprints. The blueprints themselves show various technical drawings, including a large circular area with dashed lines and several rectangular sections with internal details. The overall color palette is dominated by the white of the paper, the green of the markers, and the dark lines of the blueprints.

Vocational Specialisms

- ▶ These are 2 subjects that students take to develop skills and knowledge to specific careers. These can be
- ▶ Hotel Catering Tourism
- ▶ Craft and Design
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Graphics and Construction studies
- ▶ Office Administration and Customer Care
- ▶ Active Leisure Studies

Further Education and Training

- ▶ LCA is accepted for a wide variety of PLC courses at FETAC Level5.
- ▶ It also provides access to most apprenticeships and vocational training awards.
- ▶ You do not have direct access to Higher Education through the CAO however after PLCs many students progress on to Third Level Education.