

CAO Mature Admission

Who is considered a mature applicant?

A mature applicant is an applicant who is aged 23 and over on the 1st January of the year in which they seek admission regardless of whether an applicant selects Mature Applicants from the Qualifications & Assessment Summary on the CAO application form.

What is the application process?

Applicants apply via the CAO at www.cao.ie. To be considered under the mature route, there are two closing dates: 1st February and 1st May. Note that there are a sub-set of courses which are restricted and must be applied for by the 1st February closing date i.e. SE206 BA (H) in Music see www.cao.ie for the full list of restricted courses.

What is the application and selection process for SE Nursing courses?

To compete as a mature applicant for SE915 BSc (H) in General Nursing, SE914 BSc (H) in Psychiatric Nursing or SE916 BSc (H) in Intellectual Disability Nursing, applicants must have applied to the CAO by the 1st February. Mature applicants must also apply directly to the NMBI. Full details on the NMBI application process are available [here](#). Note that SETU are not involved in the assessment of mature applicants to nursing courses.

The table below sets out the number of mature places currently available in SETU:

Course	Total Places	Quota For Mature Intake	Total Places Available For Mature Intake
SE915 - General	51	15%	8 (7.65)
SE914 - Psychiatric	43	35%	15 (15.05)
SE916 - Intel. Disability	25	35%	9 (8.75)

Applicants may not enter on a Change of Mind any Nursing Course Code (SE914, SE915 & SE916), unless at least one such course code was among the applicants choices at 1st February and the applicant has completed the NMBI assessment in the year they seek admission.

What is the selection Process for SE206 BA (Hons) in Music?

Applicants to SE206 BA (Hons) in Music (Level 8) are assessed solely on the basis of the SETU Music Audition.

Sending supporting documents to CAO

All relevant supporting documentation must be submitted via the CAO. Timelines and instructions are available [here](#).

- Certificates/transcripts should be supplied in their original language and should show dates, subjects and results.
- A certified English translation is required in the case of qualifications not issued originally in English or Irish, in addition to the certified A4 photocopies of the documents themselves.
- Certified copies should only be submitted – certified typically by a school stamp, a HEI Admissions Office stamp, or by a notary. (CAO or SETU will not return original documents.)

- If documentation is in a different name, then a certified copy of the applicant's official name change document must also be provided.

Applicants whose first language is not English

Instruction in SETU is through English. English language proficiency is required for all undergraduate programmes at the University. If English is not an applicant's first language, such applicants must present one of the English Language qualifications listed [here](#) as evidence of competence.

Selection process for courses other than Nursing and Music

Mature applicants are allocated places by SETU based on its mature applicant selection process. Candidates are assessed on evidence which has been submitted to the CAO. Admission to courses may also be subject to interview and/or portfolio. If applicants introduce a new programme to their list of choices by way of Change of Mind for which admission is subject to interview and/or portfolio, they will compete for a place on that programme based on their Leaving Certificate or QQI FET/FETAC results only. They will not compete as a mature applicant. Final admission decisions will be made by the Registrar. Mature Applicants who are unsuccessful in attaining a place through the mature route may still compete on Leaving Certificate or QQI FET/FETAC points in CAO Round 1.