

# Post-Graduate Diploma in Business in Accounting



## A conversion programme aimed at non-accounting graduates from ANY discipline

This programme has been running since 2010, and since then we have fast-tracked hundreds of graduates with a degree in ANY area to pursue careers in Accountancy, Taxation or Business.

DECIDE TO DEVELOP A FOCUSED CAREER – with over 1,000 open vacancies for accountants in Ireland (including over 150 vacancies in Galway alone) now is the time to supercharge your career and complete a one-year post-grad programme that will move you rapidly into a successful and rewarding career in accounting, taxation or business.

Course Title	Credits	NFQ Level	Course Code	Campus	Duration
Post-Graduate Diploma in Accounting	60	9	GAB02	Galway City, Dublin Road Campus	1 Year



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## Why Undertake this Course?

This one year, level 9 programme is:

- A conversion programme and is aimed at non-accounting graduates from ANY discipline.
- Designed to fast-track graduates who wish to pursue careers in Accountancy or Taxation or other Business areas.
- Provides close to the maximum level of professional exemptions possible. Graduates obtain full CAP1 exemptions from Chartered Accountants Ireland, and seven ACCA exemptions.

## What to Expect

- A dedicated post-graduate programme. The small class size facilitates greater interaction for students with lecturers who are experts in their respective fields; this results in an excellent learning environment.
- Support and encouragement from your lecturers to succeed.
- A number of job offers before you complete your final exams.

## Career Opportunities

- There are currently in excess of 1,000 open vacancies for accountants in Ireland and there is full employment for accountants and entry level graduate trainee accountants. In Galway there are currently over 150 open vacancies for accountants at all levels.
- An accounting qualification is international, the skills learned in ATU-Galway and as a professional accountant are as in demand in Brisbane as they are in Ballinasloe.
- Accountancy offers a defined career path, while offering a range of employment options.
- Training as an Accountant offers increasingly varied roles within organisations at the heart of business development.

I want to know more. Who can I talk to?

Michael Gill, Head of Department of Organisational Development, will be happy to help you. You can contact Michael on [michael.gill@atu.ie](mailto:michael.gill@atu.ie)

Or find out more at [www.atu.ie](http://www.atu.ie)



## Graduates



### Martina Casey

Martina graduated with a BA in Hotel & Catering and then decided to pursue a career in accounting.

*“Studying for the post-graduate diploma in accounting involved hard work and commitment but it was an incredibly worthwhile year. There was a great rapport between students and staff, who were always encouraging and supportive”. After completing the post-graduate diploma in Accounting Martina’s careers has really taken off. Martina initially worked in Deloitte as an Audit Associate, followed by a role of Client Service Director with Canyon CTS and Martina is now the Managing Director at Boutique Telecom / Phone Warehouse. Martina says “It is a great course – all my classmates developed fantastic careers after graduating with the post-graduate diploma in accounting. I highly recommend the course – it supercharges your career!”*



### Aoife Loftus Accountant with the Keogh Accountancy Group

Aoife graduated with a BA in English & Philosophy and then decided to focus on building a career in accounting.

*“This course is brilliant – I had not studied accounting before, not even for the leaving certificate! You get close to the maximum level of professional exemptions. The lecturers are great, the class size is small so that there is a great learning environment. Many of my classmates had job offers before their exams. Overall, it is an amazing course, and I recommend it to people all the time.”*



### Sarah O’Dwyer

Sarah graduated with a BA in English & Psychological Studies, and then decided to study for the postgraduate diploma in accounting.

*“This programme gave me the perfect base to begin my career in accounting. The lecturers were always on hand to help with any queries I had or with any difficulties I was experiencing. I have had a great career since graduating with the post-graduate diploma in accounting. I worked as a Deal Advisory Senior with KPMG, then I moved to Phoenix American Financial Services where I worked as a Senior Financial Accountant and now, I am an Accountant Team Manager at Avaya. I highly recommend this course; it opens many and varied careers pathways.”*



### Darragh Browne

Darragh graduated with a B.Sc. in Exercise & Health Fitness, and then studied for the postgraduate diploma in accounting.

*“I graduated in 2022 and now work with Deloitte in Galway. I found the course brilliant, and the small class size makes for a great learning environment. Doing this course has helped me enormously to get my career kickstarted. I would encourage anyone to seriously consider this course as it opens up a multitude of career paths.”*



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