

Film & Broadcasting

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Skills developed in college

You've developed a range of skills through your education, work experience and personal interests and achievements.

Understanding what skills you have to offer and like to use can help you understand what you want in a career, as well as providing key information for job or further study applications.

In terms of securing a job, academic qualifications alone will not guarantee success. Evidence-based skills sections on your CV can demonstrate the broad range of qualities you have to offer employers.

[Opposite are some of the main skills you may have developed while in college:](#)

Communication skills, both verbal and written

Expressing ideas effectively and conveying information appropriately and accurately. Influencing others by expressing self effectively in a group and in one to one situations. Showing a range of verbal and nonverbal signals that the information being received is understood.

Teamwork/working with others

Working effectively and confidently within a group to achieve a common goal or task. Including understanding your role within the team, and listening and supporting other team members.

Problem-solving ability

Identifying, prioritising and solving problems, individually or in groups; possessing the ability to ask the right questions, sort out the many facets of a problem, and contribute ideas as well as answers regarding the problem.

Time-management skills/ability to meet deadlines

Managing several tasks at once; being able to set priorities and to allocate time efficiently in order to meet deadlines.

Planning and organising

Establishing a course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a specific goal. Planning proper assignments of personnel and appropriate allocation of resources.

Leadership skills

Motivating and taking responsibility to lead other people, in order to achieve set goals and objectives.

Initiative & self-management

Identifying opportunities and being proactive in putting forward ideas and potential solutions. Self-disciplined and self-motivated, in the pursuit of studies and professional practice.

Ability to make quick decisions/work under pressure

Making decisions and taking action. Maintaining performance under pressure and/or opposition.

[You may also have developed a wide range of technical/specific course related skills](#)

Types of employers/industry sectors

Some of the main types of employers/industry sectors in which Film and Broadcasting graduates work include:

- TV stations
- Broadcast production companies
- Corporate production companies
- Film & TV Agencies
- Documentary production companies
- Radio Stations – local, national & community
- Websites / on-line
- Advertising/PR/Marketing Agencies
- Newspapers – local, national, regional
- Weeklies, magazines, journals, periodicals
- Government departments and agencies.
- News Pictures Agencies
- Educational Bodies
- Recording Studios
- Media Agencies
- Media Groups
- Animation companies

For sector information see:

- www.gradireland.com
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.prospects.ac.uk
- www.targetjobs.co.uk

Career options with your course

Some of main occupations and job profiles secured by Film and Broadcasting graduates include:

- Production Assistant
- Broadcast Assistant
- Researcher
- Producer – TV / Film / Radio
- Director – TV / Film
- Presenter
- Newscaster
- Continuity Announcer
- Commentator
- Vision Mixer
- Editor – Off-line & On-line
- Sound Technician
- Designer
- Cinematographer
- Floor Manager
- Broadcast engineer
- Lighting director
- Lighting technician - broadcasting/film/video
- Sound technician - broadcasting/film/video
- Animator
- Screen Playwright
- Casting agent/director
- Boom operator
- Television camera assistant
- Television camera operator
- Media distributor
- Multimedia/On-line specialist
- Production designer, television/film
- Production manager
- Location manager
- Props manager
- Studio manager
- Sub-title producer
- Scriptwriter
- Writer
- Advertising Sales
- Broadcast journalist
- Correspondent
- Arts Administrator
- Runner
- Director of Photography
- Art department assistant

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Employers who have recruited in your area

Companies who have recruited Film and Broadcasting graduates:

- UTV Ireland
- Redwater Film Productions
- Q102
- Cube Media
- Web Together
- Spin 103.8
- Think House
- Olive Media
- Samson Films
- Brown Bag Films
- Element Pictures
- Kino Dublin
- TV3
- Vittalia
- Red Square Media

Job Hunting

It is important that you access both the advertised and hidden jobs market and use any and every means available to you to job hunt effectively.

Advertised Jobs

Most University and IT Careers Services have jobs listings on their websites:

www.tudublin.ie/jobscene

Graduate programmes and immediate vacancies

www.prospects.ac.uk & www.targetjobs.co.uk

Graduate jobs UK

www.gradireland.com

Immediate jobs/Summer/Graduate programmes

www.mondotimes.com

Local and national press

www.publicjobs.ie

www.localgovernmentjobs.ie

Public service

www.irishjobs.ie/agencies

Complete list of recruitment agencies/online recruitment sites

www.mandy.com

Media jobs worldwide

Company Websites - Immediate vacancies and Internships

www.tudublin.ie/careers

www.bbc.co.uk/jobs

www.channel4.com/4careers

www.itvjobs.com

www.workforsky.com

Vacancies/Graduate Programmes UK

www.indeed.ie – Ireland (various job boards)

irishjobfairy (twitter)

Google alerts: www.google.com/alerts www.prosperity.ie

• www.broadcastnow.co.uk

• www.productionbase.co.uk

• www.grapevinejobs.com

• www.orchardsuits.co.uk

• www.profilescreative.com

UK –

<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/oireachtas-tv/oireachtas-tv-channel/>

Oireachtas TV

Radio opportunities: www.radiotodayjobs.com UK – www.radiocentre.org

Other

- Careers fairs – Gradireland Fair – Autumn and Summer Fair, plus many others.
- Specialist Magazines & Publications
- www.mediaweekjobs.co.uk
- www.theradiomagazine.co.uk
- www.filmireland.net – published monthly, Ireland on Screen
- Notice boards/Student email account/Lecturers
- Company Presentations

Voluntary Sector/Charities

www.activelink.ie

Voluntary Sector/Charity/NGO vacancies in voluntary sector

www.volunteeringireland.com

www.dochas.ie

Association of non-governmental development organisations

www.comhlamh.org

Volunteering opportunities

www.wheel.ie/directory

Directory of voluntary and community organisations

Unadvertised Jobs

Networking

- Job shadow/informational interviewing/work experience.
- Use help from anyone in you network – friends/family/neighbours/colleagues/friends from clubs and societies.
- Get in touch with past guest speakers.
- Utilise 'First Destination Reports' – shows where past graduates have secured work.
- Professional Bodies.
- Join Alumni Association/linkedin TU Dublin Alumni group.
- Find a mentor/keep a job hunting record.
- Utilise contacts gained from: thesis/college work, projects, dissertation, 'advertising campaign', group project/class website/blogs/employer database.
- Utilise contact made through guest lecture series/visits to agencies/previous graduates speakers.
- Use directories for industry contacts –Kompass.com, Irish Media Contacts Directory, IFTN, Hotpress Directory, Marketing Services Directory, Public Affairs Ireland, PRIL, IDA Ireland/Enterprise Ireland
- UK Directories: UK Film Makers Network - shootingpeople.org, Film and TV production directory UK - www.4rfv.co.uk, Directory of UK radio industry – www.radioacademy.org, independent media companies – www.pact.co.uk

Contact companies directly

- Speculative applications and cold calling.
Think about your offering.
- Utilise directories <http://www.mondotimes.com/newspapers/ireland.html> allnewspapers.com, IFJ, EJC, Kompass.com, golden pages
- Contact companies before holiday times – Christmas and Summer.
- Get a foot in the door.
- Contact companies with ideas of your own to assist their business/ save them money.

Entrepreneurship

- Freelancing/Work experience/Self-employment/Start-Up
- <http://www.dit.ie/careers/studentsgraduates/interestedinselfemployment/>
- TU Dublin Hothouse - www.dit.ie/hothouse/
- Local Enterprise Office - www.localenterprise.ie
- The Digital Hub - www.thedigitalhub.com

Track companies

- Check out Labour Market trends, www.careersportal.ie, IDA (Industrial sectors), www.dit.ie/careers (labour market news), www.bci.ie – broadcasting commission news radio licences
- Search newspaper business pages on-line to get success stories on businesses as they are growing – TU Dublin Careers website (labour market news)
- Check out industry award recipients, e.g. IFTAs
- Check who has received funding – Intl broadcasting networks & commissions, film boards – see mondotimes.com for links
- TV / Radio credits

Other proactive ideas

- Enter competitions / scholarships e.g., Cork Film Centre – script writing competitions
- Contribute to publications in different ways – e.g.: letters
- Get Work Experience / internship
- Try casual work, night shifts/weekends (local papers, radio stations)
- Consider alternative roles (marketing, advertising, PR, Public Affairs)
- Social networking sites (facebook, twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Blog, Discussion Groups) Linked-In (set up a profile, link to others, search for companies - employees who have Linked-in profiles, advertised jobs)
- See this link for lots of help and hints <https://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students>
- Follow target companies on facebook, linked-in, twitter
- Casual work, night shifts/weekends (local papers, radio stations, events)
- Attend festivals, summer schools, training courses, e.g. screentrainingireland.ie

For more information on how to go about finding a job and job-hunting sites, [See www.tudublin.ie/careers](http://www.tudublin.ie/careers)

Interviews

For more information on how to perform in interviews, [See www.tudublin.ie/careers](http://www.tudublin.ie/careers)

CVs/Cover letters and applications

For information on how to put together a great CV/Cover Letter or Application, [See www.tudublin.ie/careers](http://www.tudublin.ie/careers)

Useful links (e.g. Company Databases, Professional Bodies, LinkedIn Groups)

This list contains links to some of the most useful websites for your course including professional bodies and associations, employer directories, information sources and LinkedIn groups.

General websites — useful links

www.iftn.ie – Irish Film and Television Network – ‘production’ – list of current film productions

www.ifi.ie – Irish Film Institute - list of production companies

www.filmboard.ie - ‘news and information’ – ‘funding decisions’ – documentaries/feature films in production – artscouncil.ie

www.mii.ie – Marketing Institute of Ireland

www.iapi.ie – Inst. of Advertising Practitioners in Ireland

www.prii.ie – PR Institute

www.publishingireland.com -- Publishing Ireland

www.nuj.org.uk – National Union of Journalists

www.ireland-writers.com – Irish Writer’s Union

www.bci.ie – Broadcasting Commission of Ireland

www.siptu.ie

www.niftc.co.uk- Northern Ireland Film and TV Commission

www.bfi.org.uk – British Film Institute

www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk – UK Film Council

www.launchingfilms.co.uk – UK Film and Cinema employers

www.aoifeonline.com Association of Irish Festival Events

www.artscouncil.ie Arts Council (Ireland)

www.ifacca.org International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies

www.castandhire.ie/ Filmmakers networking platform

Careers open to all disciplines (Including ‘Paths Into...’ Series)

Many graduate vacancies don’t require specific degree subjects as possession of a degree is taken as evidence of intellectual ability. What is more important to the potential employer is the range of transferable skills and experience you can demonstrate.

Many graduate training programmes take final year students from a wide range of disciplines, register with the [Career Development Centre’s Jobsence](http://www.careerdevelopmentcentre.ie) for a full list of programmes. Here is a range of career areas that are potentially open to graduates of all disciplines. It’s important to note that some of these options may require further study either on the job or beforehand.

If you are considering diversifying or changing career direction a postgraduate conversion course may be a viable option.

Some examples of career areas open to students of all disciplines:

- Teaching & Education
- Financial Services & Accounting
- Marketing, Advertising and PR
- Retail, Sales and Customer Service
- Banking, insurance and financial services
- Charities and voluntary sector
- Fund management / administration and investment banking
- Human resources, recruitment and training
- Management consulting
- Management, business and administration
- Media and publishing
- Public sector and civil service
- Social, community and youth

For further information see: www.gradireland.com/career-sectors

Further Study

Are you considering further study or training? See www.tudublin.ie/careers for comprehensive information

Conversion courses

Some graduates find that their primary degree did not meet their expectations, either vocationally, academically or personally, and seek change career direction. Conversion courses offer the opportunity to diversify into another chosen career area while meeting the necessary entry requirements for that discipline. However, it should be noted that this is not the case for all disciplines e.g. disciplines such as science and engineering will require an undergraduate degree in that discipline. As with all choices good research and planning are very important. Here are some examples of postgraduate courses pursued by graduates of your discipline:

- MSc Advertising - TU Dublin
- MA Public Affairs and Political Communication- TU Dublin
- PhD Digital Media – TU Dublin
- Masters, Creative Writing – TCD
- Masters, Equality Studies – UCD
- MSc Digital Marketing – DCU
- Masters Film Studies – TCD
- Masters, Acting for Screen – University abroad
- Masters Creative Documentary – University abroad

Other Options (e.g. Time out, travel etc.)

Volunteering and working with communities with is a great way to gain valuable real world experience, to develop new skills, to meet new people, to do something worthwhile and to improve your employability. For more details, see www.tudublin.ie/careers.

Labour Market Information

For information on the latest labour market trends see www.tudublin.ie/careers.

Additional Information / Advice

For any query you might have, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.