



HPAT-Ireland Information Guide

Begin your journey to becoming a doctor with us

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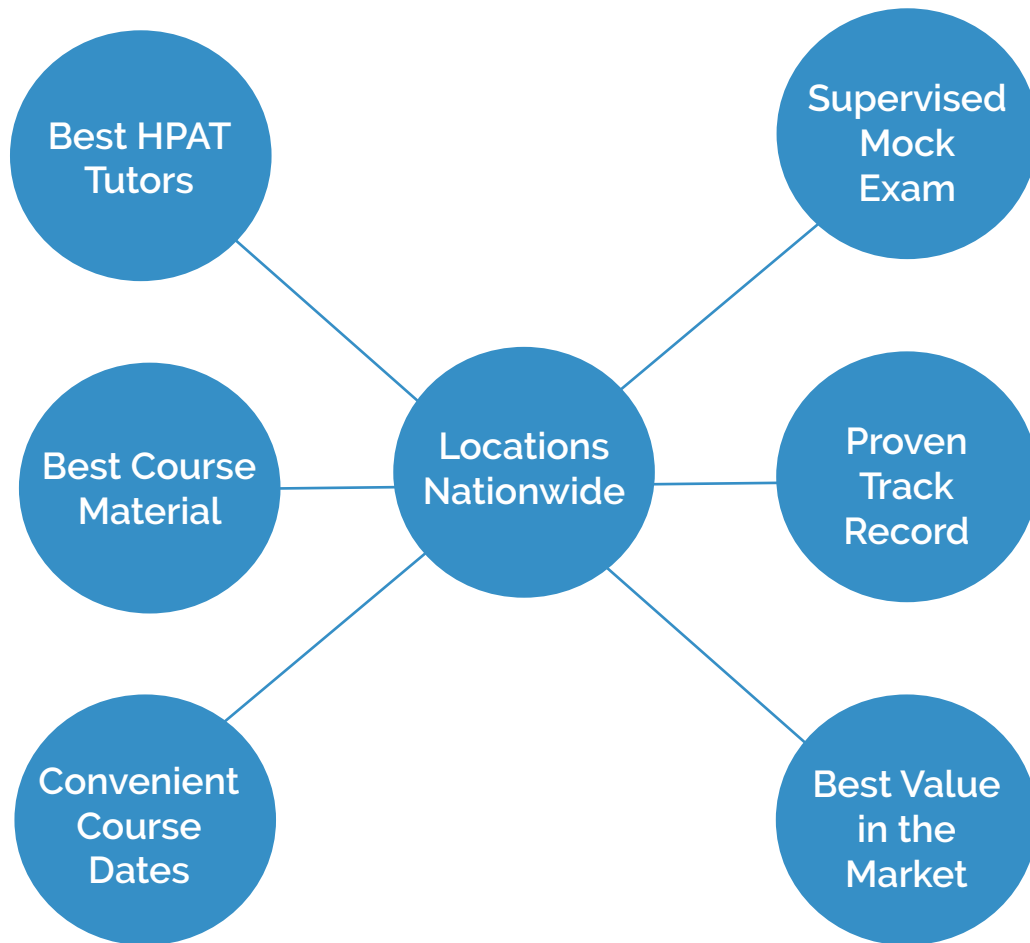


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why choose our course

benefits of our course



customer satisfaction

We are proud to inform you that on our most recent customer survey (of 1,143 participants) 99.8% of respondents stated that they would recommend a Career Services course to a colleague, friend or relative. No other preparation and training company can boast such success!





Top 5 reasons to choose us!

	Career Services 	Other Medicine Entry Course Providers 
Customer Service	We are an Irish company based in Ireland, so you will always be able to reach us by phone or email when you need us. Need advice – speak to a tutor.	Many providers can be based outside of Ireland with little or no customer service in Ireland and in a completely different time zone!
Tutors & Experience	Our tutors work full time with us and are the best in the psychometric exam industry . In fact, other grind schools claiming to be HPAT experts have contracted Career Services to help them run their courses and charge students extortionate prices.	Some course providers contract their staff which means it is hard to know who is running their courses or their level of expertise. Beware of “medical experts” and ‘previous HPAT students’ tutoring courses.
Quality	We believe in quality over quantity when it comes to our course material and content. Our 40+hr study plan has been designed to fit around your Leaving Certificate study schedule, and to ensure you are getting the best quality material and content that you can realistically work through alongside your other studies.	Some course providers can overload students with 1000’s of practice questions that are not at the same difficulty level of the official exam. This is an inefficient use of your study time. These are also only available in an online format and do not consider that this is a paper-based exam.
Small Classroom Sizes	Our classroom sizes are kept small (10 – 30 students) to allow for one to one attention if required, and to ensure a complete understanding of what is being covered by all attendees.	Other course providers have classes sized with 100+ attendees and only a single tutor. These crammed conditions are unacceptable for effective learning.
Price	Our courses are by far the best value on the market whilst maintaining the content & quality of materials. In fact, we are currently offering a reduction for our HPAT Complete Package from €350 to €280!	Other providers charge very expensive prices for their courses which lack many of the benefits outlined.



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Planning to study Medicine

Entry into university courses including Medicine is officiated by the Central Applications Office (CAO). Interested students are also required to pass the Health Professions Admissions Test (HPAT).

Students will require top grades in the Leaving Certificate as well as the ability to achieve a good grade in the HPAT examination. Those considering studying Medicine should be making calculated decisions early in their senior cycle of secondary school to ensure that their subject choice is suited to their course requirements and that they consistently score high grades.

With high calibre students throughout Ireland competing for much sought after university course spaces, the reality is that many students with a passion to study Medicine in 3rd level will not succeed in achieving their course place.



“Students need to be realistic about their expectations of achieving the marks required”



Where to Begin

So, you have made the commitment to apply for Medicine and you plan to sit the HPAT-Ireland. Studying for the Leaving Certificate in June will take up the vast majority of your time between now and when you sit the HPAT-Ireland. And that is as it should be.

The Leaving Certificate requires a vast amount of hours of study to be undertaken in order for you to achieve 550+ points, which will be realistically needed for you to be in contention for those precious medicine university course places next August.

Since the introduction of bonus points for Higher Level Maths, the Leaving Certificate has a maximum score of 625 points, while the HPAT-Ireland has a maximum of 300 points. That is nearly 1/3 of the maximum points available when applying for medicine. While 300 points is the maximum score in theory, the highest ever score of 243 was achieved in 2015.



achieving success

smart study

We are not recommending that you spend as much time studying for the HPAT-Ireland as you would for a subject like Maths.

What we are recommending is a realistic study plan that will help you achieve your maximum HPAT-Ireland score in the small amount of time that you have available to you.

With an exam like the HPAT-Ireland you will find that you will get most of the benefit from your earliest study sessions.

So, when you think of the time that you will be putting into your Maths, Irish, Chemistry, etc. you should also keep in mind the importance of putting aside some time for studying for the HPAT-Ireland



“You need a realistic study plan for
the small amount of time available
to you”

Why was the HPAT introduced?

Traditionally, in order to study Medicine, students were required to achieve close to 600 points in the Leaving Certificate

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To curtail the points race

The HPAT-Ireland was introduced as the undergraduate entry test to Medicine, to curtail the need to attain a near perfect leaving cert score.

Many students were alienated from Medicine in the past, due to what was seen by many potential candidates as unattainable Leaving Certificate results. Since the HPAT-Ireland was introduced, Leaving Certificate students require a reduce number of points.

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Assessing other skills

Universities in Ireland also felt that the Leaving Cert Exam did not go far enough in assessing certain aptitudes.

Problem solving and interpersonal understanding are deemed to be necessary skills for medicine students. Hence, one of the purposes of the HPAT-Ireland is to assess these skills.



Registering for the HPAT exam

Who should register

The HPAT-Ireland is a prerequisite exam for undergraduates wishing to study Medicine in Ireland. Medicine applicants must either be in their final year of school or have completed their Leaving Certificate prior to the year they sit the HPAT-Ireland Exam.

The HPAT-Ireland is also a prerequisite exam for students intending on studying the postgraduate M.Sc. Occupational Therapy and M.Sc. Speech and Language Therapy in the University of Limerick.



Please note that 5th year students are welcome to attend a Career Services Preparation Course but cannot sit the official exam until they are in 6th year.

CAO Number

Before registering for HPAT-Ireland, applicants must first get their CAO number. This number is required to complete your HPAT-Ireland registration.

To get a CAO number you need to apply online at www.cao.ie

Registering with ACER

In order to sit the official exam (usually held in February each year), students will need to register on:

<https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/>

When entering your account details, you should ensure that your name and date of birth match EXACTLY the identification document that you will present on the test day. These details will also be printed on your Admission Ticket and Statement of Results.



Registrations usually open in early November and usually close in late January

Important

Enrolling into a HPAT-Ireland preparation course is not the same as registering for the official HPAT exam.



HPAT sections and scoring

2014 changes to weighting

In every HPAT-Ireland exam up until (and including) 2013, Sections 1, 2 and 3 were each worth 33.33% of your total HPAT score.

As of 2014 the following changes took place *(see following pages)*

There are three sections to the HPAT-Ireland Exam:

- Logical Reasoning & Problem Solving
- Interpersonal Understanding
- Non-Verbal Reasoning





Section 1: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving 40%

Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving. This section is worth 40% of the marks allocated.

This section is made up of a variety of question types including scientific case studies, graphs, diagrammatic puzzles etc.





Section 2: Interpersonal Understanding 40%

Interpersonal Understanding.
This is worth 40% of the marks
allocated.

This section provides a series of
text passages, narratives and
dialogues in which you must
draw conclusions on the
thoughts and feelings of
characters.



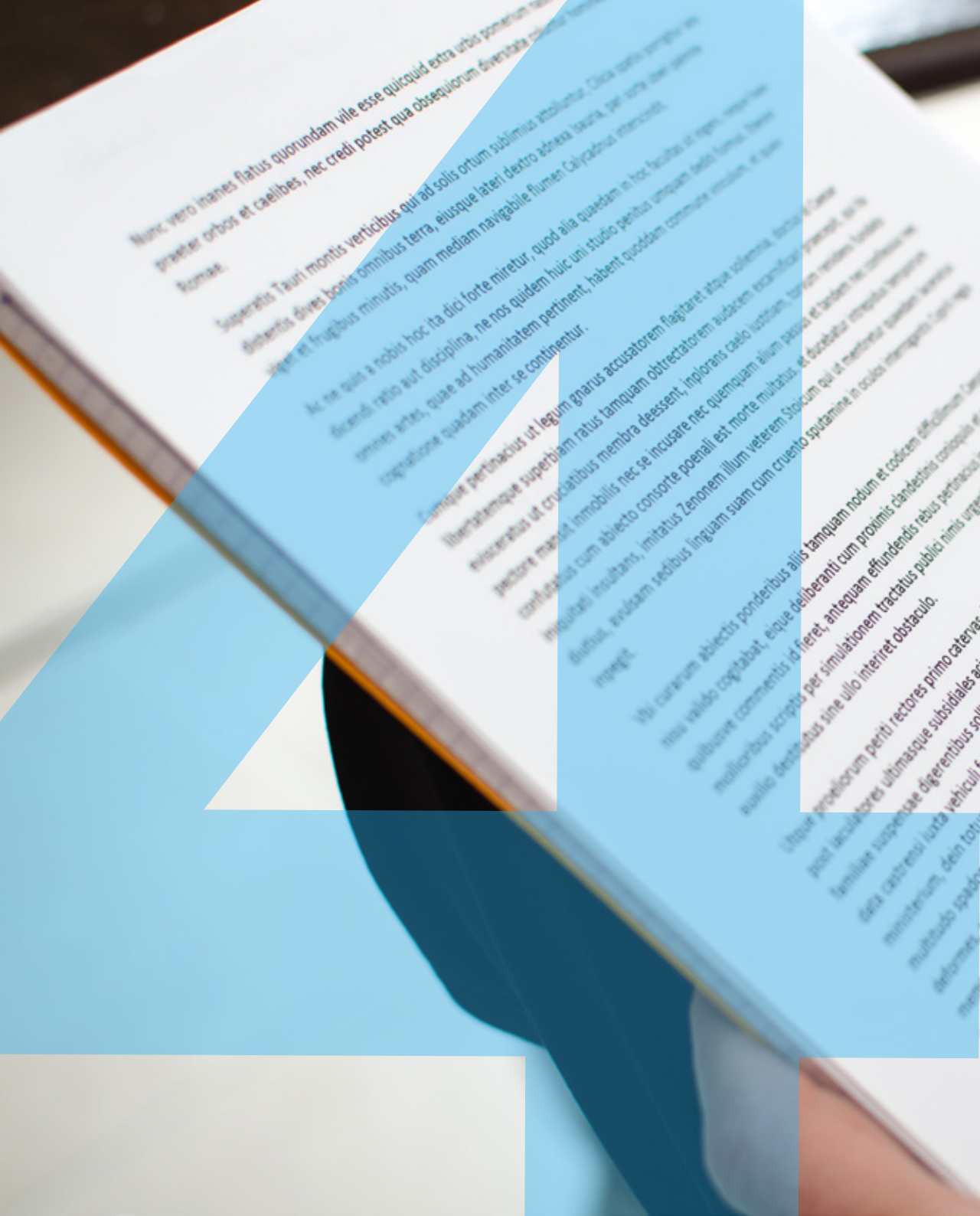


Section 3: Non-Verbal Reasoning 20%

Non-Verbal Reasoning. This is worth 20% of the marks allocated.

This section involves finding patterns in a series of shapes.





Section 4: Written English (UL Postgraduate only)

NB: Section 4 is **only** for students intending on studying postgraduate M.Sc. Occupational Therapy and M.Sc. Speech and Language Therapy in the University of Limerick.

UL Postgraduates must complete another test in addition to the three sections above called: Written Communication. This test involves writing 2 mini essays demonstrating the ability to convey an opinion and structure an argument.



HPAT-Ireland and Leaving Certificate adjusted system



Leaving certificate & HPAT score

The competitive selection criterion for entry to Medicine will be on the basis of the weighted combination of the LCE and HPAT-Ireland scores.

For school-leaving applicants who meet the minimum subject entry requirements and the 480 points criterion in the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate exam, allocation of places for Medicine will be determined on the basis of a combination of the Leaving Certificate Examination (LCE) score and the HPAT-Ireland.

Before the scores are combined, Leaving Certificate Examination scores above 550 points will be adjusted to a maximum score of 565 points (see table on following page).

This is to strike an appropriate balance between the perceived pressures on students to achieve maximum grades in the Leaving Certificate Examination while at the same time recognising excellence when it has been achieved.



Adjusted Leaving Certificate Points from 550 onwards

Normal L.C.E. Points	Adjusted L.C.E. Points for Medicine
550	550
551-555	551
556-560	552
561-565	553
566-570	554
571-575	555
576-580	556
581-585	557
586-590	558
591-595	559
596-600	560
601-605	561
606-610	562
611-615	563
616-620	564
621-625	565



Summary

Maximum points available for entry into Medicine is:

$$565 + 300 = 865$$

(LCE) + (HPAT)



realistic expectations

Since the introduction of the HPAT-Ireland the minimum Leaving Certificate points total that is required to gain entry into medicine is 480.

However, we will see that this is not realistic and you will have to be aiming for a much higher Leaving Certificate points total to be successful.

First of all, let us take a look at the CAO points that were required to gain entry into Medicine in 2019.

University	Points
NUI Galway	726
Royal College of Surgeons	729
Trinity College Dublin	730
University College Cork	729
University College Dublin	736



If you were to achieve a Leaving Certificate score of 480 + 25 Maths bonus points, it would give you a total of 505 points for your Leaving Certificate. This would mean having to score 221 (726 minus 505) in the HPAT-Ireland to gain entry in to medicine in NUIG. While a HPAT-Ireland score of 221 is possible, it is highly unlikely.



Achieving a score of 170 in the HPAT places you in the top 20% of candidates



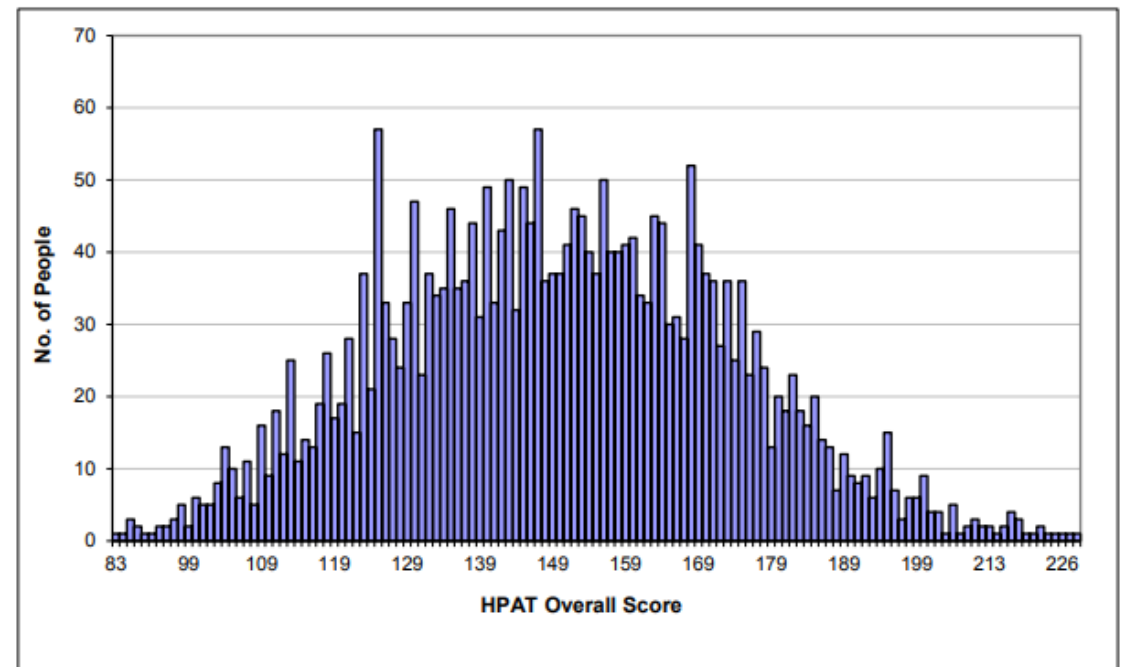
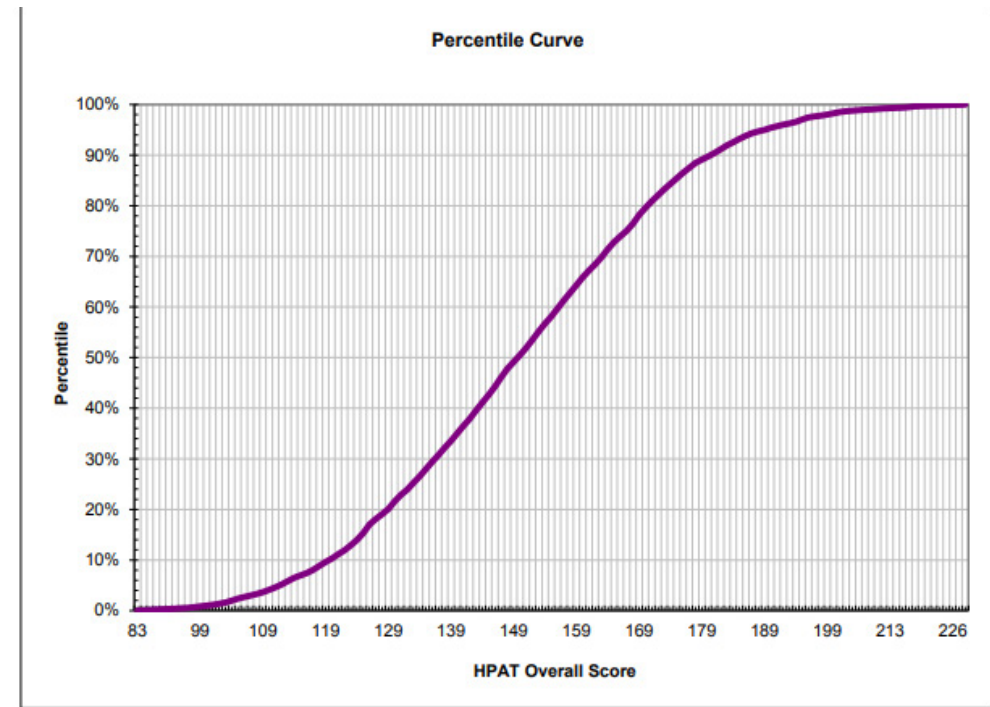
170+

Your aim
should be to
get into the top
20% by scoring
170 or above

percentile curve graphs

The HPAT-Ireland is a very low scoring exam, where a score of 170+ would be regarded as a very strong HPAT-Ireland result.

In previous exams, students in the 80th percentile (top 20%) could expect to have received a HPAT-Ireland score of just over 170/300.



“The bottom line is; if you drop points in your Leaving Cert, you will have to pick them up in your HPAT-Ireland and vice versa”

preparing to succeed

How do I get 170+ in the HPAT-Ireland?

In the following page, we have outlined a general Study Plan Guide for you to develop your own personalised HPAT-Ireland Study Plan.

This study arrangement has been successful in aiding thousands of Leaving Certificate students to achieve their desired HPAT-Ireland score, and was the study plan used by the highest ever achieving HPAT-Ireland candidate who scored 243/300.



We can help
guide you to
success



study plan guide

01

Visit and research

thoroughly the official HPAT-Ireland website:

<https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/>

02

Read

Selection Criteria for Undergraduate Entry to Medicine". It can be found by searching for "Undergraduate Entry to Medicine" in Google.

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Career Services 1,2,3 Tuition Modules

(Home Study Pack)

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Career Services Section 1, 2, 3 Practice Questions

(Home Study Pack)

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Preparation Day Course

in your chosen location
(HPAT Complete
Package customers only)

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ACER Practice Tests 1, 2 and 3

these practice tests are copyrighted by ACER and as a result can only be purchased from the official HPAT-Ireland website.

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Supervised Mock Exam

(HPAT Complete Package customers only). Our supervised mock exam gives you the opportunity to have a 'trial run' a couple of weeks before the official exam. Fully worked solutions will be given to you at the end of this test for you to study in the weeks before the official exam.

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Take Official HPAT Exam

The official date for the HPAT-Ireland exam is usually held at the end of February of each year.



Ireland's Leading HPAT Preparation Courses

Who are Career Services?

Established in 1987, we are Ireland's leading education and training company in psychometric testing.

We have grown and developed over the years by supporting thousands of candidates interested in achieving success during the selection process for a variety of careers and university courses.

Today, Career Services is made up of a team of dedicated professionals heading up course design and delivery, customer engagement and satisfaction, innovation, and cost reduction to ultimately bring the most thorough courses to our students.



Our HPAT preparation courses

what sets us apart

Our preparation course focuses on blended learning, where you will benefit from a variety of classroom teaching, paper based notes, and online practice questions.

There are other preparation course providers to choose from, but none that offer the same level of quality and affordability as the Career Services HPAT-Ireland course.



We have been running Ireland's most successful preparation courses for the HPAT-Ireland since its inception in 2009



“According to our most recent customer survey, almost 1 in 3 of our students were successful”

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We know that it is important that you have options to choose from for your preparation so we provide **two HPAT course options**

Option 1

HPAT COMPLETE PACKAGE

The HPAT Complete pack is the ultimate HPAT-Ireland study package and will give you the best all-round preparation



Our flagship course

The HPAT Complete Package consists of:

1-Day Preparation Course
(with online resources)

HPAT Home Study Pack

Supervised Mock Exam



Our HPAT Complete Package has repeatedly improved students' HPAT-Ireland exam scores.

It comprises of three separate parts. Together, they act as a complete blended study programme that enables you to peak for the official HPAT exam.



Part 1: the day course & online tutorials

Full comprehensive day course with online resources

This course has helped produce the highest scoring HPAT-Ireland score since the HPAT-Ireland exam began. You will attend a full day of tuition in a classroom setting where the class size will not be any larger than it would be in school.

The tutors presenting this course allow for valuable interaction between you and the tutor. This ensures that you get individual attention should you require it. The day course is all about building your confidence. Interactive overheads, excellent course notes and tuition are used to great effect and help to maximise your understanding. Following the day course, you will be able to revisit what you covered on the day course with our expertly designed online tutorials consisting of questions and video lessons for sections 1 and 3.





Comprehensive paper based pack with 40+ hours of home study material and fully worked solutions. Online version available at time of booking.

Part 2: the HPAT home study pack

Continue your study and practice at home

You will receive your comprehensive Home Study Package at the day course following a full tuition. Your online version will be available at the time of booking. This comprehensive pack consists of 30+ hours of home study material.

Your study will include Tuition, Practice Questions, and Solutions for each of the Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the HPAT-Ireland exam. Fully worked solutions are also provided for the official ACER Practice Test 2 exam paper – (ACER now provide the solutions for Practice Test 1 when students register for the HPAT-Ireland exam)



Part 3: supervised mock exam

Take a practice run before your official exam

The Supervised Mock Exam is a practice exam that you will get to sit under strict exam conditions. It takes place before you sit the official HPAT-Ireland exam. It will allow you to fine tune the skills that you have learned during your preparation. It will also allow you to clear yourself of any pre-exam nerves that you may experience. Fully worked solutions to this mock exam will be given out. These solutions will make ideal study material for you during the last days before the official HPAT-Ireland exam.



The benefits of a mock exam are far reaching! Get rid of any pre-exam nerves and identify areas of improvement or focus in the run up to the official exam



features



- Intensive full day course
- Paper-based home study practice
- Structured approach to question styles
- Substantial top quality practice material
- Full Supervised Mock Exam
- The best HPAT-Ireland exam tutors in the country
- Small class sizes in venues nationwide

benefits

- Full and comprehensive tuition
- Be fully familiar with question styles & types
- Maximise your HPAT exam scores in all sections
- Every aspect of the HPAT exam sections covered
- Learn from top expert tutors
- Learn how to study with structure & purpose
- Learn tips and techniques on time management and more
- Reduce anxiety & gain confidence for the official exam
- Perform at your best for the official exam



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Option 2

HPAT HOME STUDY PACK

Comprehensive study course and an ideal study option for those who simply cannot attend a day course



The HPAT home study pack



Comprehensive paper based pack with 40+ hours of home study material and fully worked solutions. Online version available at the time of booking.

Study from the comfort of your own home

The HPAT Home Study Pack begins with giving you the essential background knowledge that you will need for the HPAT-Ireland exam. Then, it helps you to tailor your very own HPAT-Ireland study plan.

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