



Association for Higher Education Access & Disability

AHEAD Start Online Course

[AHEADSTART](#), is AHEAD's blended learning training course on supporting students with disabilities in further and higher education. The number of students with disabilities in education is increasing year on year and educational institutions are legally responsible under Irish law for ensuring that they are included and accommodated. This interactive course will provide professional staff, such as teachers, careers advisors or dedicated support staff with a systematic approach to supporting students with disabilities including practical templates to carry out Needs Assessments. These Assessments are required to make an application the National Access Office for the additional funding to support students with disabilities in 3rd Level Courses and provide evidence of compliance with equality and disability legislative requirements.

AHEAD Start - Course on supporting students with disabilities in 3rd level





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[Course Modules:](#)

Module 1: Disability: Attitudes, Policy and Legislation – A History

Module 2: Understanding Disability

Module 3: Supports & Reasonable Accommodations

Module 4: Needs Assessment & Funding

The [course](#) is run twice yearly (autumn and spring) and takes a blended learning approach, which includes a full day (optional) pre-term seminar, coupled with an 18-22 hour online course completed over a 6-8 week term. The online part can be completed anywhere you have access to a computer, internet connection and headphones (see the full requirements in our FAQ) and can be done at times that suit your work schedule (within the specified term time).

For more information on how to enrol, course modules and fees click [here](#) to visit AHEAD's website and [FAQs page](#).
