

# School of Health & Science

## Student Ambassador Profile 2024





**DK781**

**Bioscience**

**2nd Year**

**Shona**

*McEvoy Elliman*

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose to study science as it is a subject I am very interested in especially forensics, and I felt it would be my future career. It is also a very engaging and fascinating course.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

For my typical day at college I would have a lab in the morning for 2/3 hours, then a break and a couple lectures, and a tutorial most days.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I'm in the biosoc committee.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?**

College events is a highlight in DkIT, they're always well organised and entertaining to take part in.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I would like to carry on with my education and get my masters, then preferably I'd like to work with forensics, although I would like to explore various scientific paths.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Attend the lectures, they're very useful. Enjoy college and take part in events around the campus. Stay on top of assignments and projects.



**DK783**

**Pharmaceutical Science**

**2nd Year**

**Laiba**

**Wajahat**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

Ever since I was a kid, my love for science has driven my curiosity and passion for understanding the world around me. This fascination naturally led me to choose a program in pharmaceuticals. The programme contains equal balance of theory and practicals which is amazing.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

So I wake up around 8 am rush out my door at 8:50 because I literally live 5 minutes away from college. Then usually have a lab in the morning. The lab lasts around 2 to 3 hours. After the lab, me and my friends head over to the canteen for lunch. After lunch, I attend my lectures and tutorial. We try to squeeze in a sweet treat walk between lectures, And then I go home around 4 or 5pm.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I belong to the Desi society as known as the South Asian society. I work as the events manager in the society.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT?**

The friendships I've made in DkIT have been incredibly rewarding and enriching to both my academic journey and personal growth. Sharing experiences and tackling challenges together in my course has fostered strong bonds, creating a supportive and inspiring community. These relationships have added joy and depth to my college experience, making it truly memorable.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

After graduation, I hope to advance my studies by pursuing a master's degree in pharmaceuticals.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Stay Organized: Keep a planner and manage your time well to balance classes, assignments, and social activities. Get Involved, join clubs and societies to meet new people, explore interests, and build a support network. Ask for help, don't hesitate to seek assistance from lecturers, tutors, or classmates if you're struggling.



**DK784**

***Veterinary Nursing***

***2nd Year***

***Amy***

***Carter***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose veterinary nursing as I've always had an interest in the subject. I also got accepted into UCD for the same course but I chose DkIT instead because of the hands-on approach to learning, as well as the good reputation I had heard from the veterinary profession about veterinary nurses produced from DkIT.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Classes usually start at 9am. We have a mix of either lectures or practical classes. In practical classes, we put what we have learned in theory throughout the week into practice which gives us the opportunity to visualise what we know. There are many options for lunch; the canteen, the snack box, and multiple coffee shops. Usually classes finish between 3pm and 5pm.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

The great atmosphere, lecturers and course content.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

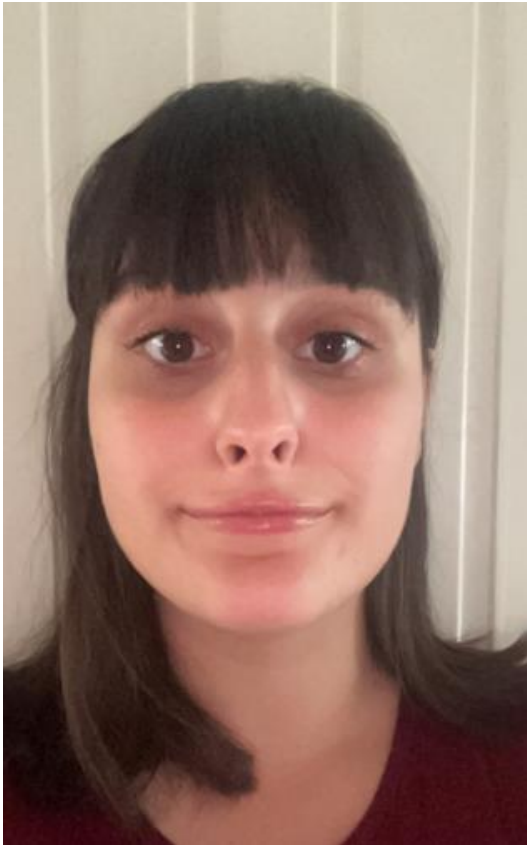
When I graduate from my course I hope to get a full time position as a veterinary nurse in the company I currently work part time for. I hope to work in a clinic where I can put my microbiology skills to use. Also, after a few years of general veterinary nursing, I would be interested in specialising in animal nutrition.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. Throw yourself into college life, go to events and join sports and societies.

2. Start taking college seriously right from the start, it is a course with a lot to learn and plenty of quizzes etc.

3. Ask for help when you need it, lecturers are always happy to help out if you are struggling.



**DK784**

**Veterinary Nursing**

**2nd Year**

**Dijana**

**Markovic**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I love animals and the idea of working with animals. My mam used to love animals and taught us about them. I like the idea of helping animals and people around me.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Most of my days start at 9am with classes for an hour or two with a 5-10 minute breaks in between. I either have another class or an hour or two before I got an 1 hour break. My friends and I go to the college cafeteria to sit down to eat lunch. I either bring my own food in or get soup for lunch. I have another class for an hour or two before I finish at 4.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I enjoy being able to have conversations with lecturers and other student. I like the different activities in the college allowing student to get involved. I love the opportunities your course allows you to do, to improve yourself as a person and your personal skills

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I hope to qualify as a veterinary nurse and be able to be a person that can work alongside other people and help everyone as I go along.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. To give time to study subject before an exam.
2. To get involved with everything happening in your course instead of standing in the back.
3. To remember that everyone feels nervous on the first day and everyone would feel the same as you. To try not to get too flustered and nervous on their first day.



**DK784**

## **Veterinary Nursing**

**2nd Year**



**Leah**

*Mc Donnell*

### **Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I have always had a passion for caring for animals, starting out with my own pets and progressing by helping out at a local horse riding school. Seeing the impact you can have in making that animals life better is the most rewarding feeling there is. It is a privilege to be in a position to guide owners in their care of their beloved animals and in turn help in the advancement of veterinary care in Ireland.

### **Describe a typical day at college:**

I arrive at college around 9 and meet up with my friends before heading to class. Most days are a nice mix of both theory and then practical sessions. This is helpful as in these practical sessions you get to practice what you have learned. It's a fully immersive course and it really sets you up for what is naturally a very practical carer.

### **What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I enjoy the sense of community that DkIT has created. Everyone is approachable and it makes it a nice place to be around.

### **What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I would like to gain more experience in practice in order to progress the skills I have learned in college. When I have completed this course I would like to complete the International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM) certificate in feline nursing as I have always loved caring for cats. This will help to create a more cat friendly environment in practice and improve felines experiences in a vets practice. I would like to move abroad for a while, in order to gain experience in different practices and see the world a little.

Seeing how other countries operate can help to improve veterinary medicine as well as develop my skills further.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Ask for help, all the lecturers are there to help you and want you to succeed. If you need help everyone at DkIT is more than willing to help you. Make the most of practical classes, it will really benefit you when you go on placement. Join clubs and societies. It is a great way to make new friends and have something different to do at college other than just going to classes.



**DK784**

**Veterinary Nursing**

**2nd Year**

**Tara Rose**

**Mckeown**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

There are many reasons why I chose this course. The obvious reason being, that I love animals, but I love and am interested in the medical aspect and the challenge that comes with it. After secondary school I didn't want to stop learning and was afraid I'd miss out on the satisfaction of doing well in something you are passionate about, but this definitely wasn't the case. Being nominated as an ambassador is only one example of the recognition you'll experience. Another aspect that drew me to this course was the small class sizes and how I thought this would help with my confidence. And you will definitely learn something new every day.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Most days start at 9am. Some days are longer and some days are shorter. Usually finish around 4-5pm. There are double classes but

they never forget our 15 minute breaks. Lunch time is almost always an hour. Canteen food is good. There are a lot of practicals, these provide the best time to ask questions and to solidify what you've learnt that week.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

Not currently apart of any at DkIT.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

The people, meaning my classmates and the lecturers. The welcoming environment.

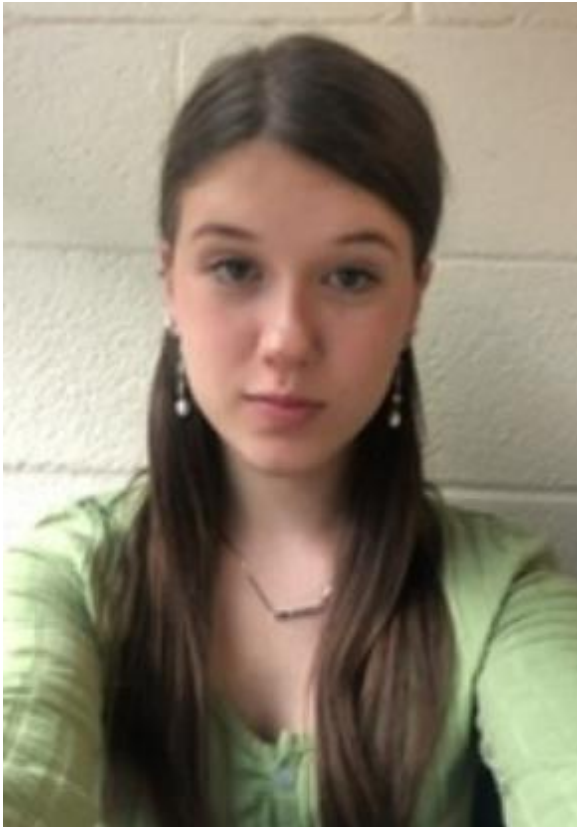
**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

As much as I have hopes for my future I don't want to set a boundary for myself just yet. This course is providing me with multiple

options, ranging from working with large animals, small animals, wildlife , exotics and even working within the diagnostic field as a vet nurse who specialises in microbiology. I don't want to stop gaining experience after I qualify. I believe this is what will make a top veterinary nurse.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

- 1) Don't be afraid of new challenges, make the most of them. Mistakes are apart of life. Do the things you're afraid to do.
- 2) Give yourself a break from stressing about what you can't control and focus on what you can control.
- 3) Train yourself to look for positivity.



**DK784**

**Veterinary Nursing**

**2nd Year**

**Sarah**

**O'Keefe**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose DkIT veterinary nursing as it's very practical and hands on based. I definitely find it easier to learn something when I get to do it or see it in front of me rather than just from a text book, so I felt DkIT would be the best fit for me.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

I usually meet my friends for a coffee before our lectures begin, to have a chat before the day starts. Lectures usually start around 9am. I do my best to take notes in every lecture to make studying easier. I usually have 3/4 lectures before lunch. For our lunch break I usually go with my friends to the canteen or to maxol across the road for food. Lunch is always good fun as it's a well needed break from lectures! After lunch, I have lectures up

until anytime between 3pm and 5pm depending on the day. After lectures I'll either go to the library to get some work/study done or I'll go to the gym to clear my head. I don't have labs everyday but when I do, those are my favourite days in college.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I like the social aspect of college, meeting new people for example. I was scared starting college but the sense of community in DkIT helped me feel so welcome and I love the college for that.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I want to work full time as a veterinary nurse as I know from my placement how much I enjoy being in a veterinary practice. I'd love to

volunteer with wildlife abroad after I work for a few years and gain as much experience as I can. I want to continue to grow and expand my knowledge in my field :)

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Throw yourself in! - the first day is scary, but do your best to talk to people on your induction day. That first person you talk to could end up being a life long friend so don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!

Do your work!- it may sound cliché but staying on top of assignments and study instead of leaving everything till the last minute will really help keep your stress levels down!

Don't be afraid to ask for help- everyone on the veterinary nursing team are absolutely lovely and want the best for all of us. So, if there is something you're struggling with let someone know and they will do their best to help. It may be scary to reach out but it's worth it in the end!



**DK784**

***Veterinary Nursing***

***2nd Year***

***Kelly***

***Snow***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I have always loved animals and Science. So I thought that this course would fit me perfectly due to it having a lot of science aspects as well as working with animals.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Arrive and get a coffee before heading to my first set of lectures. After my lectures grab some lunch and if I have a long break, I will go to the library and complete any assignments or study. Go to my last set of lectures and head home.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

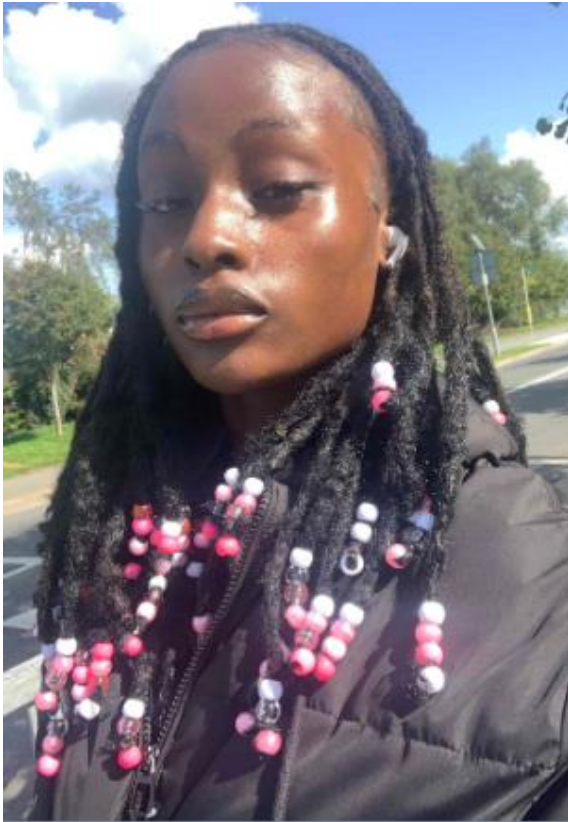
I love the campus and all of the facilities such as the restaurant, coffee docks and library.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I plan on heading straight into a veterinary clinic and working. I can't wait to start working and helping animals.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. Keep on top of all the work.
2. Enjoy work placement and ask as many questions you can there.
3. Attend as many lectures as possible as they are super helpful.



***DK870/DK871***

***General Nursing***

***2nd Year***

***Timilehin***

***Olarinoye***

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I belong to the Christian Society, African Society and Music Society.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I enjoy the community and the facilities that DkIT has to offer for each individual. The college is very diverse.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

The three pieces of advice I would give a new student is,

to speak up and interact with lecturers and students,

attend their classes,

take care of their mental health because it can be very easy to burn out.





**DK872/DK873**

**Intellectual Disability Nursing**

**2nd Year**

**Feyisola**

**Aketan**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

The major reason I chose my programme of study, it's a life-long career that leaves a positive impact on lives. Makes me more involved in people and how to care for them .. pledging your service to humanity.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Classes, then break, back to classes. Chats with mates.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

Musical.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I enjoy the social activities and the lecturers and students relationship.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I am planning to gain more experience, then further to specialise in a preferred field of practice.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Believe in yourself, don't fall into a habit of procrastination. Be humble and be willing to learn from mistakes.

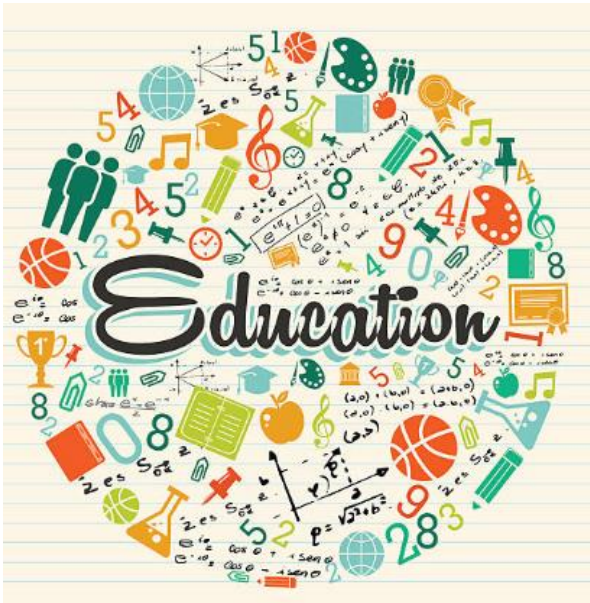
**DK872/DK873**

## **Intellectual Disability Nursing**

**2nd Year**

**Sandra**

**Amadi**



### **Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I choose nursing because helping is a passion for me. I have been working as an HCA for a while now and I worked with few good nurses and my grand mum before she passed was a native mid-wife and she also helps women with fertility problems through the use of root and herbs. Growing up I assisted my grand mother in supporting women health in pregnancy with the use of herbs. Now, working in the healthcare sector increased my passion in pursuing a career in nursing and since I started, I have never looked back.

### **Describe a typical day at college:**

Every college day is a very busy day ,moving from one class to another for study or group project. College usually starts at 9.00 am and continues until 4 or 5pm.

### **What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I was a member of the mature student group but I had to pull out because of the amount of school work /assignment we have to deal with as well as family life.

### **What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

Meeting new people, seeing different faces and everyone smiling and looking happy and the environment is so peaceful and quiet to learn and study.

### **What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I will be going straight into the work force to build /improve my skills and knowledge from all I learned at college and in my work placement, and I will be going for my post

graduate as well .

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Stay away from trouble.

Always ask questions.

Create time to study.

**DK872/DK873**

## ***Intellectual Disability Nursing***

***2nd Year***

***Jovita***

***Dervinyte***



### **Why did you choose your programme of study?**

DkIT has a good name as an educational institution and prepares students well for their future jobs. Besides it is close where I live and it is comfortable for me to travel every day to the institute.

### **Describe a typical day at college:**

The days in college are very busy for nursing students, but you get to know your classmates and tutors well, get many new friends and you, actually, enjoy being in the institute.

### **What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I love making friends with my new classmates and absorb the important, newest and evidence based information the tutors share with students. Also, the work experience is a great way to familiarise yourself with the

specifics of your future job.

### **What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I hope I will be working according to the acquired specialty. However, I intend to continue my studies and get a master's degree too.

### **What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Never be afraid to talk to your tutors about any difficulties you may have during your studies as they are very supportive. Also, DkIT provides many additional supportive courses, such as how to write an academic essay, how to reference according to DkIT requirements and many more supports students may need. Start preparing for the exams in advance, give yourself time to prepare well and do not leave

it to the last day.



**DK874/DK875**

***Mental Health Nursing***

***2nd Year***

***Jallet***

***Jasi***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose Mental Health Nursing because I am passionate about helping people dealing with mental health issues. I also like Mental health Nursing because it is a diverse field of Nursing.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Lectures from 9am. Interacting with friends during tea and lunch breaks. Visiting the library for research and completing assignments. Attending workshops and tutorials.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

Christian Union.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

DkIT provides a multi cultural environment which is a good way to network with people from all over the world. I also enjoy Clinical Placements because you get first hand experience of what to expect after college.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I want to work in a Mental Health Institution and in the community. I would also like to Specialise in Mental Health Research mainly Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Stay focused and believe in yourself.

Make use of all the resources availed to you by the college.

Prioritise selfcare.



**DK876**

**Early Childhood Studies**

**4th Year**

**Nuria**

**Antonio**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I enjoy working with children and I wanted to do a degree that lets me work with children in a developmental manner.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Busy with lectures, messing (occasionally) taking notes, having lunch with the girls, see what is going on around the college, go home and repeat the next day.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

African society.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

Being part of everything, like different events going on around the campus.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I plan on doing my masters and working as a speech and language therapist.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Get involved.

Seek help if needed.

Don't give up.





**DK877/DK878**

**Midwifery**

**3rd Year**

**Eimear**

**Hearty**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

The midwifery course in DkIT stood out to me particularly because of the small class size. A class of 20 students allows the lecturers to get to know all students in the class and become familiar with student's abilities. The balance between clinical placement and time spent on campus is perfect where you get used to both studying/ assignments and working in the clinical area, applying theory to practise.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

I arrive at college at around 8:30am and my friends and I chat and catch up before our first lecture. Lectures are different in each module so we could be having group discussions, going through a PowerPoint presentation, reading literature or learning practical midwifery skills in the labs. We get a break at 11am and have lectures again until 1pm. Then

we have lunch in the canteen before attending our afternoon lectures and finishing up around 4 or 5pm.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

There are events held on campus and outside campus which provide students with a great opportunity to meet new people. Student services are amazing too and really easy to access.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

After I graduate I hope to build on my education by doing a masters and maybe at some point in the distant future do a PhD. While studying I'll probably work as a staff midwife and I'd also like to travel.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. Ask a lot of questions.
2. Put yourself forward for any opportunities that are presented to you, they look great on your CV!
3. Step out of your comfort zone. The best way to settle into your course is to just get stuck in and get involved.

**DK877/DK878**

**Midwifery**

**2nd Year**



**Sophie**

**Murray**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose to study Midwifery at DkIT as midwifery was always a job I admired and I think all the midwives are an inspiration! There's a lovely mix of theory and practical work so it really suits me . It's a course that is challenging and it allows you to push yourself further always improving your skill set and knowledge . Placement throughout being in college really allows you to gain an insight into what you'll be doing after college and helps you to work towards your goals.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I am involved in the DELTA group for midwifery , DELTA stands for Disciplinary Excellence in Learning Teaching and Assessment . This group involves students and lecturers, we work towards improving student life and the midwifery course.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I really enjoy having a smaller class group, it gives a great opportunity to get to know who is in your course . This really allows you to make friends quickly and everyone is so close in the class.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

When I have completed my course , I would love to work at first to improve my skills and gain more experience. After this I would like to complete some post-grad courses, there's so many to choose from and I will definitely be adding to my skills with some of these.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

I would tell students to definitely get to know as many people in your course as possible. On placement you will be mixed with many people out of your course and it's nice when you're friends with everyone as you'll have company on placement. Definitely ask for help if you're struggling either on placement or in college. Other students, lecturers and midwives on placement all want to see you do well and would be more than happy to answer any questions you have. I would also recommend getting involved in being Class rep or in groups that help to improve the programme, it allows you to have a say and share your opinions.



***DK877/DK878***

***Midwifery***

***2nd Year***

***Samantha***

***Stewart***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I loved the smaller class sizes, the lecturer and other students get to know each other better, rather than being 1 of a hundred or more students in a lecture hall. Also loved the skills labs and how big that section of the Nursing building is.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

Hoping to progress further in my education after becoming a Midwife.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1) Don't worry if you feel lost in the course content, it will all start to click and make sense.

2) Don't be afraid to ask for help or to say that you are struggling. We are only human and this is new to all of us, you are not alone.

3) Ask questions or for real life scenarios, great way to understand more.



**DK880**

## ***Health and Physical Activity***

***2nd Year***

***Ciara***

***Coombes***

### **Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose Health and Physical Activity because I have always had an interest in health and wellness. My programme offers many opportunities such as fitness instructing, personal training etc. I am very excited after my course to explore a future in physiotherapy.

### **Describe a typical day at college:**

A typical day for me is, wake up at 6:30am. Get the bus to college. I arrive early enough so I tend to go to the library or get coffee. Most of my lectures start at 9am and I'm in throughout the day. I'll have lunch and go to the rest of my lectures. Straight home to bed after.

### **What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I love the social aspect of student life in DkIT. I am constantly meeting new people. The nights out are decent as well. I love meeting new people around campus and seeing how different everybody is.

### **What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

After my course I would love to do a postgraduate in physiotherapy. I am also exploring options such as health promotion. My course gives a great insight into what these career paths could look like through modules such as "anatomy and physiology" "biochemistry" "chronic illness and lifestyle interventions" and many more.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

I would say to be open-minded. There are some things you may enjoy and some you may not, however to get the most out of it, stay open-minded. I would also recommend enrolling in societies or sports. They are an amazing way to make friends and make contacts. I would also tell students to make the most out of their time in college - have fun



**DK882**

**Agriculture**

**Agri-Food Production**

**4th Year**

**Maria**

**Finnegan**

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I choose my course because I am passionate about farming. It provides me with skills and knowledge going forward in order to obtain employment in a wide variety of areas in the agricultural sector. The programme is delivered jointly between DkIT and Ballyhaise Agricultural College. I find the practical element of the course most beneficial.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

Attend lectures and practical's, have lunch with friends, visit the library and attend an ag society event in town.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I am a member of the DkIT agricultural society.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

I enjoy the fact that the class sizes are small and the lectures are very helpful. I also enjoy the practical aspect in Ballyhaise College which gives great hands on experience and variety to the course.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

There are a variety of areas to choose after completing the course to work in. I am currently studying the Sustainable Agriculture option. I hope to gain employment in this area.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. Enjoy the course.



2. Join clubs and societies.

3. Gain work experience in your area of interest.



**DK883**

***Biopharmaceutical Science***

***Environmental Bioscience***

***2nd Year***

***Olamide Faith***

***Aaron***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose to study Science at DkIT primarily because I wanted to enter the pharmaceutical sector. My best subjects at school were Biology, Chemistry and Geography which are all based in science, so I thought it would be appropriate for me to pursue science.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

Book Club, BioSoc

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

What I enjoy is engaging with friends and classmates.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

When I complete my course, I'd like to enter the pharmaceutical sector.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

Make friends, it'll make the time at DkIT more enjoyable. Study as much as necessary, not an exorbitant amount. Attend classes, it makes it easier to pass.



**DK883**

***Biopharmaceutical Science***

***Environmental Bioscience***

***2nd Year***

***Deborah***

***Johnson***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose the Common Science course with an award in Biopharmaceutical Science at Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) because of the program's comprehensive curriculum and the institute's strong reputation in the sciences. The Common Science course provides a solid foundation in various scientific disciplines, allowing me to explore different fields before specialising. This flexibility was crucial in my decision, as it enabled me to discover my passion for biopharmaceutical science through hands-on laboratory work and engaging coursework. DkIT's facilities and cutting-edge technology ensure that I am gaining practical experience that is directly applicable to the biopharmaceutical industry. The program is designed in collaboration with industry experts, ensuring that the skills and knowledge I acquire are relevant and up-to-

date. Additionally, the opportunity to work on real-world projects and research initiatives allows me to apply theoretical concepts in practical settings, preparing me for a successful career in the biopharmaceutical sector. Moreover, the supportive and approachable faculty at DkIT provide invaluable guidance and mentorship, enhancing my learning experience. The vibrant campus community and numerous extracurricular opportunities also contribute to a well-rounded and fulfilling student life, making DkIT the ideal place for my studies.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

A typical day at college for me starts with a morning lab session, where I get hands-on experience and apply the theoretical knowledge learned in lectures. These practical sessions are a highlight of my day, as they allow me to work directly with scientific equipment and collaborate with classmates

on experiments and projects. After the lab, I take a break for lunch, often meeting up with friends to relax and recharge for the afternoon. The campus has a variety of dining options, making it a convenient and social time of the day. Following lunch, I attend afternoon lectures, where we delve deeper into the topics introduced in the labs. These lectures are engaging and informative, providing a comprehensive understanding of the course material. Once classes are done for the day, I head to the DkIT Sport gym, which is a fantastic facility provided by the institution for students. Exercising at the gym helps me unwind and stay fit, offering a great balance to my academic routine. In the evening, I go home and review the day's coursework, ensuring I understand the material and am prepared for upcoming assignments and exams. After studying, I take some time to relax and unwind, preparing myself for the next day's activities.

### **What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

Biological Sciences society

Book Club

### **What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

What I enjoy most about student life at Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is the vibrant and inclusive campus community, especially as a science student. The state-of-the-art laboratories and cutting-edge technology available in the science department provide a hands-on learning experience that is both challenging and exciting. The faculty, renowned for their expertise and approachability, are always

willing to offer guidance and support, making the academic journey incredibly enriching. The diverse range of clubs and societies, including those focused on scientific interests, offers something for everyone, fostering a sense of belonging and providing numerous opportunities to make friends and pursue interests outside of the classroom. Additionally, frequent guest lectures, workshops, and industry visits keep us connected to the latest advancements in our field and open up valuable networking opportunities. The collaborative projects and research opportunities allow us to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems, preparing us for future careers in science. Moreover, DkIT's location in Dundalk, a town rich in culture and history, offers a perfect blend of academic and social experiences, ensuring that student life is both intellectually stimulating and personally fulfilling.

### **What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

Upon completing my course at DkIT, I plan to pursue a career in medicine, fulfilling my lifelong dream of becoming a doctor, specifically a surgeon. The foundation I've gained in the Common Science course, with a specialisation in Biopharmaceutical Science, has equipped me with the essential knowledge and skills needed to excel in medical school and beyond. My passion for surgery stems from a deep desire to make a tangible difference in people's lives through direct medical intervention. The precision, skill, and dedication required in surgery appeal to my strengths and aspirations. Additionally, my interest in biopharmaceutical science has sparked a secondary ambition to be involved in scientific research. I aim to

contribute to advancements in medical treatments and therapies, particularly for those suffering from chronic and debilitating conditions. By combining a career in surgery with active involvement in medical research, I hope to not only provide immediate care to patients but also work on innovative solutions that address underlying medical issues. My ultimate goal is to improve patient outcomes and contribute to the broader field of medical science, ensuring a lasting impact on healthcare.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

1. Embrace Practical Learning Opportunities: Take full advantage of the hands-on laboratory sessions and practical experiences offered in the Common Science course. These opportunities are invaluable for understanding theoretical concepts and gaining skills directly applicable to the biopharmaceutical and broader scientific fields. Engage actively in these sessions, ask questions, and seek additional projects to deepen your understanding.
2. Get Involved in Campus Life: Join clubs, societies, and study groups related to your interests. This will not only help you make new friends and build a supportive network but also enhance your academic and professional development. Participating in extracurricular activities can provide a well-rounded experience, improve your teamwork and leadership skills, and offer a break from academic pressures.
3. Seek Guidance and Build Relationships with Faculty: Don't hesitate to reach out to your professors and academic advisors for help and mentorship. The faculty at DkIT are

knowledgeable and approachable, and they can provide valuable insights into your studies and career path. Building good relationships with them can also open up opportunities for research projects, internships, and professional recommendations.



**DK883**

***Biopharmaceutical Science***

***Environmental Bioscience***

***2nd Year***

***Maliha***

***Monawar***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I was always a science enthusiast and after coming across DkIT science programme back in 2023, when I was applying for my undergraduate degree, I was really fascinated by the great amount of opportunities that DkIT had to provide us the workplacement from third year really won over me. I think the workplacement is the greatest way to have hands on experience.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

I really like being at college every single day. My day starts at 8:00 am with my morning tea and cookie. Then at 8:30 I like to go to the library to catch up with my studies. I really enjoy spending time at the library. However, it really depends on the schedule and the day. Attending lectures and labs are my favourite

things. Then after terminating all classes I come back home.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

None.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:**

Lecture, tutorials, spending time at the library.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

Once I finish my undergraduate (Honours) degree I really want to pursue a master's degree in this exciting field.

**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

- 1) Believe in your abilities.
- 2) Never give up.
- 3) Work hard.



**DK883**

***Biopharmaceutical Science***

***Environmental Bioscience***

***2nd Year***

***Jevgenija***

***Pavlova***

**Why did you choose your programme of study?**

I chose this programme after I tried a course in a PLC and I realised I had passion for chemistry. I knew I would commit myself to this course and that the skills I will obtain from this course will provide me with a job I will enjoy in my future career.

**Describe a typical day at college:**

A typical day in college would be attending college for lectures, tutorials and practicals, one or two hour breaks that leaves time for study or time to talk to friends. Participating in activities that sometimes happen on campus such as spinning a wheel and winning a goodie bag or holding a baby chick from agriculture students.

**What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:**

I belong to table top society.

**What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:**

Different events at college and activities that are provided for students and let's students create memorable memories with friends or make more friends in the process.

**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I plan to apply for jobs that involve science and gain experience in different labs whether it be in a milk factory or food quality control. With more experience, I also plan to challenge myself and broaden my personal skills as well as physical skills.



**What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?**

I would advise new students not to over work themselves stressfully, they should instead manage their time efficiently to their comfort. Join sports and societies to create more friends and make more connections with other students from different departments at DkIT and participate in practicals as they are important and will make it easier for them to get points for their modules at the end of the year

