In 2011, Colleges Ontario and the Institutes of Technology in Ireland concluded an agreement to provide opportunities for Ontario College Diploma and Advanced Diploma graduates to complete Bachelor’s degrees in Ireland. St. Lawrence College students and graduates can take this program in a short duration at reduced prices. St. Lawrence College has an exclusive agreement with Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT) for CPA students and graduates. Tralee is located in the southwest of Ireland, near the Atlantic coast in County Kerry. Tralee is a vibrant student town with high quality recreation and leisure facilities, downtown student residences, and more.

Computer Programmer Analyst graduates can complete a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Software Development in one academic year (two semesters) at the Institute of Technology Tralee.

THE ITT PROGRAM

The program content reflects the range and level of knowledge and skills required for a professional career in the ever-changing world of computing technology. While the program focuses on software development special emphasis is also placed on networks and distributed systems. The first semester (Sept. to Jan.) consists of 6 courses while the second (Jan to May) consists of one online course, completion of a major project and a work placement.

COST

College fees for the academic year are 7,500 euros. This covers tuition, registration, emergency medical insurance, and pick-up at airport on first arrival.

Accommodation: 2,000 Euros for September to May.

Additional costs: Food and incidentals are estimated by IT Tralee at about 3,000 Euros per year. The Immigration Certificate of Registration costs 300 Euros.

Total cost for one year: Approximately 12,800 Euros or $16,640 Canadian (excluding flights).

GRADE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for entry into this program, St. Lawrence College graduates will have achieved a minimum grade average of 60% at the Advanced Diploma level. This entry requirement is subject to periodic review.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications may be made online at www.ittralee.ie. Select “International”, then “Non-EU”. Specify your preferred course as B.Sc. (Hons) in Computing with Software Development and as it is based on an SLC qualification, ITT will recognize it as particular to the articulation agreement.

USEFUL LINKS

INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY IRELAND – INFORMATION FOR ONTARIO STUDENTS:
WWW.IOTI.IE

IT TRALEE ONLINE PROSPECTUS:
WWW.ITTRALEE.IE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) IN COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
WWW.ITTRALEE.IE

IT TRALEE – INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL NON-EU STUDENTS:
WWW.ITTRALEE.IE
WWW.EDUCATIONINIRELAND.COM

GET YOUR BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN IRELAND

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE GRADUATES OF THE COMPUTER PROGRAMMER ANALYST (CPA) PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN TWO SEMESTERS IN IRELAND.
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**IS OSAP AVAILABLE?**

Ontario students can get OSAP for overseas studies. The maximum amount is reduced from $360 per week to $210 per week. The application is not done locally, but through the Thunder Bay office. The institution must be an approved institution. Colleges Ontario is working with OSAP to have all the Institutes of Technology in Ireland approved and we expect that to be completed shortly. For more information on how to apply, visit this link: http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/study-abroad#How_to_apply

**HOW TRANSFERABLE IS THE DEGREE BACK INTO NORTH AMERICA?**

An Honours Bachelor degree from Ireland is the same as an Honours Bachelor degree in North America. Both typically take four years to achieve.

**WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION DEADLINES?**

Applications must be submitted by June 1st, but for 2013 applications are requested by the end of February so that we may assist applicants with any administrative challenges.

**ARE STUDENTS PROVIDED/ASSIGNED TO ACCOMMODATIONS OR DO THEY GET TO MAKE A CHOICE?**

Students have a choice – but advice and assistance is available and should be used.

**CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORK PART-TIME IN TRALEE?**

Yes. Full-time Tralee International students can work up to 20 hours per week.

**CAN GRADUATES WORK IN IRELAND AFTER THEY FINISH THEIR STUDIES?**

Graduates from 4 year Honours Bachelor degree programs can work for 1 year in Ireland after completing their studies.

**HOW IS THE SCHOOL YEAR STRUCTURED?**

There are 2 semesters in each academic year. The fall semester runs from mid-September to mid-January and the spring semester runs from late January to mid-May.

**CAN THIS PROGRAM BE TAKEN ONLINE?**

No.

**WHAT IS THE TIME LIMIT AFTER FINISHING THE SLC DIPLOMA TO APPLY TO TRALEE?**

There is no time limit while the articulation agreement is in place but graduates should be aware that programs are subject to change which in turn may result in a change to the articulation agreement.

**CAN AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AT SLC ARTICULATE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND IF SO WOULD THE COSTS BE THE SAME?**

Yes this articulation is open to international students and they will pay the same as Canadian students.

**WHEN DO STUDENTS HAVE TO BE IN TRALEE?**

It is recommended that students arrive a little before classes begin in mid-September to familiarize themselves with the town, the college and to get their Immigration Certificate of Registration. The International office organizes an induction day for international students prior to the commencement of classes.

**ARE THERE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Graduates of SLC are entitled to apply to ITT for a Sports Scholarship. These are valued at €1,000 per annum. Full details may be got at www.ittralee.ie under Information For/FutureStudents/Scholarships. Note that the application deadline is the end of March and should include details of an already submitted academic application. International students have previously been rewarded and so have minority sports. Recipients are expected to be available to train with, and compete for, the college.