In 2011, Colleges Ontario and the Institutes of Technology in Ireland finalized an agreement to provide opportunities for Ontario College Diploma and Advanced Diploma graduates to complete a Bachelor degree in Ireland.

SLC Culinary Management graduates can complete a Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts in one academic year (two semesters) at the Institute of Technology of Tralee (ITT). An exclusive agreement with ITT allows our graduates to finish this degree at a reduced rate and a short duration.

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.

THE ITT PROGRAM
This program provides a pathway for creative employment opportunities within all aspects of the food industry. It incorporates current developments in both national and international Culinary Arts education. The program reflects the strong partnership between education, the individual student and the hospitality and food industries. It provides students with a proficiency in kitchen technologies, the business essentials of culinary operations, and the science and nutrition of food. Advanced culinary technical studies, combined with a range of learning opportunities designed to develop innovative, artistic and managerial capabilities, are core elements of the program.

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 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”. Indicate BA in Culinary Arts as your preferred course of study and request advanced standing to year 3.

USEFUL LINKS
Institutes of Technology Ireland – Information for Ontario students: WWW.IOTI.IE
Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts WWW.ITTRALEE.IE
IT Tralee – Information for International (Non-EU) students: WWW.ITTRALEE.IE WWW.EDUCATIONINIRELAND.COM

COST
College fees for the academic year are €7,500. This covers tuition, emergency medical insurance, and pick-up at airport on first arrival.
Accommodation: €2,000 for September to May.
Additional costs: Food and incidentals are estimated by IT Tralee at about €4,000 per year. The fee for the Immigration Certificate of Registration is €300.
Total cost for one year: Approximately €12,800 or $20,000 Canadian (excluding flights).
IS OSAP AVAILABLE?
Ontario students can receive OSAP for overseas studies. The maximum amount is $210 per week. The application process is done through the Thunder Bay office. For more information on how to apply, review this link:
http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/study-abroad#How_to_apply
Once you’ve completed your OSAP application online, click the submit button. Additional links will appear below your application, including a List of Required Documents. Here you will find the Program Information form, this is for students attending a post-secondary school outside of Ontario or Canada and allows the institution to provide program information and costs required by OSAP. Please complete the first page of this form. Save it and email it directly to the International Office at the institution where you plan to study. The International Office will fill in the required details and email the completed form back to you. The final step requires you to mail or fax (807-343-7278) the completed form directly to the Thunder Bay office. Keep checking your OSAP status online periodically to ensure you’ve completed all the necessary steps and that your application is processed as quickly as possible.

HOW TRANSFERABLE IS THE DEGREE BACK INTO NORTH AMERICA?
The Republic of Ireland operates a pan-European Union academic awards system that is recognized worldwide (based on the Bologna process). Three year Bachelor degrees are not common in Canada, but will certainly be recognized by employers as a level higher than a two year Ontario College diploma.

WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION DEADLINES?
Applications must be submitted by June 1st, for a September start.

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 students can work up to 20 hours per week.

CAN GRADUATES WORK IN IRELAND AFTER THEY FINISH THEIR STUDIES?
Graduates from 3 year Bachelor degree programs can work for 6 months 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.

COULD STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN STUDY AT TRALEE?
Yes, but it could be expensive. There is a childcare facility on campus which is not subsidized and normally has a waiting list. It is not recommended that students with children stay in student residences.

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 are available at www.ittralee.ie under Information For/FutureStudents/Scholarships. Note that the application deadline is 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, ITTralee.

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.