

Clodagh Hughes

Accounting Technology Level 6 BSc (Hons) Degree Higher Level Apprenticeship (Top Up)

Balcas Timber

Clodagh is completing an Accounting Technology HLA and is employed with Balcas Timber, part of Glennon Brothers as Credit Controller. She speaks highly of her course and would describe her HLA journey to date as phenomenal, astounding, enlightening and empowering. As this course is new, Clodagh is set to become one of the first qualified Accounting Technologists globally when she graduates.



Clodagh believes that her course is a great opportunity to continue learning new skills and gain a third level qualification which is helping prepare her for the present and future changes in accounting and society as the world of technology, sustainability and corporate governance evolves. She says that her lecturers are as excited and enthusiastic about the course as the students they teach.

Clodagh would say the most interesting thing she has learned on her course is that she can do it! She has enjoyed the variety of interesting modules and has discovered more about new technologies such as AI, Copilot and Notebook LN. She has particularly enjoyed learning about corporate governance and sustainability, business information systems and data, and the core content around accounts, performance management, financial management and tax. Her work on Microsoft Excel in class has allowed her to use many more of its functions in her role.

Clodagh recommends the apprenticeship route and advises those beginning their journey to dedicate time for study and stay focused. Clodagh dedicates set times for her study so that she balances her time well and can enjoy time with her family, spend time on her hobbies and manage other responsibilities.