

**INTERVIEW WITH**

## **Wayne Hogan**

### **A Journey From Working in Construction to a New Career in Biopharma.**



Wayne's journey began last year when he started the L6 Certificate in Biopharma course with NIBRT in partnership with ATU Sligo. The opportunity was made possible through the Springboard+ initiative, which provides accessible and subsidised education in essential skills areas.

#### **Wayne's Motivation for Choosing the Course**

"I had been working in construction for a number of years and wanted to try a different type of career. Biopharma was an area that always appealed to me, but it was difficult to find the time to study when I first got married and had young kids. When the kids got older, I decided to take the leap and get the qualification to start the career that I wanted."

#### **Balancing Study and Personal Commitments**

"This course is part time and mix of online learning with ATU Sligo, and practical modules at NIBRT in Dublin. I found the course easy to keep up with throughout the year especially because most of the content was taught online. It was great that the course was funded so I had hardly any course costs to pay."

#### **Entering the Biopharma Workforce**

"Since completing the course I have started working as an operator in Eli Lilly in Kinsale. My participation in the course definitely helped me secure this job and give me an advantage over other applicants as I had gathered some decent knowledge of the pharma industry. I had been working construction previous to doing the course so I'm gone in a completely different direction since completing. I would definitely think my career prospects have gone up significantly as there is great chance to grow within the company."

#### **Recommendation for Career Changers**

"Without a doubt, I would recommend this course to anyone thinking about a career change. Since completing the programme, I've already referred two friends who are now actively enrolled in this semester's course."

#### **About the Course**

The Certificate in Science Biopharmaceutical Processing (Special Purpose Award – Level 6) has been developed in consultation with the Biopharmaceutical industry in Ireland to ensure the course offers the skill and experience that is required for this growing industry sector in Ireland.



The modules offered in this programme include Upstream Processing, Downstream Processing, Sterile Fill Finish and Bioanalytics. The course is designed to introduce current manufacturing processes, good manufacturing practices and current industry trends to the participants. The course is aimed at process operators, technicians, technologists, and production team leaders, primarily seeking employment or wishing to upskill in the bioprocessing and cleanroom areas.

### About NIBRT

NIBRT's mission is to help the growth and development of the biopharma manufacturing industry by providing cutting edge training and research solutions.

NIBRT provides a range of training and education solutions to suit the learning requirements of individuals and companies including:

- ▶ Customised training for Industry
- ▶ Short courses
- ▶ NIBRT Online Academy
- ▶ Academic programmes (MSc and Certs)
- ▶ Springboard+

Are you thinking of a career change and interested in the training opportunities available next year? Contact NIBRT and ask about our funded courses at [training@nibrt.ie](mailto:training@nibrt.ie)



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