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- College of Technology, Kevin Street, Dublin 8 (1887)
- College of Music, Chatham Row (1890) and Adelaide Road, Dublin 2
- College of Commerce, Rathmines, Dublin 6 (1901)
- College of Marketing and Design, Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1 (formerly on Parnell Square, Dublin 1) (1905)
- College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin 1 (1911)
- College of Catering, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin 1 (1941).

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