



Waterford Institute of Technology
INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA PHORT LAIRGE

WD559 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/MASTER OF ARTS in TEACHING and LEARNING in FURTHER and HIGHER EDUCATION (MALT)

What are the prerequisites for enrolment?

1. An Honours Degree (level 8)
2. Three years postgraduate experience
3. Access to an educational organisation where action research can be carried out.

Part-time versus Full-time

Participants can complete the Postgraduate Diploma or MA degree in one year by attending full-time or take 2-5 years on a part-time basis. If you are seeking a grant from your local county council or VEC you will need to attend full-time. Lectures for MALT take place on Fridays and Saturdays from 10-5. For a current copy of timetables please contact the post-graduate administrator on pgace@wit.ie

If I participate on a part-time basis how long will the MA take to complete?

The Masters can be completed on a part-time basis over two to five years, so it is really up to yourself how many modules you complete per year.

What is the cost?

The cost of the programme is €6300 for the MA (i.e. 90 credits @ €700 per 10 credit module) and Postgraduate Diploma is €4200 (i.e. 60 credits @ €700 per 10 credit module). MA consists of 90 credit hours and the Postgraduate Diploma requires completion of 60 credit hours.

How is payment made?

Once you accept your offer from WIT, you will pay through PAC's online facilities a non-refundable deposit of €500. The remainder of fees for the current year (ie €6300 - €500 = €5800) is then paid in two payments (one in September €2900 and the second in January €2900). Part-time participants pay per modules completed each year yet non-refundable deposit is also required with acceptance of offer to the course.

What size are the classes?

Generally 20-25 students are enrolled on taught postgraduate programme yet similar to all courses are subject to viability.

How to apply

Apply online: www.pac.ie

Applications must be made thru the Postgraduate Application Centre (PAC) and require a non-refundable fee of €45. The PAC course code is WD559.

How do I seek recognition of prior learning?

By identifying similar modules on the taught programmes and those previously completed on other level 9 MA courses, you then present a portfolio of prior learning and documentary evidence to show you have achieved the learning outcomes in a comparable area of study. RPL exemptions cost 50% of the original module cost. All applications for RPL must be made formally with current application form and in writing to the Postgraduate Administrator, School of Education, WIT College Street Campus, Waterford. RPL decisions are not granted prior to enrolment on the course. However, if you wish to meet with School of Education staff to discuss your personal situation please contact Postgraduate Administrator at pgace@wit.ie to arrange an appointment.



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When does the course start?

Classes begin on Saturday 5 September 2011.

If I have missed the closing date of application can I still apply for this course?

Please contact the Postgraduate Administrator pgace@wit.ie regarding late applications as this course is run on a modular basis and opportunities for late applications may be available.

Is this course recognised by the Department of Education & Skills or the Teaching Council of Ireland?

The Postgraduate Diploma/MA in Learning & Teaching is currently under negotiation with the Teaching Council of Ireland as the recognised qualification for third level lecturers. This level 9 MA course is very popular with lecturers and teachers from higher education and further education including third level lecturers, primary and secondary teachers, Youthreach, VTOS, VEC, FAS and private sector trainers. Suitable teaching practice can include any of the sectors mentioned above. At present there is not a mandatory required number of hours in the classroom yet ideally a minimum of 200 hours teaching per academic year.

This level 9 course is accredited through the Higher Education Authority and is recognised by the Dept. of Education as an Honours Masters degree and as such completion of this degree meets the criteria for pay increments.

What is blended learning?

The definition of blended learning is face to face lectures with the appropriate use of technology. This mixed mode applies a portion of traditional classroom activities to take place online. WIT uses MOODLE online virtual learning environment so students should have access to online facilities.