



Waterford Institute *of* Technology

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POSTGRADUATE

Postgraduate Diploma/Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning in Further and Higher Education

Department of Adult and Continuing Education

LEVEL 9



The aim of the Postgraduate Diploma/Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning in Further and Higher Education is to enable students to develop their teaching expertise, to reflect on their practice and to gain a theoretical and critical perspective of further and higher education.

Programme Aims

On successful completion of the course, graduates will be able to:

- Examine the underlying principles of teaching and learning
- Establish perspectives on key issues relating to their own work in teaching or supporting students
- Broaden their knowledge of international further and higher education systems and the challenges they face
- Identify student-centred methodologies and appropriate learning styles in relation to learning and retention issues
- Widen their repertoire of teaching methods and enhance their teaching skills
- Consider the role of ICT and new technologies in their subject area
- Evaluate the role of different assessment methods in further and higher education
- Develop their professional competence in specific subject areas
- Share their experiences of learning and teaching with fellow students
- Reflect critically on the educational process as it influences their students
- Develop their knowledge and expertise in the use of appropriate research methods in further and higher education
- Conduct an extended investigation into a relevant aspect of theory or practice.

Unique Aspects of the Programme

The course is offered in full and part-time mode. It is possible to study modules on an individual basis and be awarded single certificates on successful completion of same. Participants will be presented with theoretical concepts and will then engage in self directed learning through project work that will apply the learning to their own practice in their own particular settings. Participants have up to five years to complete the course.

Career Opportunities

Graduates will gain skills to become effective teachers and facilitors of student learning. This will enhance their career opportunities in either further or higher education.

Structure of the Programme

On successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Further and Higher Education (60 credits), a student may choose to graduate with this award or progress to the Masters in Arts in Teaching and Learning in Further and Higher Education (90 credits). The Postgraduate Diploma is subsumed into the Masters Qualification and graduates cannot hold both the Postgraduate Diploma and Masters awards.

Programme Subjects

Postgraduate Diploma (60 credits) MANDATORY MODULES	Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (choose 30 credits)	
Academic Enquiry (10 credits)	Language, Power and Societies (10 credits)	Research Supervisory Skills (10 credits)
Educational Theory (10 credits)	Blended Learning (10 credits)	Teaching English as a Second Language (10 credits)
Practical Pedagogy 1 (10 credits)	Creativity in Education (10 credits)	Adult Learning (10 credits)
Practical Pedagogy 2 (10 credits)	Perspectives on Further and Higher Education (10 credits)	Research Methods in Education* (10 credits)
Reflective Practice in Education (10 credits)	Independent Learning Module (10 credits)	Dissertation (20 credits)
Curriculum and Assessment (10 credits)	Mentoring (10 credits)	Educational Product (20 credits)
	Multiple Intelligences (10 credits)	Writing for Publication (20 credits)
	Psychology for Educators (10 credits)	

*Please note: *Research Methods in Education is a prerequisite of the Dissertation, Educational Product and Writing for Publication Modules.*

Entry Details

Students wishing to apply for this course will normally require:

- An Honours Degree or equivalent
- Three years postgraduate experience
- Access to an educational organisation where management action research can be carried out.

Entry Requirements for International Students

In addition to the above entry criterion, international applicants are required to meet the WIT postgraduate TOEFL (600) / IELTS (6.5) ETAPP / TIE English Language requirement standard.

Fees

For information on fees please visit our web page at www.wit.ie/pg

How do I apply?

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