



Waterford Institute of Technology
INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA PHORT LAIRGE

WD547 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRIMARY SCIENCE EDUCATION

The overall aim of the course is to produce graduates with specialist knowledge in Primary Science Education. The unique aspect of this programme include providing an environment which supports reflective learning and promoting research informed teaching and learning to provide a challenging and intellectually stimulating programme of further study suitable for qualified primary teachers.

What are the prerequisites for enrolment?

1. A recognised primary teaching qualification
2. Two years postgraduate experience

Part-time versus Full-time

MSc in Science Education is only offered on a part-time basis and therefore not eligible for VEC/BTE grants.

How long do taught masters take to complete?

The Masters can be completed in two years on a part-time basis. Classes take place on two evenings and Saturdays.

What is the cost?

The cost of the programme is €6300 for the MA (i.e. 90 credits @ €700 per 10 credit module).

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 €3150 - €500 = 2650) is then paid in two payments (one in September €1325 and the second in January €1325). The remainder of fees €3150 is paid in year two.

What size are the classes?

Generally 16 students are enrolled on taught postgraduate programme yet like all of our 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. PAC Course code for MSc in Science Education (Primary Science) is WD547.

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.

When does the course start?

Orientation commences in September 2011 subject to enrolments.

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 also run on a modular basis and opportunities for late submissions may be available.

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

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.