

Certificate in Teacher Education (Post-Primary)

30 ECTS



This certificate is tailored for international students seeking to have a first hand experience of Irish education and its schooling system.

Students will follow the first semester (September-December) of the Professional Master of Education, which is an initial teacher education programme, catering to prospective secondary level teachers. As such, they will join Irish students who are pursuing their teacher certification in both taking university-based modules and conducting a practicum placement in a post primary school. The semester involves study of the following modules:

ED522 Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Curriculum (7.5 credits)

Topics covered include classroom environment/management; approaches to teaching; ICT in learning; understanding curriculum; assessment for, of and as learning; inclusive education

ED523 Teacher as Critically Reflective Practitioner (10 credits)

This course deals with the foundations of education; students will be exposed in the semester to two of the four: Educational Psychology; Philosophy of Education; Sociology of Education; History of Education

ED524 School Placement (10 credits)

Placement will involve 2 days per week in school (Mondays and Tuesdays) and will be visited by a placement supervisor

ED525 Subject Methods (teaching subject) (2.5 credits)

Students will choose at least one methods module. Topics include introduction to the curriculum, syllabus and assessment; exploration of key concepts and skills; exploration of resources for the subject.

Please note that all students have to undergo Garda Vetting.



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