Routes into Teacher Education

Primary & Post-Primary

Career Development Centre

Every effort is made to ensure that information is correct however it is essential to check all details at source before making decisions
Handouts – available

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources
Part of making good decisions is having the information you need to make an informed decision.

- In our Explore Careers section you will find useful links and information on many career areas.
- Our Information Sheets provide information on careers about which we are often asked e.g. Graduate Entry Medicine, Social Work, Accounting, Law, Teaching, TEF etc.
- You can access handouts from previous Career Presentations given by the Career Development Centre and visiting speakers.
- You will also find Sample CVs helpful in designing your CV.
- Our Career Videos will assist in considering options with your degree, preparing for interviews and for assessment centres.
Primary Teaching - Ireland

• 2 routes
  – Full-time course
  – On-line course – Hibernia College

• Both Routes
  – Recognised by Teaching Council / Department of Education
  – Same minimum entry requirements – see CDC Information Sheets for details
Honours Leaving Cert Irish?

• At least C3 in honours Irish required

• What if I don’t have this?
  – Teastaí Eorpach na Gaeilge (Level B2) – Contact Maynooth University Language Centre for details) [www.teg.ie](http://www.teg.ie)
  – Re-sit Leaving Cert Honours Irish
  – Teacher Training in the U.K.

• See Hibernia College website [www.hiberniacollege.com](http://www.hiberniacollege.com) for details of other alternative qualifications accepted by them
What can you do now?

• Contact Language Centre about
  – TEG
    • teanga@nuim.ie

• Contact State Examinations Commission
  – Re-sitting Leaving Cert
    • www.examinations.ie
    • entries@examinations.ie
Full-time Course

- College based
  - Dublin: Froebel Dept, Maynooth University,
  - St. Patrick’s College (Drumcondra)
  - Colaiste Mhuire (Marino)
  - Limerick: Mary Immaculate
- 2 years
- Cannot guarantee that course will run in future years – course sanctioned on a yearly basis
- Full details of entry requirements on CDC Information Sheets [http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources) and on various college websites
Applications

- Course likely advertised soon
- Closing date mid-November (to be confirmed)
- Interviews likely in early January 2016
- Course starts in September
- Application forms can be downloaded from websites of course provides
  - Contact details on CDC Information Sheet
- Can apply to BOTH centres (Dublin and Limerick)
  - Use one application form for all 3 Dublin area colleges and another for Mary Immaculate (Limerick)
When can I apply?

• Full-time course
  – Course starts in September/October
  • Apply in final year

• Hibernia
  – 2 intakes: October & February
  – See www.hiberniacollege.com for details of upcoming intakes
How are places awarded?

• Application Form
• Interview and Irish Oral
• Why do people not get places?
  – Irish not at adequate standard
  – Not sufficient research into teaching –
    • **Spend time in a school**
    • Classroom observation
    • Talking with teachers
    • Becoming familiar with curriculum and current issues
Applications for 2015 have now closed. It is anticipated applications for September 2016 entry will open in early 2016. The Professional Masters of Education (Primary) is a two year, full time course.

How to Apply?

Entry Requirements

Applicants will be interviewed on the 13-14th May 2015 in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. You will be informed by e-mail of your interview time, and the time will be available on your online registration page.

Applicants will be informed of the result of their Application by email and this will be available on the online registration page. This link will open on the St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra website during week commencing 16th February 2015.

Please see below the interview scoring form which gives an indication as to the areas assessed in the interview. 
[Link to interview scoring form - English version]
[Link to interview scoring form - Irish version]

Fees

Appeals
# Interview Assessment Form

**Ainm an lárthóra**
Name of Candidate: ________________

**Síniú an lárthóra**
Signature of Candidate: ________________

**Dáta/Date:** ________________  **Uimh. an Bhoird/Board No.:** ________________

Start time: ________________  **End time:** ________________

Please fill in the appropriate mark in each of the right-hand boxes below.
A total mark of less than 40 is considered a fail.

**Suitability: Total marks available (100)**

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What can you do now?

• Practice your Irish
• Get observation in primary schools
  – Variety of schools
  – Variety of classes
  – Gain as much observation experience as possible
• Contact school principal, explain that you need observation (not teaching experience)
Post-Primary Teaching - Ireland

- 4 NUI Universities
  - Maynooth University, UCC, UCD, NUI, Galway
- Trinity College Dublin
- University of Limerick
- Dublin City University
- Hibernia College
Welcome to the Postgraduate Applications Centre

On this website you can make applications for postgraduate programmes at higher level education institutions around Ireland.

Choose an institution below

University College Cork, Ireland

DCU

NUI Galway

Maynooth University

PME (formerly PDE)
Professional Master of Education (NUI)

PME (DCU - DC905)
Formerly Professional Diploma in Education

PHN
Public Health Nursing

HDM
Higher Diploma in Midwifery

CIT
NUI / PAC Applications

- Apply in final year to start course September after graduation
- Closing Date – 1st December
- Application Fee - €80
- Late Applications – 17th February
- Late Application Fee €120
Quotas

• Business Subjects
  – Each of the four NUI Universities will allow a maximum of 10% of available places for applicants holding business related degrees

• You are in this category if you have Business, Commerce, Economics or Accounting in your degree
How are places allocated?

• Points System
  – Points awarded based on most recent exam results
  – If applying in 3\(^{rd}\) year Arts, points based on your 2\(^{nd}\) year results, if applying 4\(^{th}\) year Science, points based on 3\(^{rd}\) year results etc.
## Points Required for 2015 Entry

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**Non-Business Related Degrees**

**Business Related Degrees**
## Points for Undergraduate & Primary Degree Performance

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### Sample Calculations based on the above points table

1. Student A received 63% in subject X and 52% in subject Y. Both subjects were in an eligible level 8 degree for which an honours award is available. Student A’s overall percentage mark is \( \frac{63 + 52}{2} = 57.50\% \) which is
Points (contd.)

• Points required varies each year – not possible to predict points required for 2016 entry or subsequent years

• Average grades required for 2015 Entry
• Varies depending on university
  56% - 62% (for non-business related degrees)
  46% - 62% (for business related degree – various for different universities)
What if I don’t get a place this year?

• How can I increase my points?
  – Re-apply the following year with final year results
  – Additional Qualifications (only eligible if completed at time of application)
    • Undergraduate
    • Postgraduate
    • Course must be completed by 1st December in year of application
  – Relevant Paid Professional Experience

• Other options...Apply to other universities
Increasing Points – PAID Professional Experience

- Examples: In education / With young people
  - Full-time Teaching in another country – using your degree subject
  - TEFL Teaching to groups
  - Working full-time as a special needs assistant or classroom assistant
  - Full-time employment as a sports coach, youth organiser or in a nursery/care setting with children
PAID Professional Experience

• Related to teaching subject (normally at graduate level)
  – Employment as
    • Accountant (Business Studies teacher)
    • Translator (Languages teachers)
    • Laboratory Technician (Science teachers)

• See [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie) for further details of acceptable / unacceptable experience
• 1 point awarded for each year of experience
PAID Professional Experience

• Must provide detailed documentation e.g. job description, tax records

• Full-time /Part-time paid professional experience
  – In education
  – Working with young people
  – Related to teaching subject
Increasing your points

• Paid Professional Experience
  – 1 point for each year of experience

• Qualifications
  – Another undergraduate Degree = 4 points
  – Postgraduate Diploma = 3 points
  – Masters = 6 points

  – Undergraduate Diploma = 2 points
  – Undergraduate Certificate = 1 point
Teaching Experience

• Points no longer awarded for unpaid / unqualified teaching experience
Course Application

Before applying, you must acknowledge that you have read the instructions and additional information relevant to your application.

- I have read and understood the instructions relevant to my application.
- I have read and understand the section on Eligible Level & Degrees and have contacted the Teaching Council for clarification of any issues of which I am not certain, and affirm that the information given is true. The Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC), or the Teaching Council cannot accept any responsibility for mistakes made by candidates when completing their application, in relation to degree eligibility.

Click on 'Start Application' below, to start your application.

Welcome to the Professional Master of Education (NUI) Programme Entry 2016

Professional Master of Education

Postgraduate PME

PME Home
PME FAQs
Instructions
Additional Information
The Teaching Council
Trinity College: Professional Master of Education

- 2 year Course
- Applications will open 1st November 2015
- Closing Date: 31st January 2016

- Apply when you are in final year
- Application fee: €45 approx

Professional Master of Education (P.M.E.)

- **Duration**: 2 years full-time
- **Applications Opening Date**: 1st November 2015 | [Apply HERE](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
- **Closing Date**: 15th February 2016
- **Course Coordinator**: Ms Melanie Ni Dhunn | **Course Administrators**: Marie Devitt | Linda Mc Hugh
- **Course Email**: Pme.Admin@tcd.ie
- **Course Tel**: +353-1-896 1488/3492
- **Course Next Intake**: September 2016

**Student's handbook**
Download here [PDF]

**Induction Materials Year 1 | 2015-2016**
- [PME Year 1 Welcome Session](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
- [PME Year 1 Reflection Induction](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
- [PME Year 1 School Placement Assessment Induction](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
- [PME Year 1 School Visit Assessment Grade Descriptors](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
- [PME Year 1 Academic Writing](http://www.tcd.ie/Education/courses/pme/index.php)
Trinity College

- Apply for a PME in a specific subject
- Places awarded on basis of
  - On-line application Form
  - Interview
- Teaching Experience or other work with young people very important
University of Limerick – Professional Master of Education

• Two-year courses
  – Mathematics
  – Business
  – Music
  – Languages

• French, German, Gaelige, Spanish, Japanese, English as a foreign language
Closing dates

- Music – 8\textsuperscript{th} January 2016
- Business – 31\textsuperscript{st} January 2016
- Languages – 5\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
- Mathematics – 10\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
University of Limerick – Professional Master of Education

• Apply when you are in final year
• Need 2.2 Honours in your degree results but don’t need to have completed your degree to apply
• Apply online www.ul.ie
  – Application Form / Interview
  – Languages: Oral
  – Music: Audition
  – Technology: Bench-test
Dublin City University

- Professional Master of Education (PME)
- Closing Date: early December 2015 (to be confirmed)
- Apply in final year
- Application Fee: €50

- Application to DCU through www.pac.ie
Welcome to the Postgraduate Applications Centre

On this website you can make applications for postgraduate programmes at higher level education institutions around Ireland.

Choose a National Qualification Programme below

- PME (formerly PDE)
  Professional Master of Education (NUI)

- PME (DCU - DC905)
  Formerly Professional Diploma in Education

- PHN
  Public Health Nursing

- HDM
  Higher Diploma in Midwifery
Dublin City University

- Part-time course (2 years)
- Currently 5pm – 8pm Tuesday & Wednesday
- Selection: Application Form & Interview

- When applying to DCU you must have arranged your teaching practice before you send in your application
Dublin City University

- Teaching experience not essential
- Other relevant experience with young people useful
- Performance at interview important
pastoral care, school leadership and management. Others again will work in Further Education, Higher Education, government departments and other education and training settings.

As this course is fully recognised by the Teaching Council, graduates will receive appropriate salary allowances for permanent positions in second-level schools and further education colleges.

Entry Requirements:

Applications have closed for the 2015/2016 academic year.

Applicants will normally hold at least a primary degree that complies with the Teaching Council's Curricular Subject Requirements for at least one subject from the second-level school's curriculum. In addition you must have the following:

- Two references (including current or most recent employer)
- Guaranteed placement with 12-18 year olds in a recognised school/college
- Be available to attend for interview prior to the start of the programme
- Relevant experience (desirable)

Applicants MUST complete and return the following four supplementary forms with your PAC number directly to Postgraduate Applications Centre, 1 Courthouse Square, Galway within 14 days of making your application online:

1. Consent Form
2. Reference Form
3. Subject Form
4. Placement Form

Applicants must also consult the Teaching Council's Curricular Subject Requirements for the subject(s) they wish to teach and complete the relevant Teaching Council's Subject Declaration Form which should be returned with the above forms with your PAC number directly to Postgraduate Applications Centre, 1 Courthouse Square, Galway within 14 days of making your application.

Please note that canvassing of any kind will disqualify an applicant. Furthermore, we do not discuss any aspect of an application with third parties. All offers of a place on the PME programmes will be made through the email address you provide with your online application. It is your responsibility to monitor your PAC account for a change in status. Those who are placed on waiting lists should be particularly mindful of this.
Hibernia College: Professional Master of Education

- 2 intakes per year – October and February
- 2 year course
- 24 weeks teaching practice (3 blocks)
- Contact Hibernia College for application form
- Application fee €60 (early application) €95 late applications
Hibernia College

- Personal statement important

- Interview
  - Must demonstrate awareness of teaching as a career
  - Classroom observation and other experience with young people important
Teaching Council: Registration

• For each teaching subject the Teaching Council have a list of requirements including the modules you must take as part of your degree.
• It is important to refer to this list when making your module selection.
• Details of the new system for qualification assessment can be found at

  ➢ https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/Curricular%20Subject%20Requirements%20after%20January%202017.pdf
  and
  ➢ http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education
Teacher Education UK

Primary and Post-Primary

• Centralised Applications – UCAS Teacher Training
  – Universities in England and Wales
  – UCAS Undergraduate – Scotland

• Apply in final year

• No closing date (England and Wales)
• Applications open October 2016
• Advisable to apply as early as possible
Postgraduate/Professional Certificate in Education (PGCE)

- Primary / Secondary – One year Course
- Most courses are 60 credits
- Some courses offer additional credits

- Courses in Ireland have 120 credits
Entry requirements

• Secondary: See CDC Information Sheets or https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training or www.ucas.com for general Entry Requirements in English & Maths

• GCSE – Leaving Cert Ordinary Level

• Important to check with individual colleges re: specific entry requirements
Entry requirements

- Primary – England / Wales
  - Must have Ordinary Level C in Leaving Cert English and Maths
  - Also Ordinary Level C in Leaving Cert Science subject

See https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training or www.ucas.com for full details
UK Applications

Centralised applications

• England and Wales [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (click teacher training)
  – Application Fee £23

• Scotland [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (click Undergraduate)
  – Application Fee £12 for 1 choice or £23 for up to 5 choices

• Northern Ireland – apply directly to colleges – see individual college websites for details
Choices

• 3 Choices
• Not recommended to apply for both primary and post-primary on the same application form
Professional Skills Tests for England

- English and Maths
- Must have sent in course application and have application number before applying for skills tests
- Must be taken online at official centre
- Centre in Belfast
- First attempt at test is free
- If unsuccessful must may for 2\textsuperscript{nd}/3\textsuperscript{rd} attempts
- If unsuccessful at 3\textsuperscript{rd} attempt can’t apply for teacher education again for 2 years
Applications

- Same on-line application for Primary and Secondary
- Can apply for 3 courses

- **Not recommended** to apply for a mixture of primary and secondary courses on same form
Training Routes

• There are a number of training routes handles through the UCAS Teacher Training website

• It is important that you choose a route that guarantees both a PGCE and QTS

• Useful Links
  – http://targetpostgrad.com/study-areas/teaching
Finding colleges

• [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
  – Click on Course Search
  – Click on Teacher Training
• Select Primary or Secondary
• Select subject
  – If applying for primary select Primary again under Subject
Researching UK Colleges

• Visit college website
  – Research course and college
  – Confirm specific college entry requirements
• Consider location – airport / transport
• Make list of preferences
How are places allocated?

- Application Form
  - Personal Statement
- Interview in U.K.
- Teaching Observation – VERY important!
Funding – England & Wales

- Information subject to change
- Top-up Fees – Up to £9,000stg
  - Exact amount determined by individual institutions
  - Payable once you start teaching and are earning more than £22,000

- Apply to Student Loan Company to cover course fees (after offered place on course)
Funding – Training Bursary

England & Wales
• Training Bursary offered
• Depends on standard of degree and subjects studies

England
https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/bursaries-and-funding

Wales
http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16

• Training Grant not offered in Scotland or Northern Ireland
Scotland

- Apply for funding from SAAS (Student Awards Agency for Scotland)

See [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk) for further details

Tel: 0044 300 555 0505 (option 2)
Can I come back immediately after PCGE?

• UK - Probation Year for full recognition of qualification
• From January 2011 necessary to have QTS / TQ from country in which you trained before can be registered in Ireland

• Must do a Probation/Induction year in the UK
• See www.teachingcouncil.ie for details
Qualification Recognised in Ireland for Primary???

In past years the shortfall related to Irish Exam
- Irish Exam (SCG) /Adaptation Period (OCG)
  - Written
  - Oral
  - Aural
- Certain exemptions if hold a Degree in Irish

From 2014 Primary Teacher Education in Ireland is a 2 year programme so there is a shortfall in credits studied in UK when compared to Ireland...
Qualification Recognised in Ireland for Secondary?

When returning from UK in the past students had to sit an exam on the History of the Irish Education System

From 2014 Post-Primary Teacher Education in Ireland is a 2 year programme (120 credits) so there is a shortfall in credits and possibly number of hours of teaching practice studied in UK when compared to Ireland...

This has implications for ability of returning newly qualified teachers to register with the Irish Teaching Council and means that you will have to make up the shortfall in credits
Studying in the UK ???

• Some UK institutions are making changes in response to the new Teaching Council requirements
• These colleges recommend staying in the UK for 3 year
  1. Complete your PGCE
  2. Complete your Induction Year and possibly start taking some Masters credits
  3. Spend another year teaching in the UK and complete the remainder of masters credits (180 credits in total including the 60 from your PGCE)
Northern Ireland

- Applications made directly to colleges
- Primary – Leaving Cert science required
Northern Ireland

• Closing dates vary - some are November 2015
  – Check individual college websites
• Post-Primary
  – University of Ulster (November Closing Date)
  – Queen’s University Belfast (November Closing Date)
• Primary
  – University of Ulster (November Closing Date)
  – Stranmillis University College (Early Years)#
  – St Mary’s University College (Irish Medium)
Any Questions?

• [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers)

• **Careers Centre Help-Desk**
  - Monday – Friday
  - 10am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 4.30pm

• [careers@nuim.ie](mailto:careers@nuim.ie)