

**M**arino Institute of Education (MIE) is an associated college of the University of Dublin, Trinity College. It offers a range of specialised undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in education, including programmes that offer teacher certification for primary school teachers. The institute aspires to excellence in every aspect of its programme.

As an academic institution and as an institute that is centrally involved in the preparation of future teachers, the institute values diversity and sharing of ideas and of personnel within Ireland, within the European Union and beyond the European Union. Consequently, it welcomes the opportunity to be awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in order to promote further opportunities for student and staff mobility.

Partners for exchange are chosen on the basis of their engagement in similar work in the undergraduate and post-graduate education of teachers in the European Union, and beyond. Many informal contracts have been made already with people in institutions throughout Europe, as a result of attendance at a participation in conferences, through postgraduate study in Ireland and abroad, and through fellowship and exchange opportunities. Members of staff have presented to educators on a European Study Visit on the topic of literacy and numeracy. Staff members have co-authored research articles with and presented to peers in institutions around Europe, notable in the areas of early childhood education, English as an additional language and mathematics education.

Exchanges to date have been concentrated on institutions with Europe, the United States and Africa. The institute wishes to develop further existing relationships and to develop new relationships with additional institutions.

Professional development of all staff, both academic and administrative, is essential if programmes and administration are to remain relevant, rigorous and inspiring. The institute encourages and supports all staff to participate in exchanges with staff from other schools and colleges of education under the Erasmus programme. Staff members are encouraged to collaborate on projects of mutual interest and engage in professional development opportunities where ideas are shared and development

Participating in exchanges offers students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of educational and social issues. It helps them gain a deeper understanding and an appreciation of the common goals and concerns of people elsewhere, even if the means by which the goals and concerns are addressed differ. Enhancing such appreciation and understanding comes about through daily interactions with fellow students in other countries on a short or medium term basis.

Students from other countries are welcome to take modules on any of the programmes offered by MIE. Incoming student will receive credit for the modules taken and will be supported to integrate fully into the life of the institute. The students are assigned a tutor on arrival in Ireland who is available to provide advice on matters related to the exchange. Students will be supported to find accommodation. A limited supply of accommodation is available on campus.

At this time students on the Bachelor in Science (Education Studies) programme are particularly encouraged to seek opportunities to take modules (including work placement modules) in conjunction with cooperating institutions throughout the European Union. This initiative will be introduced at the earliest opportunity and will be expanded as the institute becomes more adept in working with partner intuitions to identify the supports students require to benefit from such mobility. A supervisor in Marino will be assigned to each student and for the cooperating institution

Marino Institute of Education is committed to equality of opportunity for all staff and students, regardless of sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, disability, age or sexual orientation.

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