



# Professional Diploma In Education (Further Education)

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**Teaching Council Approved**

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**Trinity College Dublin Accredited**

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**Blended Learning Approach**

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**Educational Placements**

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**Supports Work-Based Participants**

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**One & Two Year Completion Options**



# An introduction to the Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education)

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This part time programme is intended to equip students with a range of knowledge and skills related to the profession of teaching in Further Education and Training settings. It combines blended learning and educational placements.

The Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) course meets the professional requirements for registration with the Teaching Council as established under Teaching Council Regulations 2011. The Professional Diploma is accredited by Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin and the award is placed at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This course can be completed over one year flexible learning or two years part-time and carries 60 credits.

## Who is the programme for?

This programme meets the academic and professional requirements of teachers working in Further Education and Training. It is designed to be attractive to those already working in the Further Education sector, or those wishing to enter the sector.

## What will I study?

The curriculum includes Foundation Studies, Professional Studies and a Practical Teaching Programme. The practical teaching programme includes educational placements involving both observation and assessed teaching practice.

## What are the programme aims?

- To prepare students to develop their knowledge, skills, competences and understanding in order to teach in Further Education and Training.
- To provide a foundation in the theories and practices of lifelong learning, including andragogical approaches to teaching & learning.
- To develop teaching styles and methodologies appropriate to a wide range of learners and contexts.
- To develop the theoretical understanding and practical skills to devise and implement programme-appropriate assessment for national certification.
- To provide supervised and supportive practical teaching experience in authentic Further Education settings.

## How is the programme assessed?

A variety of assessment modes such as reflective journals, presentations, research projects and portfolios, written examinations and assignments are used on the programme.

## What are my career opportunities?

The Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education) meets the professional requirements of regulation five (further education) of the Teaching Council Regulations. Graduates can apply for teaching positions within the Further

Education and Training sector; including Colleges of Further Education, Post-Leaving Cert programmes, SOLAS training centres, Youthreach, Adult and Community Education programmes. Many graduates have successfully secured employment with local Education and Training Boards.

## Minimum entry requirements

An honours degree (level 8) OR an ordinary degree (level 7) plus an appropriate additional qualification or a certified accreditation of prior learning based on a minimum of 3 years' experience in a setting which is relevant to the candidate's qualifications. The selection process will include attending an interview.

## General information

**Duration:** 1 year flexible delivery or 2 years part-time

**Award level:** NFQ 8

**ECTS credits:** 60

**Awarding body:** Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin



# Programme of Study

## One-Year Programme

This course is full-time equivalent and past participants have successfully received SUSI and other education grants.

This course runs two weekends per month, September to April (Friday 17.00-21.00, Saturday 09.00-16.00). One-third of the course is accessed online. Students must complete 130 hours in an educational placement over the duration of the programme.

## Two-Year Programme

This course runs one weekend per month, September to April (Friday 17.00-21.00, Saturday 09.00-16.00). One-third of the course is accessed online. Students must complete 130 hours in an educational placement across the two years of the programme.

## Modules

- Historical and Philosophical Understandings of Education
- How Adolescents and Adults Learn
- Approaches to Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Communication and Technology in Education
- Educational Placement I
- Group Management and Organisation for Learning
- Contemporary Issues in Education
- Module and Programme Design and Evaluation
- Development of a Reflective Stance in Specialised Area
- Educational Placement II

**A blended learning approach is used on both programmes, which includes face-to-face lectures, online learning and practical placement.**



## Course Coordinator

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## APPLICATION & FURTHER INFORMATION

Online applications are accepted for both programmes. See the web page for updated information and specific dates.

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