



Professional Master of Education

(Two-year, Full-Time)

Introduction

This is a two-year, full-time Level 9 Programme which is creative, innovative and a leading model in teacher education internationally. The PME will qualify its graduates to teach relevant subjects at post-primary level (junior and senior cycles) once students also meet the requirements of the Teaching Council.

During the PME, you will study the foundation disciplines of education; methodologies related to your subject specialism; hear from speakers, practitioners and researchers from a wide range of organisations who will inform, support and develop your practice as a teacher.

Programme Highlight

You will complete a professional dissertation inquiring into an aspect of your practice as a teacher, which may relate specifically to a phenomenon you observe during your school placement.

The course is wide-ranging, informative both theoretically and practically, and features cutting-edge, stimulating and interesting contributors who have considerable experience and expertise about Irish schooling and education.

Programme Structure and Content

Structure

The PME is a 120-credit degree programme taken over two years full-time. Students are required to undertake a minimum of four and a half hours teaching per week up to a maximum of eight hours in Year One and Year Two, as well as their block placement in Year Two.

Modules:

Sample Modules include:

- Curriculum and Assessment
- Students, Schools and Society
- Educating Ireland
- Psychology for Teaching and Learning
- Philosophy of Education
- Inclusive Pedagogy and Portfolio
- Subject Methodologies

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Teaching in a post-primary school

About the School

The School of Education is a leader in its field, internationally recognized for its research and over 100 years of service to the wider education community in Ireland. We cater for educational professionals across all sectors of the education system – from early years through to higher education and welcome queries from international students.

Graduate Profile



Jake Weldon
Graduate

I am currently completing the Professional Master of Education course in UCD. I also completed a Bachelor of Arts Humanities Degree in DCU, with a view of entering the field of education.

Tying to sum up in only a few lines what I enjoy most about the PME in UCD is particularly difficult. There were several places I could have chosen to do this course; however, I chose UCD due to the programme structure. Placement starts in Trimester 1 of First Year and runs right through to final year. This to me is of utmost importance, as it allows you to build a rapport with students and colleagues in your school. Building a rapport with various stakeholders is essential, as it improves numerous classroom areas, such as motivation, feedback, student learning, communication, and wellbeing.

One thing I love about the School of Education in UCD, are the wide range of supports that are available to students. Members of the faculty, and part-time staff such as tutors, supervisors and practicing teachers have an incredible relationship with each of us and know us by name. They are phenomenal. I can say with a high degree of confidence that no one person is left behind. UCD really is a special place to do your PME.

Applicant Profile

When applying, the PME applicant will be required to make a formal declaration of studies undertaken in at least one post-primary curricular subject area. They will be required to declare that they:

- Hold an Honours Bachelor Degree NFQ Level 8 (or equivalent) carrying at least 180 ECTS Credits.
- Have studied the requisite number of ECTS credits in the subject(s) they wish to have recorded on the Register of Teachers e.g. 60/80/90 ECTS credits.
- Have completed at least 10 ECTS credits at third-year degree level or higher.
- Have met all the specific detailed requirements of the Teaching Council in terms of mandatory areas of study.

In all cases (a)-(d) the PME applicant will be required to identify the specific module/course code where all requirements have been met.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

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