



UCD School of Education  
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Courses for Teachers

# Professional Masters of Education

## PME

The Professional Master of Education is a two-year, full-time Level 9 programme which is creative, innovative and a leading model in initial teacher education internationally.

The programme pays systematic attention to dispositions, values and beliefs regarding professionalism as public service and commitment to social justice with confidence, competence and appropriate expertise, both disciplinary and pedagogical. It develops practice-oriented enquiry which is both rigorous and systematic and builds relevant and sustainable synergies between theory and practice.

## COURSE FEATURES

- Emphasis on high-quality student experience
- National and international recognition
- Structured system of support
- Interactive teaching and learning
- Collegial, dynamic and inclusive participation in a community of learners

## COURSE DETAILS

Code:	W327
Duration:	24 Months
Next Intake:	September annually
Schedule:	Full-time

## COURSE 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.

## SAMPLE MODULES

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

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

Assignment-based assessment, with a focus on developing critical enquiry, in-depth analysis and meaningful praxis in the university context.

## RESOURCES

- UCD on-line resources,
- International journals,
- UCD Library



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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

When applying for a place on the Professional Masters of Education, the PME Applicant will be required to make a formal declaration of studies undertaken in at least one post-primary curricular subject area.

He/she will be required to declare that they:

- a) Hold an Honours Bachelor Degree NFQ Level 8 (or equivalent) carrying at least 180 ECTS Credits.
- b) 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.
- c) Have completed at least 10 ECTS credits at third year degree level or higher
- d) 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. Applications to the PME are made via the Postgraduate Applications Centre, [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie), applications open in October and close in February.