



UCD School of Education Scoil an Oideachais UCD

Courses for Teachers

PDEL/MEd Educational Leadership

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The Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership (PDEL) is primarily aimed at teachers with some teaching experience who would like to either move into a leadership position or challenge the way they think about their work in a variety of ways. The concept of leadership employed is broad and can be applied to teachers at different stages of their career within schools as organisations.

The programme includes some face-to-face sessions and these combined with the online dimension are intended to provide a dynamic and transformative learning experience for all students. We are committed to developing our student's critical voice through reading, discussion, peer learning, presentations and critical review and that these participative learning experiences will ensure that high quality learning outcomes are achieved.

'I have just seen my results from the summer term and my thesis. I am over the moon, all the hard work paid off! Thank you for all the help, guidance and support over the last two years. I will definitely be promoting this programme to my fellow teachers'

COURSE FEATURES

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

COURSE DETAILS

Code:	W342 PT
Duration:	12 months
Next Intake:	September annually
Schedule:	Part time

'An inspiring and intellectually challenging programme - a must for aspiring school leaders'

COURSE STRUCTURE

- The PDE in Educational Leadership is a 30-credit Diploma programme taken over one year part time.
- The course is delivered in a blended manner. There will be a weekly online lecture-discussion forum for 90 minutes weekly per module based on assigned readings on selected topics. Students are also expected to attend the university three Saturdays over the course of semester one- (September to end of November) when you will complete the first two modules. Students will also attend college on two Saturdays during semester 2 (Jan- April) when you will be working on your final school based study.
- The course is also supported by a combination of live and pre-recorded online lectures, assigned readings, focused tasks and group discussions/ assignments

SAMPLE MODULES

- Leadership for Quality Learning
- School Transformation
- Contemporary Issues and school leadership

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our graduates have gone on to take up leadership roles within their schools

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold an honours degree at undergraduate level (or equivalent) from a higher education institution, a recognised teaching qualification and have a minimum of three years' teaching experience in either the primary or post-primary sector.

MED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP W328

It is possible to progress from this one-year Diploma to complete a Masters in Educational (MEd) Leadership. If you choose this route, you will sacrifice the award of the Diploma, and the 30 Credits accumulated will go towards the award of the MEd at the end of the second year. Transfer to year two of the MEd Leadership is contingent on a 2:1 honours grade in year one, and being offered a place in the second year by the programme director.



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