



## UCD School of Education Scoil an Oideachais UCD

### Courses for Teachers

## Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology

#### D Ed Psych.

UCD School of Education is now offering professional training in Educational Psychology at doctoral level, in the form of a Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology (D Ed Psych.). The course aims to provide trainee educational psychologists with the theoretical framework and the practical experience necessary to work as professional psychologists within a wide variety of educational and care settings.

In line with its record of leadership and innovation in the field of educational psychology, the School of Education has developed a unique series of innovative pathways to completion of this doctoral qualification, including a three-year full-time option and a five-year part-time option. In addition, there is also a facility for practising psychologists who have already completed a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology, to secure a doctoral qualification, by completion of a research thesis. There is also an option to complete a PhD in Educational Psychology.

*'The Doctorate in Educational Psychology course provides trainees with the requisite skills and experience to seek employment in a variety of settings, including health and education. Importantly, the course team personnel are very supportive in guiding trainees throughout this journey'.*

#### COURSE FEATURES

- Grounded in theory and theoretical frameworks
- Informed by best international practice and up-to date research
- Excellent teaching delivered by a combination of academics and practitioners.
- Range of professional practice experience, under excellent supervision
- High quality research supervision
- Development of all aspects of trainee Educational Psychologists, academic, professional, research, personal and interpersonal.
- Extremely supportive learning environment
- Accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland

#### COURSE DETAILS

Code: W334 FT/W335 PT

Duration: 3 years/5 years

Next Intake: September annually

Schedule: Full time/part time

*'I know that this course will provide me with a range of interesting career opportunities.'*

## COURSE STRUCTURE

- The Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology will prepare students to work as educational psychologists.
- It involves taught components, extensive professional placement experience of 300 days, and the conducting of research at doctoral level.
- The research involves the completion of a 50,000 word thesis.
- Attendance requirements: full-time option involves lectures or placements on four days per week, with one day allocated to independent study, while the part-time option requires availability to attend lectures and engage in professional placements on two-to-three days per week.
- The course is offered at Level 10 within the National Framework for Qualifications (NFQ) and carries a total of 270 Credits.
- As a professional training course, it is subject to accreditation by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI).

## SAMPLE MODULES

- Inclusion and Equality in Education
- Child Development Theory Applied to Practice
- Professional Practice 1-5 ( 5 modules over duration of course)
- Psychological Theories and Interventions
- Research Methods (Levels 1 and 2)
- Advanced Research Methods
- Research Thesis Supervision

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology will be qualified to assume the role of Psychologist within a wide range of educational and care settings, to work with and support persons across the life-span, and to work autonomously or in collaboration with other professionals or as part of multi-disciplinary teams. The qualification will also be recognized internationally.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology Course is open to graduates who, prior to application, hold a first- or second-class honours degree in Psychology or a qualification in Psychology that is deemed to be equivalent. They must also meet the requirements for Graduate Basis for Registration with the Psychological Society of Ireland or equivalent.



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