

TEACHING AND LEARNING ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES 2016 - 2018

- Master of Arts
- Postgraduate Diploma
- Minor Awards

The *Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning* has been designed to provide a structured accredited programme for developing high level competence in teaching, learning and scholarship in higher education settings.

This programme gives staff of IT Carlow and beyond the opportunity to study for a taught *Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning*, a Level 9 Award (90 ECTS credits). The programme also provides an exit award of a *Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning* (60 ECTS credits).

A new feature is that individual modules from the programme are now offered as stand-alone modules and are accredited as minor awards at Level 9.

AIM OF THE PROGRAMMES

The aim of the *MA in Teaching and Learning* is to provide you with the skills, knowledge and competencies to design, teach and evaluate higher education programmes. The Masters will allow you to develop personal and professional capacities for critical reflection. It also aims to develop your research expertise and the scholarship of teaching and learning. The programme will provide you with opportunities to research teaching practice and areas of educational interest, whilst equipping you for roles in academic leadership and/or research supervision.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The embedded Postgraduate Diploma comprises *five* mandatory modules and *one* elective module. For the award of the Postgraduate Diploma, you are required to complete 60 credits. For the Masters qualification, you are required to complete the Postgraduate Diploma and complete an additional 30 credits: *Education Research Methods* (10 credits), *Masters Research Project* (20 credits). The programme is structured as follows:

Postgraduate Diploma (60 Credits)	
MANDATORY MODULES	ELECTIVE MODULES
Teaching and Learning 1 (Foundation) (10 credits)	Academic Leadership (10 credits)
Teaching and Learning 2 (Advanced) (10 credits)	Research Supervision (10 credits)
Assessment and Feedback (10 credits)	
Curriculum Design (10 credits)	
Technology-Enhanced Teaching & Learning (10 credits)	

Masters (Additional 30 Credits)
Education Research Methods (10 credits)
Masters Research Project (20 credits)

Programme Delivery 2016 - 2018

The programme is delivered by the Teaching and Learning Centre in conjunction with the Lifelong Learning Centre. The MA in Teaching and Learning will be delivered on a part-time basis starting in September 2016. The proposed schedule for 2016-2018 is outlined below.

In September 2016 the first module, *Teaching and Learning 1 – Foundation* (10 ECTS) will be delivered in 3 full-day sessions, adopting a blended learning approach. Other modules will be delivered on Fridays during term time.

	Term	Proposed Schedule 2016 - 2018
Sept 2016	1	Module: Teaching & Learning 1 (Foundation)
Oct - Dec 2016	1	Module: Teaching & Learning 2 (Advanced)
Jan - June 2017	2	Module: Assessment and Feedback
	2	Module: Curriculum Design
Sept - Dec 2017	3	Module: Technology-Enhanced Teaching & Learning
	3	Module: Education Research Methods (<i>for those pursuing Masters</i>)
Jan – June 2018	4	Module (elective): Academic Leadership
	4	Module (elective): Research Supervision <i>Learners choose one elective</i> <i>Exit with PG Diploma or continue to complete Masters</i>
Jan - Aug 2018	4	Module: Masters Research Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry onto the MA (and embedded awards) you must hold a 2.2 Bachelors Degree at Level 8 or a recognised equivalent qualification, within the *National Framework of Qualifications* (NFQ).

Applicants applying for entry via routes other than above will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Criteria to be considered will include academic/professional qualifications and any prior learning.

You may apply for exemptions from programme modules if you provide documentary evidence of successful completion of equivalent, relevant modules at Level 9. Full details of the Institute Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy are available upon request.

Experience of teaching adults in a higher and/or further education, workplace or community setting is desirable. However, all applicants are required to be teaching in the academic year 2016-2017.

NEW FEATURE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SINGLE MODULES

Interested in a particular module? Want to gain a 10-credit (Level 9) qualification in a particular aspect of Teaching and Learning which interests you? Then why not choose to follow a single module of the programme.

A new feature of the programme for the academic year 2016/17 is that the modules will be offered as stand-alone accredited modules. If you are interested in pursuing one of the following awards:

- Certificate in Teaching and Learning 1 (Foundation)
- Certificate in Teaching and Learning 2 (Advanced)
- Certificate in Technology-Enhanced Teaching & Learning
- Certificate in Research Supervision

please apply using the link below and specify the programme for which you are applying¹.

HOW TO APPLY

Prior to application for the programme, you are advised to consult with your Head of Department/Head of Centre, using the PDP process. Then complete the [application form](#) before the closing date of **3rd June 2016**.

For further information on the programme contact:

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**Closing Date for
Applications**

Friday 3rd June 2016

¹ Programme/module offerings are subject to viable numbers.