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**HIBERNIA  
COLLEGE**

# PME IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

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## PME IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

### Our Courses

Hibernia College is a nationally recognised leader in teacher education. We offer a wide range of educational courses including Masters' in Post-Primary and Primary teaching and continuing professional development (CPD) – developed by teachers for teachers. Hibernia College has a reputation for pioneering new teaching methodologies and embracing change in the ever-evolving world of education. Our programmes are accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland and The Teaching Council, and are recognised by the Department of Education and Skills (DES).

#### The Programme

This programme is for you if you want to inspire and influence future generations and play a key role in the intellectual development of young children and if you need a teaching course that allows you to study from anywhere in Ireland.

#### Entry Requirements

- A Level 8 Honours degree on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)
- DES Entry Requirements

#### Structure

The programme is delivered over 24 months, using a blend of online and face-to-face tuition (45% online, 55% face-to-face).

- Online Tutorials
- Face-to-face Lectures
- School Experience
- Gaeltacht
- Independent Study
- Assessments

Learn Online  
Live Offline

## Entry Requirements

- An undergraduate degree at Level 8 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) which has an ECTS weighting of at least 180 credits. Note that the grade and subject of the degree are not relevant for the purpose of meeting the minimum entry requirements.

Note that an NFQ Level 8 or Level 9 higher diploma on its own does not fulfil this requirement.

- The Department of Education Entry Requirements are below.
- A pass in the B2 Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) is accepted in lieu of the Irish Leaving Cert requirement.

For alternatives, please [click here](#).

Subject	Grade	
Irish	C2 Higher Level	H4
English	C2 Ordinary Level	O4
	or	
	E Higher Level	H7
Maths	C2 Ordinary Level	O4
	or	
	E Higher Level	H7

### Online Tutorials

You should expect to have approximately 3–4 tutorials each week (Mon.-Fri.). Tutorials are 1–1.5 hours in length and occur typically between the hours of 6 p.m.–9 p.m. in the evening. Please note that these classes are live and you will be expected to attend at the times stated.

### Face-to-Face Lectures

You will meet approximately two Saturdays per month at a regional study centre from 9.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. Locations for the centres are determined closer to the start of term as locations are based on where our students are located. There will also be a number of on-site weeks.

### School Experience

You will complete 24 weeks' school experience in total throughout the programme. Placements are broken down into two 7-week blocks and one 10-week block. Students arrange their own placements, and at least two of the placements must be in different schools.

### Gaeltacht

The Gaeltacht is a core part of the PMEP programme. Students should expect to spend 4 weeks (two weeks each year) in a Gaeltacht area and attendance on designated weeks is compulsory for registration with the Teaching Council. Please note that the College has no role in the provision of accommodation for families.

### Assessments

The course is assessed on a continual basis. Assessments include, but are not limited to, essays, reflective journals, presentations, practical demonstrations, learning logs, a research project, written exams, portfolio submissions and a mini-thesis of 10,000 words.

### Required Study and Attendance

It's recommended that you set aside approximately 37 hours per week for study, including tutorials and classes. The programme is 24 continuous months with a short break at Christmas and in summer. The programme is full-time, delivered through a blended learning model, and full attendance is required.

## Fees

The course is €15,750. Fees are payable as follows:

- On acceptance of place: €1,000 deposit and €50 Garda Vetting fee
- 1<sup>st</sup> instalment (before course begins): €6,875
- 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment (approx. 10 months later): €7,875
- Additional costs include: Gaeltacht (€1,630 – total cost for both Gaeltacht terms - €815 to be paid before July of each year)  
Hibernia College has no part in the Gaeltacht fee. It is paid directly to the Colaistí and may be subject to change.

**Graduation Fee:** The current fee for attending the graduation ceremony is €100

INTO Credit Union has formulated a loan facility that may interest you. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Under current Revenue rules, tax relief is available if you are eligible at the standard rate of income tax (20%) for qualifying tuition fees. From September 2017, subject to compliance with Revenue regulations, students who are eligible will be able to claim approximately €800 per year in tax relief over the 2 years of the course, thereby reducing the actual cost of the course to €15,750 – €1,600 = €14,150. For further information, please [click here](#).

## Application Process

The application process is carried out entirely online. You will be required to complete a personal statement and upload some supporting documents to your application, which are outlined below. Note that you must upload all documents in PDF format (under 4 Mb) to your application. We cannot accept images, Word documents or other formats.

Our Spring 2024 intake is now open, to apply [click here](#).

## Documentation

The following document must be uploaded as part of your application:

- Leaving Certificate

Before starting an application, review our [Application Guide](#) and documentation samples on the Hibernia College website.



## Gaeilge

Please remember that Gaeilge is a core subject of the primary curriculum and a good command of the language is necessary in the teaching profession.

The PMP is a Level 9 programme with two Gaeilge modules and you will be expected to study the language at that level. At interview, you must demonstrate a level of Gaeilge that proves your ability to teach the language effectively in the classroom.

Before submitting your application, you should be able to hold a conversation through the Irish language for at least 30 minutes. The interview itself will be a 10-minute, fast-paced conversation assessing your use of tense and grammar and your general level of comfort speaking the language.

For information on how to prepare for your Irish interview, please [click here](#)

## Interview

Once your online application has been reviewed and processed, you will be called for an interview. The interview will comprise of a 20-minute general component and approximately 10 minutes of an Oral Irish component to determine your language proficiency, including but not limited to conversational fluency including verb usage, vocabulary, grammar and tenses. To improve your Irish language skills, we advise regular practice and completion of an Irish language course that will adequately prepare you for interview.

Prior to Interview, you should be speaking Irish conversationally for at least 30 minutes per day. It is also essential to comprehensively prepare for the general component of the interview, including your motivations for becoming a teacher and up-to-date knowledge of teaching in Ireland.

Please also note that if you have achieved a minimum of 65% / B1 Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (oral) (TEG), this will be accepted in lieu of the Irish interview.



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The information provided herein is based on requirements established by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) and the Teaching Council. These can change from time to time, and it is the absolute responsibility of the applicant and not Hibernia College to ensure that the applicant satisfies, in full, the relevant standards and requirements of these third-party regulatory bodies at their point of application. Hibernia College bears no responsibility should an applicant be denied entry to a programme of education or subsequent admittance to a professional register due to changes made by the DES and the Teaching Council at any point in time.