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COLLEGE**

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PME IN
POST-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 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)
- Satisfy the curricular subject criteria

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
- 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.
- Your area of study must be relevant to the subject(s) you hope to teach. This is an essential entry requirement for the PME in Post-Primary Education.

Please click [here](#) for Teaching Council regulations outlining the requirements for each subject.

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

For additional information, please click [here](#).

Subject Choices

When making subject choices it is important to note that you are required to meet all Teaching Council requirements in your Subject 1, including the requisite number of ECTS credit and completed Subject Declaration Form. For your Subject 2, If you hold 40 credits or more in a second subject, we recommend you select this as your subject 2. While you will not be in a position to register in this subject unless you meet all Teaching Council requirements, you will be required to upload a Subject Declaration Form for the purposes of your application only.

Your subject knowledge and eligibility to teach both of your chosen subjects will be considered at interview. If you hold less than 40 credits in a second subject or you do not have a second subject, we recommend that you select the 'Digital Tech T&L' course in lieu of a second subject.

Online Tutorials

You should expect to have approximately 3–4 tutorials each week (Mon.–Fri.). Tutorials are 1–2 hours in length and occur typically between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Please note that these classes are live and attendance at all live events is compulsory.

Face-to-Face Lectures

You will meet approximately 2–3 Saturdays per month from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Attendance at all face-to-face events is compulsory.

School Experience

You will complete 24 weeks of school experience in total throughout the programme. Placements are broken down into two 7-week blocks and one 10-week block. You will arrange your own placements, and at least two of the placements must be in different schools. You must be in attendance for the full school day, Monday to Friday, while on placement.

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 is 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 Professional Master of Education is a two-year, full-time course, which is delivered through a blended learning model. Full attendance at all live events for the duration of that event 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
- 1st instalment (before course begins): €6,875
- 2nd instalment (approx. 10 months later): €7,875

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

TUI 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 documents must be uploaded as part of your application:

- Official transcript of degree (must include all years and overall award)

If your undergraduate degree does not state that your degree is at Level 8 (NFQ) or above, please refer to your awarding institute to obtain written confirmation of the Level awarded.

- Subject Declaration Form(s) for the subject(s) you intend to register

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

Subject Declaration Form

You must upload at least one fully completed Subject Declaration Form as part of your application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ascertain whether their specific qualifications are in accord with the Teaching Council requirements, satisfying the general and specific criteria for Post-Primary registration purposes. Teaching Council regulations stipulate that, in addition to holding a Level 8 degree (or equivalent) on the Irish NFQ, you must meet the requirements for at least one post-primary curricular subject. The requirements for all qualifying subjects are set by the Teaching Council.

Only SDFs with 50 ECTS+ will be forwarded to the Teaching Council, those with less than 50 ECTS will not be sent.

Applicants must follow the Teaching Council guidelines.

You can access Subject Declaration Forms [here](#).

Interview

At the start of the interview, you will present on a junior or senior cycle curriculum topic of interest. The topic chosen should be related to your first subject choice. The presentation should be no longer than 3 minutes.

You will then be given the opportunity to show interest and enthusiasm for both of the subject area(s) and the profession.

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Dates available at

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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.