

# Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Learning and Teaching

- Further Education Stream

## Course Description

This course is specially designed and developed to meet the needs of learning professionals in the further education sector. In particular, the course addresses the needs of those educators requiring Teaching Council of Ireland accreditation for working in further education contexts. The Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Learning and Teaching (Further Education Strand) is a full-time teacher education course, designed to provide the necessary knowledge, skills and competencies to enhance your teaching in further education institutions. This course is focused on the development of your knowledge, skills and competence in educational theory, as well as your ability to apply this theory to pedagogic design and professional development. This course is delivered in the evenings to accommodate students' placement work.

The course focuses on developing self-awareness as well as the competence to facilitate the development of individuals in a range of further education contexts by, for example, the application of new technologies to instruction, the use of strategies to support learning, and the creation of valuable and effective assessments.

The course will use a variety of participative teaching approaches. You will be encouraged to enquire, question and critique modern conceptions of how we learn and how we can bring about learning in others. You will be expected to complete practical assignments and to build your skills as an educator, including undertaking a placement in host FE colleges or centres.

## Who is the course for?

The Postgraduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching (Further Education Strand) is specifically designed as an accredited further education teacher education qualification recognised by the Teaching Council of Ireland.

The course is suitable for those intending to pursue a career in teaching in the further education sector. Regulation Five of the Teaching Council Regulations (2009) deals with teacher registration for the further education sector. This regulation includes a requirement, with effect from 01 April 2013, for applicants for registration to have attained, inter alia, a Council approved further education teacher education qualification. Applicants should also consult the Teaching Council ([www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)) for the complete set of requirements under Regulation Five.

## Award and Progression

The Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Learning and Teaching (Further Education Strand) is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students will also receive a teacher education qualification accredited by the Teaching Council of Ireland and entry to the Register of Teachers in the further education sector in Ireland. You may also choose to undertake further study involving an additional 30 ECTS credits with modules on research skills and completion of a dissertation. On completion of this, you will receive the award of Master of Arts in Learning and Teaching featured on page 84.

## Entry Requirements

Applicants holding an honours degree 2.2 (level 8) in any discipline ideally with professional involvement in the facilitation of learning or training will be considered for the course. The college operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, which means that applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work or other relevant experience. All applicants will be interviewed by the Programme Director or member of the programme team, applicants may also be required to provide a specified written assignment. Depending on where applicants are working, there may also be a requirement for Garda vetting.

## Part-time Schedule

### Location

IFSC Campus/Online

### Duration

1 calendar year

### Fees

€4,750 total fee  
(Fees revised annually)

### Start Date

Sept 2017

### Indicative Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday  
18.30 - 21.30 and some  
Saturdays 09.30 - 13.30.

Some classes may be delivered online.

### Application

Apply online at  
[www.ncirl.ie](http://www.ncirl.ie)

