



Professional Diploma in Education Studies

(One Year Full Time)

Introduction

The Professional Diploma in Education Studies (PDES) programme is aimed at students who have an interest in deepening their knowledge of education matters and professionals working in areas related to education. The programme encourages students to engage broadly with education sciences and professional development.

On successful completion of the programme, students will:

- Have gained sufficient grounding in the theories and issues in the education world.
- Engage with concepts, principles, and values from a wide range of academic genres and

disciplines.

- Evidence an enhanced aptitude for continued self-directed learning as well as collaborative learning.
- Critically assess certain key theoretical, policy, and practical approaches to education as informed by the cognate disciplines of education and prevailing influences on educational practice.
- Have the ability to integrate knowledge and to reflect on wider disciplinary constructs in the course of their study.
- Develop appropriate academic writing and communication skills

Programme Highlight

Students can select from a broad range of interdisciplinary subjects or develop their own strand within the diploma, such as focusing on the area of Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Programme Structure and Content

Structure

The PDES is a 30-credit programme taken over one academic year part time. The programme enables students to engage broadly with education sciences and professional development or to develop their own strand within the diploma, such as Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Modules:

Sample Modules include:

- Equalities, Social Justice and Children's Learning
- Inclusive Education for Pupils with Additional support needs
- Critical Policy Analysis
- School leadership and the quality of teaching and learning: actors, agency, activities
- Wellbeing of Children and Youth
- School Effectiveness

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Graduates of this programme would be well suited for careers in the broader education system, i.e. external to early-years, primary and post-primary teaching. Previous graduates have worked in Adult and Community Education and in the TEFL sector. Graduates of the PDES can also transfer into Year 2 of our M.Ed. programme, if they wish.

About the School

The School of Education is a leader in its field, internationally recognized for its research and over 100 years of service to the wider education community in Ireland. We cater for educational professionals across all sectors of the education system – from early years through to higher education and welcome queries from international students.

Graduate Profile

Gerard Byrne Graduate

The PDES programme offers a broad and eclectic selection of modules which are relevant to the contemporary education sector in Ireland. The module structures allow for a strong element of class collaboration and exchange of insights from fellow students in different sections of the education and social sciences sector. The faculty are always at hand to assist and instruct the candidate in a most helpful manner as to the options which are best suited for them in their respective fields

The PDES programme gives a postgraduate qualification to those who may not necessarily work directly in the education sector but aspire to that end. Finally, the programme structure enables students to transfer to the second year of the M.Ed. programme (on completion) should they wish to do so.

Applicant Profile

- Candidates applying to this programme will normally hold an honours degree at undergraduate level (NFQ Level 8 or international equivalent) from a recognized higher education institution.
- We welcome international applicants and advise that applicants, whose first language is not English, should have an IELTS overall score of 6.5, with no band below 6, or equivalent. Only applicants who have met the English language results will be considered.
- This programme is only suitable for domestic (EEA) applicants. It is not suitable for international (Non EEA) applicants currently residing outside of the EEA Region.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- Masters in Education PT

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