

Level 8
Waterford (Blended)

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) **Adult & Further Education**

Course overview

This part-time Level 8 award is designed to meet the needs of current adult and Further Education & Training (FET) tutors/practitioners who do not require or already have Teaching Council registration.



Subject area

Throughout this interactive part-time programme, participants will deepen their knowledge and understanding of adult education, education systems and the challenges facing teachers and adult learners in different educational contexts.

The programme explores theories and good practice in adult basic and adult & further education. Participants will enhance their teaching skills and develop research skills in order to carry out primary research relevant to their practice or work context.



Unique features

This is a part-time blended learning programme with a delivery model that facilitates the working practitioner scheduled on weekend teaching blocks. Delivery will be a mix of on campus and online modes.

Classes are delivered in workshop-style, where collective, collaborative and creative learning is strongly encouraged. Learning can be applied directly to your practice. Conduct research in areas relevant to your practice & share findings.

A lecturing team that is hugely experienced in FET & adult literacy. Lecturers value the wealth of experience & knowledge that adult learners bring to the classroom.

Subsidy scheme available to support literacy practitioners or those in receipt of Dept Social Protection payments.

Course subjects

The programme comprises a combination of taught modules and working with a research supervisor over 18 months practice:

Quality Curriculum Planning & Assessment in Practice
Psychology & Learning in Further & Adult Education
Education, Equality & Social Inclusion
Critical Education Studies
Research Methodologies
Research Project

Elective

Promoting Literacies in the Adult & FE Classroom
OR
Strategic Management
(choice is subject to numbers)

Career opportunities

This programme will enhance graduates' career prospects across the adult and further education and training sector in roles such as adult education and/or FET tutors, coordination, management, resource and development roles. Previous graduates have successfully gained employment across the range of FET contexts with:

- Education & Training Boards (ETB) nationally
- SOLAS
- Other Further Education & Training (FET) settings.

Follow on study options

On successful completion of this programme, graduates may progress to the Level 9 MEd in Teaching and Learning (WD603) or MA in Management in Education (WD548) in SETU or equivalent courses in another Higher Education Institute, subject to meeting their criteria.

Entry requirements

All applicants must have the Level 7 BA (Ord) in Adult and Further Education OR a qualification equivalent to a full award at Level 7 (180 ECTS).

In addition applicants must have a minimum of 18 months professional experience in the further/adult education sector (FE teacher/trainer/tutor, resource worker, development worker, centre manager etc.).

Applicants must also have access to a recognised educational institution to carry out their teaching practice placements (100 hours in total).

Applicants may be invited to attend an interview for entry to the programme.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): applicants with significant prior experience in FET sector may apply for direct entry or exemptions using SETU RPL Policy. For further information contact the Programme Leader.

Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English.

Further information

www.setu.ie/ldc
Literacy Development Centre
literacy.wd@setu.ie
051 302689

Programme Leader:
Ms Ann-Marie Cullen
ann-marie.cullen@setu.ie

