

Level 8
Waterford (Blended)

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

Course overview

This part time Level 8 is recognised by the Teaching Council of Ireland as the teaching qualification for tutors/practitioners working in the Adult and Further Education & Training sector. It will enhance participants' appreciation of good practice in teaching and learning and broaden their repertoire of teaching methodologies.



Subject area

The Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Teaching in Adult and Further Education (60 credits) is the recognised teaching qualification for the FET sector. It explores theories and good practice in adult basic and adult & further education. Participants will develop their understanding of education systems and the challenges facing teachers and students in different FET contexts. It will provide participants with the requisite skill set required for their roles. This programme is assessed through continuous assessment.



Unique features

Practice Placement (PP)

Practice Placements in authentic Adult & Further Education (AFE) settings are a key component of this programme. Participants are required to complete 100 hours of PP as part of their studies. (PP1 40 hours, PP2 and PP3 30 hours each). To satisfy Teaching Council registration requirements, all placements must be undertaken in approved AFE settings, with groups of six or more learners, on accredited courses (e.g. QQI/ NFQ Levels 1-6.)

Participants are required to arrange their own placements but support is provided by a dedicated Professional Practice Co-ordinator. Participants may use their current workplace provided it meets the criteria above and is approved by their manager.

Course subjects

All modules are 5 credits unless otherwise stated. Modules marked with an asterisk * are 10 credits.

Year 1

Intro to Pedagogy in FE 1 & Practice Placement 1
Quality Curriculum Planning and Assessment in Practice*

Psychology and Learning in Adult and Further Education
Critical Education Studies

Pedagogy in FE 2

Education, Equality and Social Inclusion

Practice Placement 2

Year 2

Elective – Promoting Literacies in the Adult & FE Classroom *OR Strategic Management*

Pedagogy in FE 3

Practice Placement 3

Career opportunities

This programme will enhance graduates' career prospects to teach & work across the adult and FET sector in roles such as teachers, tutors, facilitators, trainers, coordinators, managers, resource and development roles.

Previous graduates hold a range of roles across the range of FET contexts & have successfully gained employment with:

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

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

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