

## Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education 2013/14

The Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education is intended for graduates planning to teach in the adult and further education (FE) sector and for teachers already working in this area who wish to further develop their professional practice. The programme is recognised by the Teaching Council as a professional teaching qualification for the Further Education sector. It should also be of interest to graduates with an interest in working in other sectors in adult education and lifelong learning.

The Graduate Diploma is taught full-time over one academic year using a blend of learning situations (onsite, online and teaching practice). Classes are held at weekends from 14:00 to 21:00 on Friday and on Saturday morning 9:30-12:30, while classes will begin at the earlier time of 10:00 on approximately three Fridays over the year. Students may undertake their teaching practice in their chosen settings during week days. In terms of attendance at college therefore, this amounts to about 8 weekends in each of the semesters. Programme modules covering the following integrated areas:

- Theoretical foundations of adult education and lifelong learning (psychological, philosophical, historical, sociological and political perspectives)
- Professional studies in curriculum planning, teaching and learning, assessment, and online instructional design
- Teaching as reflective practice and professional development planning
- Methodologies for teaching in particular subjects and domains
- Teaching practice of at least 100 hours on accredited programmes (by FETAC or equivalent) in at least two different settings, in addition to observation and other setting-based activities.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Module Title	Credits	Module Title	Credits
Reflective and professional practice	6	Psychology and sociology of adult education	9
Teaching and curriculum studies 1	6	Teaching and curriculum studies 2	9
Learning and technology	6	History and philosophy of adult education	6
Practicum 1	9	Practicum 2	9

### Further information

Applications forms are available from Student Services at 061-204348. The closing date is 31 May 2013. Applicants will be invited for interview in June/July. Enquiries regarding programme content can be addressed to Cathal de Paor at 061-204950 or [cathal.depaor@mic.ul.ie](mailto:cathal.depaor@mic.ul.ie)