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The Professional Diploma in Education (FE) is recognised by the Teaching Council as a professional teaching qualification for the Further Education sector. It should also be of interest to people working in other sectors in adult education and lifelong learning. Candidates will normally have a degree (or equivalent at Level 8) or a qualification at level 7 together with Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

The programme is offered full-time over one year or part-time over two years. Interested candidates are asked to check with Student Admissions as only one mode (full-time or part-time) will be offered in any given year. The programme is taught using a blend of learning situations (onsite, online and teaching placement). Classes are held at weekends from 18:00 to 21:00 on Friday and from 9:30-12:30 on Saturday morning.



Programme modules include learning outcomes in the following integrated areas:

- Professional studies; planning for constructive alignment in teaching, learning, and assessment; online instructional design; general teaching approaches and methodologies, and for particular subject specialisms
- Policy and practice of further education and training (psychological, philosophical, historical, sociological and political perspectives)
- Reflective practice and professional development planning ; professional standards and values
- Placement of 100 hours teaching accredited programmes (QQI/FETAC or equivalent), observation and other setting-based activities

*Module titles*

Semester 1	Semester 2
1. Professional practice in further education	5. The adult learner: psychological and sociological perspectives
2. Teaching, learning and assesment	6. Curriculum, assessment and quality
3. Learning and technology	7. Policy, historical and philosophical issues in further education
4. Placement 1	8. Placement 2



Application forms are available from Student Admissions at:  
061-204348/204929 or [admissions@mic.ul.ie](mailto:admissions@mic.ul.ie) Enquiries regarding  
programme content can be addressed to:  
Dr Cathal de Paor at 061-204950 or [cathal.depaor@mic.ul.ie](mailto:cathal.depaor@mic.ul.ie)  
The closing date is the end of May for commencement in September.



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## Teaching qualification for the FE sector

- ✓ Recognised as a teaching qualification by the Teaching Council for the FE sector
- ✓ Placed at level 8 on the NFQ
- ✓ Provides professional knowledge, skills and competencies for working in further education and training
- ✓ Full-time over one year or part-time over two years
- ✓ Suitable also as continuing professional development (CPD)