

How to gain an additional teaching subject

From the Teaching Council's website (08/01/2024):

"I am already registered as a post-primary teacher but wish to know how to go about qualifying to teach an additional curricular subject? (Registration section <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/register/change-of-details/#adding-an-additional-subject-post-primary>)

Employment within schools to teach subjects is decided by each school. It is not a registration requirement to be recognised for additional subjects. However, if you wish to have an additional curricular subject recorded on the register, you must show that you meet the criteria for the subject.

This does not mean that you must complete another degree. It means you need to study the subject to degree-level by combining modules from a level 8 degree or completing a level 9 postgraduate diploma.

You must ensure that you study:

- The required amount of ECTS credits in the subject
- The required areas in the subject as outlined in [Revised Curricular Subject Requirements \(Post-Primary\)](#)
- A specific methodology in the subject if it has been specified as a requirement.

If you are interested in adding an additional subject, you could contact the relevant department in a Higher Education Institute (HEI) and ask them about your options for studying a subject to degree level as an occasional / part-time / full-time student.

Finding Courses

Some options for course search include-

[Qualifax Postgraduate course search](#) | [Maynooth University postgraduate courses](#) | [UCC Higher Diploma in Arts options](#)

Below are a sample of available courses (subject to change). Applicants are advised to confirm course contents and ensure course meets Teaching Council criteria specified above.

Business

DBS <https://www.dbs.ie/course/postgraduate/postgraduate-higher-diploma-in-business>

Chinese (Mandarin)

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/chinese/our-courses>

Economics

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/economics/our-courses/higher-diploma-economic-science>

English:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/english/our-courses/higher-diploma-english>

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka11/>

French:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/french/our-courses>

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka12/>

Geography:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/postgraduate-diploma-geography>

German:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/postgraduate-diploma-german-teaching-post-primary-level>

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka14/>

History:

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka17/>

Irish:

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka24/>

Maths:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/mathematics-and-statistics/our-courses/higher-diploma-mathematical-studies>

UL* (for out of field Maths teacher) <https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/professional-diploma-mathematics-teaching-level-8>

Music:

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka20/>

Politics:

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka44/>

Spanish:

MU <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/postgraduate-diploma-spanish-teaching-post-primary-level>

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka15/>

Theological Studies:

SPPU <http://maynoothcollege.ie/pontifical-university/higher-diploma-in-theological-studies/> | [more information](#)

UCC <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka27/>

MA in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work

DCU <https://www.dcu.ie/courses/postgraduate/institute-education/ma-chaplaincy-studies-and-pastoral-work>

(School) Guidance and Counselling:

Institute of Guidance Counsellors <https://igc.ie/membership-details/>

Maynooth University - <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/postgraduate-diploma-educational-guidance-counselling>

DCU <https://www.dcu.ie/courses/postgraduate/institute-education/msc-guidance-counselling>

UL <https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/guidance-counselling-lifespan-development-ma>

For student queries, to book careers appointments and search jobs / opportunities / information / events please use [Careers Connect](#) - [Find out more here](#)