



# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROGRAMME DESIGN AND VALIDATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**PG CERTIFICATE LEVEL 9**

**1 Year Part-Time**

**PAC Code: MHA87**

The Postgraduate Certificate in Programme Design and Validation (PDV) is a blended, part-time certificate that is run in partnership with the Department of Adult and Community Education, Maynooth University and the Further Education Support Service (FESS). It is designed to meet the needs of people working in the adult, community and further education sector who have a direct role in the design and validation of accredited further education programmes including traineeship and apprenticeship programmes.

It is intended that completion of the programme will enhance participants employability and promotion prospects in the FET sector generally.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is offered part-time over two semesters. It will be blended delivery online via MS Teams and in-person day-long workshops. It will commence in October 2024 with 8 in-person programme days (Fridays 10am – 4pm) in Maynooth University campus, and 7 online programme mornings (Fridays 10am-12.30pm). The programme team and students will also use the Moodle online platform registered to Maynooth University.

Adult education participative and dialogical methodologies will be used for delivery both online and in workshops. The online dimension will be interactive and include activities that enhance student learning through active participation in webinars, discussion forums and other exercises. A key feature of the programme is its participatory, dialogic approach.

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Codes</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Validation of Programmes in F.E.T., History, Policy & Governance	AD030	5
Curriculum Theory & Application in Programme Development	AD031	10
Critical Evaluation & Quality Assurance in Programme Validation	AD032	5

Full programme details are available at:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/postgraduate-certificate-programme-design-validation-further-education-training>

## 24/25 Draft Timetable (subject to change)

The PDV programme requires a commitment to attendance and independent learning by all participants.

There will be 8 x in-person programme days in the Dept of Adult & Community Education, Maynooth University and 7 x 2.5-hour online webinars via MS Teams as follows:

Fri	4th October	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	18th October	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	1st November	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	15th November	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	29th November	10am – 4pm	In-person - Maynooth University Campus
Fri	6th December	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	13th December	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	10th January	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	24th January	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	7th February	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	21st February	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	7th March	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	21st March	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus
Fri	4th April	10am – 12.30pm	Online – MS Teams
Fri	11th April	10am – 4pm	In-person – Maynooth University Campus

Assessment will be through the completion of assignments, presentations, and participation in classes and online. There are no sit-down examinations. Final assessment expected on or before Friday 30th May 2025.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. We also consider applications who can evidence degree equivalent in accordance with MU's policy on recognition of prior learning (RPL).

Applicants must also be working in an education setting such as within adult, community or further education environments or a workplace setting and be directly involved with further education programme design and validation. Basic IT skills and broadband internet access are required.

## HOW TO APPLY

**\*PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**Closing date: 30 June 2024**



1. Apply online through PAC <http://www.pac.ie/maynoothuniversity>
2. Enter Code MHA87
3. Proceed with application procedures including a personal statement.

**Programme Fee: €1,250 + (€50 PAC application fee)**

## CONTACTS

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