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Post-Primary Teaching Entry 2024

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Post-Primary Teaching – Ireland

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Professional Master of Education – courses starting Sept 2024

- 4 NUI Universities (Maynooth University, UCC, UCD, University of Galway,) – closing date 31st January 2024

- Dublin City University – closing date 9th February 2024
- Trinity College Dublin - closing date in several rounds – opening soon for Round 2 applications
- University of Limerick – closing dates vary depending on subject (January 31st – March 1st, see UL website for full details

- Hibernia College – closing date 21st June 2024

Post-Primary Teaching – Ireland

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Professional Master of Education

- 4 NUI Universities
  - Maynooth University, UCC, UCD, University of Galway,

  One form, multiple choices, points based

- Dublin City University – application form, points based
- Trinity College Dublin – application form/Interview
- University of Limerick - application form/Interview
- Hibernia College - application form/Interview

NUI / PAC Applications: MU, UCD, UCC, UoG

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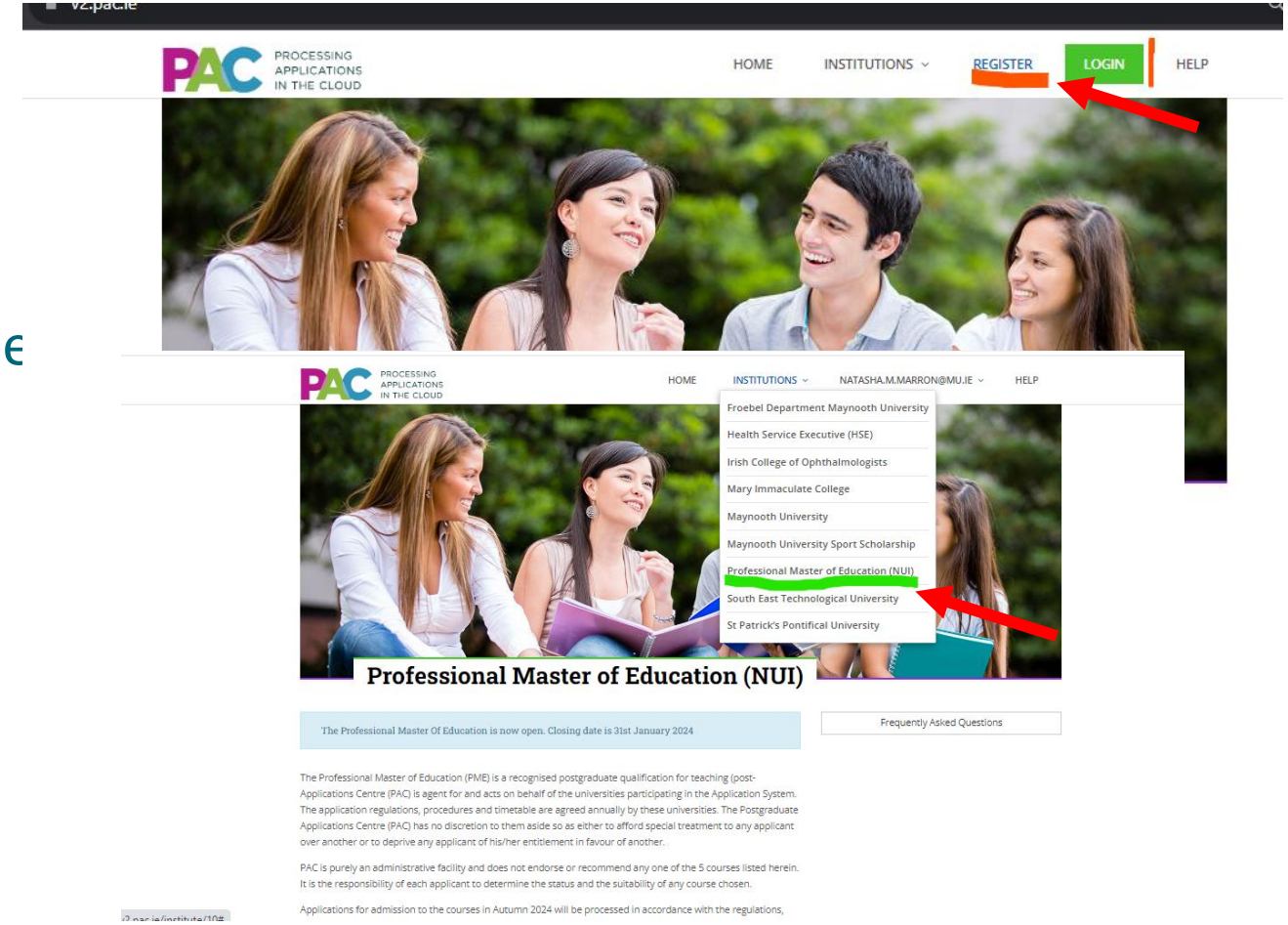
- Apply in final year for course starting the following September

- Closing Date – 31st January 2024
- Application Fee - €120

- Entry requirements – 2.2 Honours in degree
- Points system used to allocate places
- Online application – www.pac.ie



Applications

- This system set up to address teacher shortage in particular subjects (Languages, Sciences, Maths etc.)

Up to 8 choices

1. Indicate the universities to which you are applying
2. Select your teaching subjects
3. List your choices in order of preference

- Even though you apply under a specific subject, if you meet the Teaching Council requirements you will can still teach both

How are places allocated?

All NUI Universities and DCU

Use a Points System

- Points awarded based on most recent exam results
- If applying in final year your points are based on your results from the previous year (year abroad is not included)

Points system

Points based on your most recent completed academic year results

Points for Undergraduate & Primary Degree Performance

PERCENTAGE MARK RANGE		GPA RANGE		QCA Range		PAC PME POINTS	
Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Degrees where honours are available	Degrees where honours are not available
78.00	100.00	4.18	4.30	3.88	4.00	51	45
76.00	77.99	4.06	4.17	3.76	3.87	50	44
74.00	75.99	3.94	4.05	3.64	3.75	49	43
72.00	73.99	3.82	3.93	3.52	3.63	48	42
70.00	71.99	3.70	3.81	3.40	3.51	47	41
68.00	69.99	3.58	3.69	3.32	3.39	46	40
66.00	67.99	3.46	3.57	3.24	3.31	45	39
64.00	65.99	3.34	3.45	3.16	3.23	44	38
62.00	63.99	3.22	3.33	3.08	3.15	43	37
60.00	61.99	3.10	3.21	3.00	3.07	42	36
58.00	59.99	2.98	3.09	2.92	2.99	41	35
56.00	57.99	2.86	2.97	2.84	2.91	40	34
54.00	55.99	2.74	2.85	2.76	2.83	39	33
52.00	53.99	2.62	2.73	2.68	2.75	38	32
50.00	51.99	2.50	2.61	2.60	2.67	37	31
48.00	49.99	2.38	2.49	2.48	2.59	36	30
46.00	47.99	2.26	2.37	2.36	2.47	35	29
44.00	45.99	2.14	2.25	2.24	2.35	34	28
42.00	43.99	2.02	2.13	2.12	2.23	33	27
40.00	41.99	1.90	2.01	2.00	2.11	32	26

Sample Calculations based on the above points table

Points Round 1 2023

	UCC	UCD	NUIG	MU
Accounting	43	43	38	42
Agricultural Science	40	40	NA	44
Applied Mathematics	NA	No Offers	No Offers	No Offers
Biology	42	44	41*	41
Business	45	42	42*	48
Chemistry	37	44	38	39
Classical Studies	NA	41	NA	NA
Computer Science	No Offers	42	39	47
Politics and Society	43	40*	39	45*
Economics	45	40	39	44
English	44*	42*	48	44*
French	37	41	45*	42
Gaeilge / Irish	40	40	42	38*
Geography	44*	40*	44*	47*
German	38	44	40	39
History	44*	42*	43*	48
Italian	No Offers	42	No Offers	No Offers
Mathematics	38	40	42	38*
Music	42	40	39*	42
Physics	47	No Offers	36	40
Physics & Chemistry	NA	No Offers	NA	NA
Religious Education	40	NA	36	44
Spanish	43	43	40	37

Points for round 2 2023

	UCD	NUIG	MU
Business	41	No Offers	45*
Politics and Society	No Offers	No Offers	43*
Economics	No Offers	No Offers	43*
English	42*	No Offers	43*
Gaeilge / Irish	No Offers	38*	No Offers
Geography	No Offers	No Offers	43*
History	No Offers	No Offers	44*
Mathematics	No Offers	35	No Offers
Music	No Offers	37*	No Offers
Spanish	No Offers	40	No Offers

Points

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- Your points are based on your most recent full year results – so if applying in final year, you will be using your second year marks

- Points required varies each year – points vary in each university and depending on your subjects
  - This is in response to a need to train teachers in shortage subjects

- It is not possible to predict points required for 2024 entry or subsequent years

Closing date for NUI PME – 31st January 2024

Documentation Closing date – 7th February 2024

What if I don't get a place?

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- How can I increase my points?
  - Re-apply the following year with final year results
  - **Additional Qualifications** (only eligible if completed at time of application)
    - Undergraduate
    - Postgraduate
    - Course must be completed by 1st December in year of application
  - Relevant **Paid Professional** Experience – 1 point for each year (full-time or part-time)
- Other options...Apply to PME in other universities

The points system for academic performance set out below is designed to take account of all eligible level 8 primary degrees - including two-subject honours degrees, single honours degrees and degrees with one subject at honours level and one subject at pass level. In the case of eligible General Level 8 Degrees of the NUI (i.e. three subject pass degrees), points will be allocated using the schedule for pass papers.
The following should assist applicants who wish to calculate their points

The points for academic performances are based on the overall percentage mark obtained in the appropriate examination as confirmed by the applicant's university or awarding body, or as determined by The Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC) on the basis of information received.

Maximum Points for candidates with an eligible level 8 primary degree for which an honours award is available: 51 points
Maximum Points for candidates with an eligible level 8 primary degree for which an honours award is not available: 45 points
Maximum Points for candidates with a two subject eligible level 8 degree, where honours are available for one subject but not for the other: 48 points

Qualifications	Points
PhD.	10
Masters Degree	6
Higher/Graduate Diploma	3
Higher Certificate	1

Qualifications	Points
2nd Primary Degree	4
Diploma - at least 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.	2
Certificate - at least 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.	1

Qualifications which form a subsidiary part of a higher qualification are not awarded points and level 7 as part of a level 8 award e.g., a National Diploma as part of a Degree Programme.
All qualifications being submitted for assessment purposes must be awarded prior to 01 December 2018.

PAID Professional Experience

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- Must provide documentation e.g.

  letter from employer

- Full-time /Part-time **paid** professional experience
  - In education
  - Working with young people
  - Related to teaching subject

Examples: In education / With young people

- Full-time Teaching in another country – using your degree subject
- TEFL Teaching to groups
- Working full-time as a special needs assistant or classroom assistant
- Full-time employment as a sports coach, youth organiser or in a nursery/care setting with children

Related to teaching subject (normally at graduate level)

e.g., Employment as

- Accountant (Business Studies teacher) or Graduate level business related work experience
- Translator (Languages teachers)
- Laboratory Technician (Science teachers)

- See www.pac.ie for further details of acceptable /unacceptable experience
- 1 point awarded for each year of experience

NUI/PAC Documentation required

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- Teaching Council Subject Declaration form is uploaded as part of the application
- You can download the forms here - https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/applying-in-2022-for-a-place-on-a-professional-master-of-education-pme/

Additional documentation can be uploaded or posted to PAC after you submit your application – **organise these in final year**

- Evidence of results to date (university transcripts from Records Office
- https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records/academic- transcripts-letters-and-forms)
- Evidence of additional qualifications
- Evidence of relevant experience (Employer form –link to download on application form)
- Evidence of EU status e.g. birth cert/passport/P60 etc.
- Other documentation may be required – follow application instructions

Dublin City University PME

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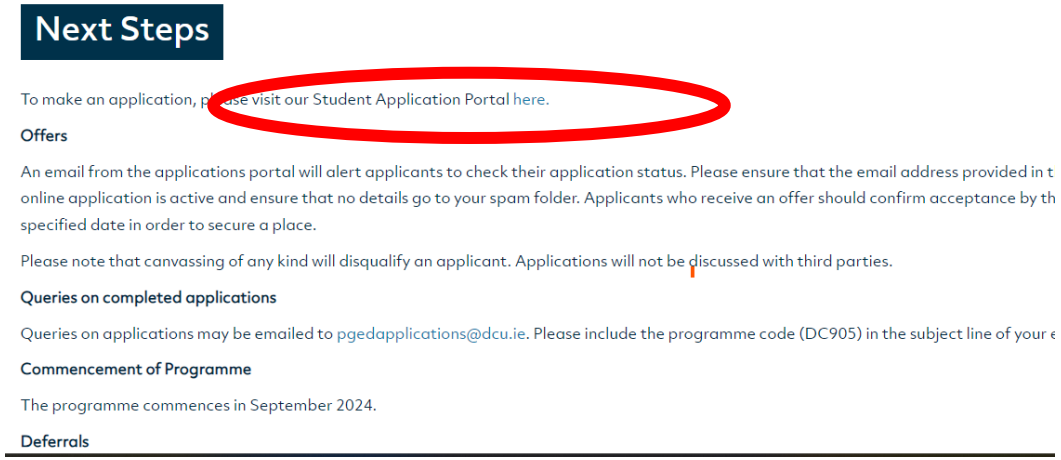
- Closing Date: 9th February 2024
- Application Fee: €100

- Application to DCU through DCU Application portal



Next Steps

To make an application, please visit our Student Application Portal here.

Offers

An email from the applications portal will alert applicants to check their application status. Please ensure that the email address provided in t online application is active and ensure that no details go to your spam folder. Applicants who receive an offer should confirm acceptance by th specified date in order to secure a place.

Please note that canvassing of any kind will disqualify an applicant. Applications will not be discussed with third parties.

Queries on completed applications

Queries on applications may be emailed to pgedapplications@dcu.ie. Please include the programme code (DC905) in the subject line of your e

Commencement of Programme

The programme commences in September 2024.

Deferrals

- Part-time course (2 years)
- Currently Tuesday & Wednesday 5pm – 8pm

- When applying to DCU it is requested that you have arranged your teaching practice before you send in your application

DCU Documentation required

- Teaching Council Subject Declaration form is uploaded as part of the application - https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/applying-in-2022-for-a-place-on-a-professional-master-of-education-pme/
- Evidence of results to date (university transcripts from Records Office https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records/academic- transcripts-letters-and-forms)
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- DCU Teaching Practice Form
- Other documentation may be required – follow application instructions

Trinity College: Professional Master of Education

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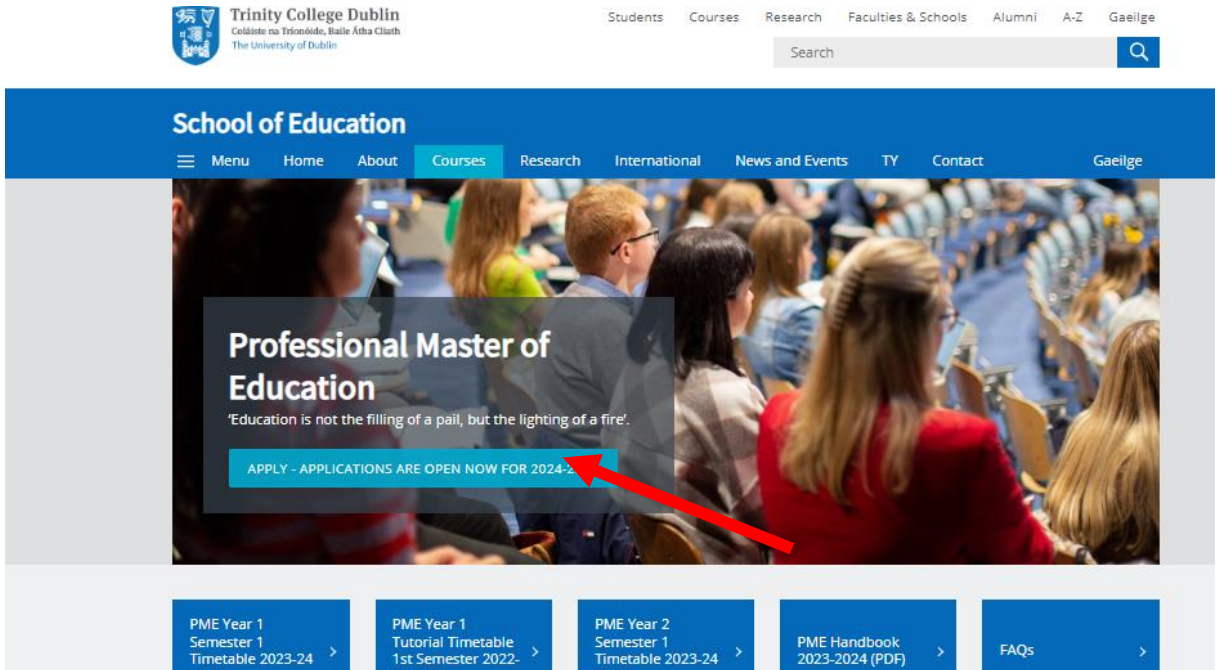
- 2-year Course
- Closing Date: various rounds: Opening in December for Round 2

- Application fee: €55
- Apply online to TCD through https://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/courses/professional-masters-in-education-pme/

  Apply for a PME in a specific subject

- Places awarded on basis of
  - On-line application Form
  - Interview
- Teaching Experience or other work with young people important



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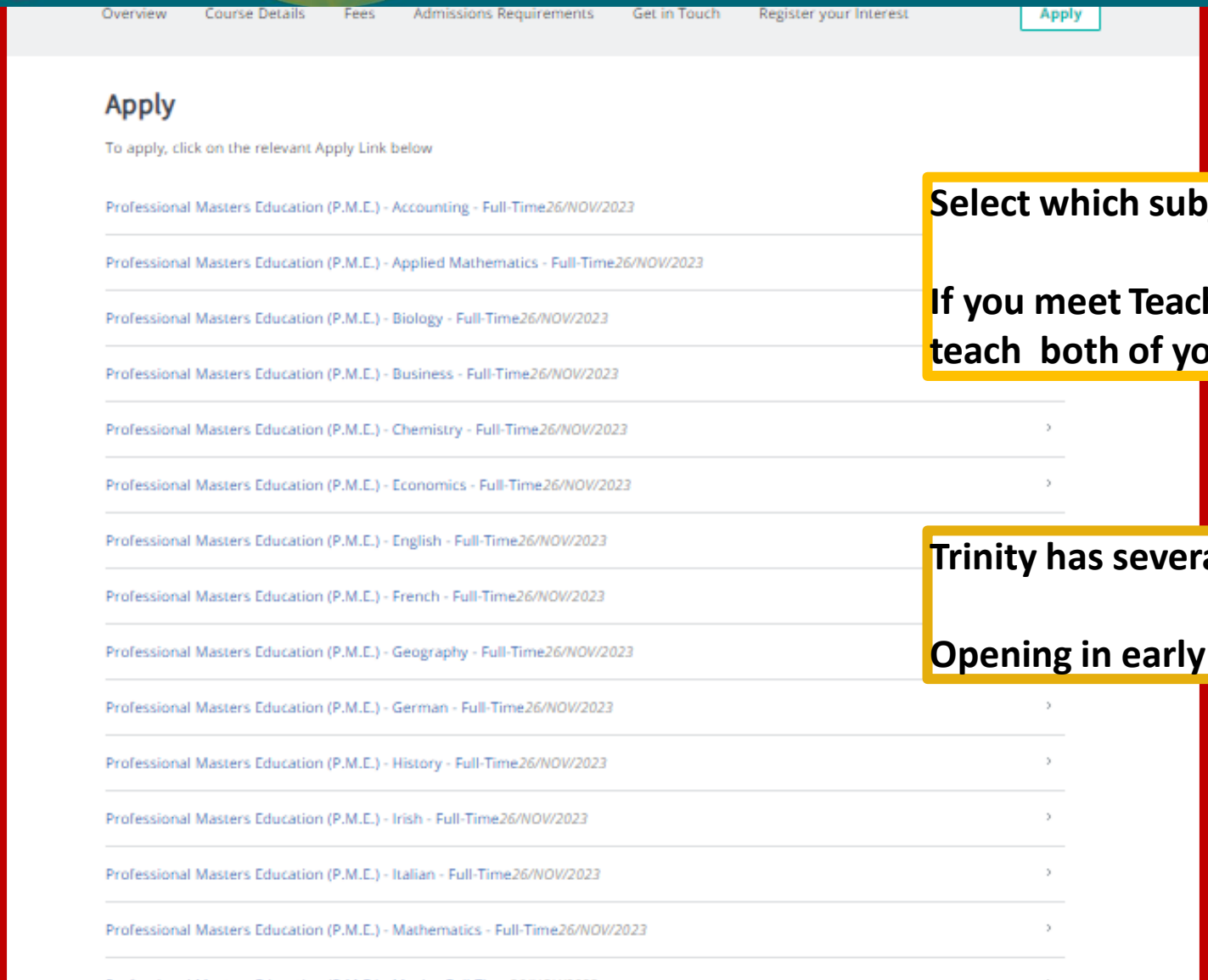

Select which subject you wish to apply under.

If you meet Teaching Council requirements you can still teach both of your degree subjects after PME

Trinity has several rounds of applications.

Opening in early December for Round 2 applications.

TCD- Documents needed

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- Permission to verify documents form (download from application form, fill in and upload)
- CV (samples on Careers Service website - https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/information-and-resources#CV
- Evidence of graduation or proof of results to date (university transcripts from Records Office – https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/records/academic-transcripts-letters-and-forms
- Evidence of EU citizenship (scan copy of passport/birth certificate)
- Other documentation may be required – follow application instructions

University of Limerick: Professional Master of Education

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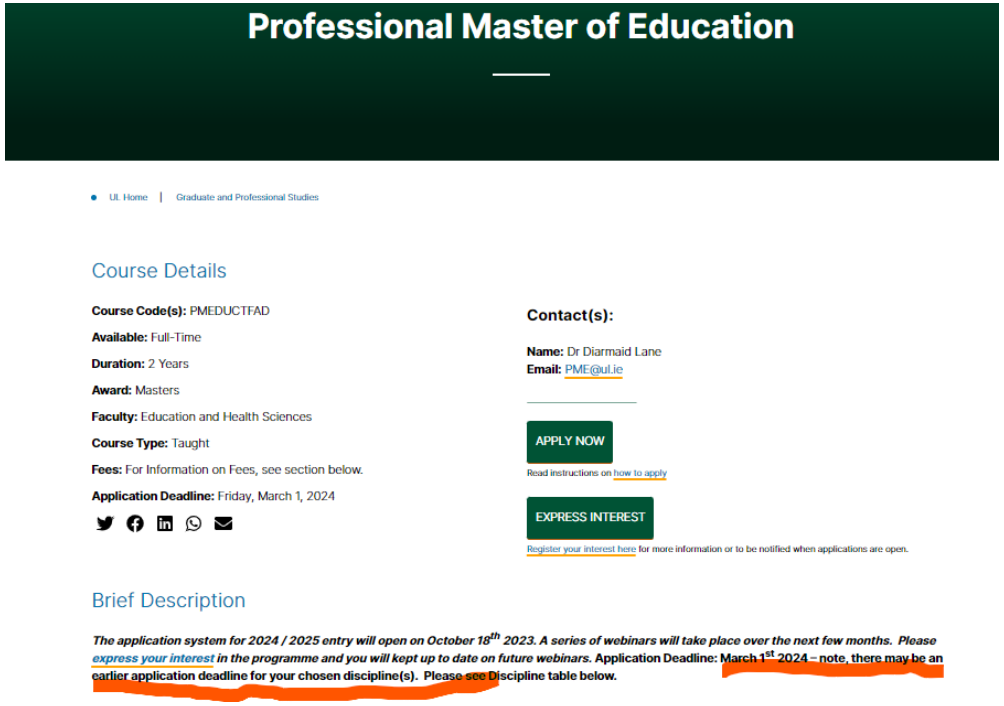
Two-year course

- Business *31st January 2024
- Languages: French, German, Gaelige, Spanish, Japanese, English as a foreign language *31st January 2024
- Mathematics *16th February 2024
- Music *1st March 2024
- Science * 1st March 2024
- Physical Education (must have relevant degree) * 31st January 2024
- Technological Education *1st March 2024

– Closing date: varies depending on subject*

- Apply online http://www.ul.ie
  - Application Form / Interview
  - Languages: Oral
  - Music: Audition



Professional Master of Education

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Course Details

Course Code(s): PMEDUCTFAD
Available: Full-Time
Duration: 2 Years
Award: Masters
Faculty: Education and Health Sciences
Course Type: Taught
Fees: For Information on Fees, see section below.
Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024

Contact(s):

Name: Dr Diarmaid Lane
Email: PME@ul.ie

APPLY NOW

Read instructions on how to apply

EXPRESS INTEREST

Register your interest here for more information or to be notified when applications are open.

Brief Description

The application system for 2024 / 2025 entry will open on October 18th 2023. A series of webinars will take place over the next few months. Please express your interest in the programme and you will kept up to date on future webinars. **Application Deadline: March 1st 2024 – note, there may be an earlier application deadline for your chosen discipline(s). Please see Discipline table below.**

Hibernia College: Professional Master of Education

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- 2 intakes per year – September and April
- 2 year course
- 24 weeks teaching practice (3 blocks)
- Contact Hibernia College for application form
- Application fee €95

- Personal statement important
- Interview
  - Must demonstrate awareness of teaching as a career
  - Classroom observation and other experience with young people important

Teaching Council: Registration

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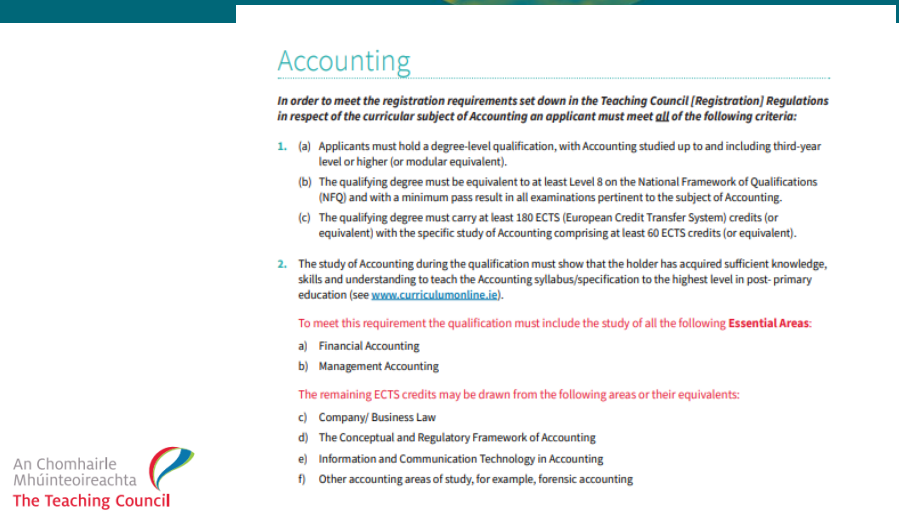
- For each teaching subject the Teaching Council have a list of requirements including the modules you must take as part of your degree.
- It is important to refer to this list when making your module selections.
- Details of the new system for qualification assessment can be found at

➢ **Subject Criteria for those applying for registration on or after 1st January 2023**



Accounting

In order to meet the registration requirements set down in the Teaching Council [Registration] Regulations in respect of the curricular subject of Accounting an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. (a) Applicants must hold a degree-level qualification, with Accounting studied up to and including third-year level or higher (or modular equivalent).
   (b) The qualifying degree must be equivalent to at least Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and with a minimum pass result in all examinations pertinent to the subject of Accounting.
   (c) The qualifying degree must carry at least 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits (or equivalent) with the specific study of Accounting comprising at least 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent).
2. The study of Accounting during the qualification must show that the holder has acquired sufficient knowledge, skills and understanding to teach the Accounting syllabus/specification to the highest level in post- primary education (see www.curriculumonline.ie).

To meet this requirement the qualification must include the study of all the following **Essential Areas**:

a) Financial Accounting
b) Management Accounting

The remaining ECTS credits may be drawn from the following areas or their equivalents:

c) Company/ Business Law
d) The Conceptual and Regulatory Framework of Accounting
e) Information and Communication Technology in Accounting
f) Other accounting areas of study, for example, forensic accounting

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The Teaching Council

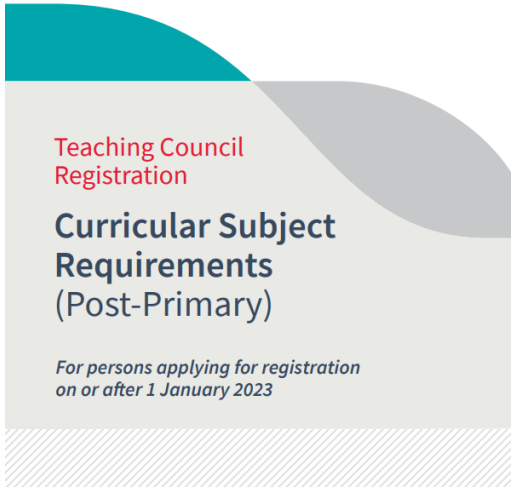
Politics & Society

In order to meet the registration requirements set down in the Teaching Council (Registration) Regulations in respect of the curricular subject of Politics and Society, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) Applicants must hold a degree-level qualification, with Politics/Political Science or Sociology, **or** a combination of **at least three** of the following areas: Politics/Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Law, European Studies, Public Administration, Government, Development, Media Studies, Economics, History, Geography, International Relations or Philosophy comprising a minimum total of 60 ECTS credits or equivalent.

(b) The qualifying degree must be equivalent to **at least Level 8** on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and must carry at least 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits (or equivalent).

(c) Applicants must also have completed a post-primary initial teacher education (age range12-18 years) carrying a minimum of 120 ECTS credits (or equivalent).



Teaching Council Registration

Curricular Subject Requirements (Post-Primary)

For persons applying for registration on or after 1 January 2023

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What can you do now?

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- Decide which courses you want to apply for- you can apply for as many courses as you wish.

- Register (set up accounts) on the various application websites so that you can view the application forms (more details on applications in our **Making PME Applications** Presentation

- Check Teaching Council subject criteria and ensure your modules meet the criteria – contact the Careers Service if you have any questions

- It can take time to gather up any required documents, CV (for TCD application) etc.
- Consider getting any relevant experience related to work with children/teaching etc. to gain additional points
    - Voluntary work also useful for TCD/UL/Hibernia

Useful Information

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- Careers and Employability Service – Post Primary Teaching Info Sheet
- How to gain an additional Teaching Subject

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Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

Have you used the Careers & Employability Service yet?

- Explore your career options
- Search for jobs and internships
- Research postgrad study options
- Create a professional CV & practice your interview skills
- Attend employer, alumni and career events and workshops
- Open to all students from 1st year to postgraduate – never too early to start!
- Use **Careers Connect** to engage with us
  - ➢ Appointments
  - ➢ Send us your Questions
- Drop-in Help-desk (Term-Time) – for quick questions

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www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers

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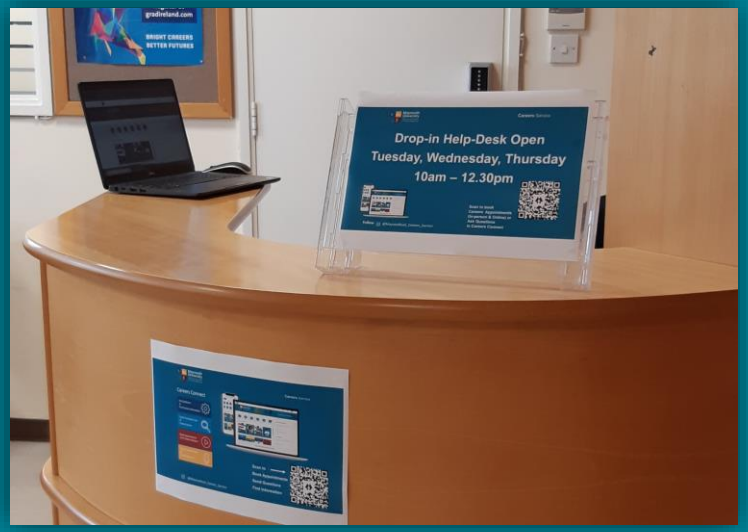
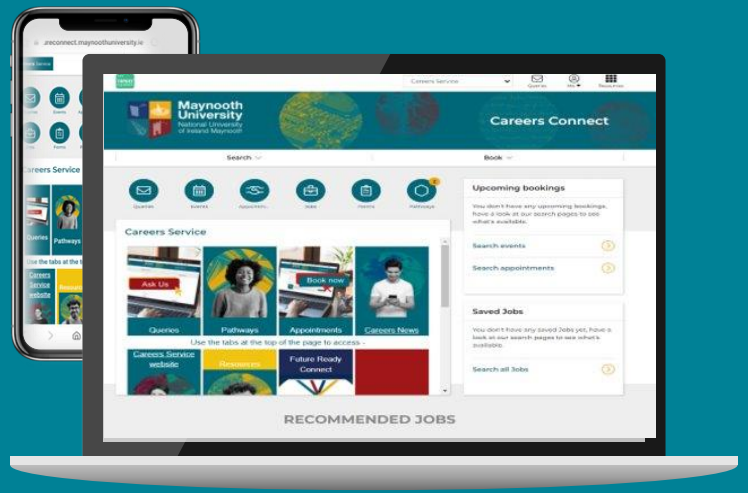


Careers Help Desk

The Careers Help Desk will be open (Term-Time)

- Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.
- Wednesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.
- Thursday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.



Careers Appointments

- Book through Careers Connect – In-person and Online

Book appointments and send us your questions through Careers Connect (Monday- Friday)

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