



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PROGRAMME REGULATIONS 2014-2015

Programme Title: **Professional Diploma in Education**
Programme Code: **PDE**
Offering Type: **Full-time (01)**

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements

- 1.1 Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module [Ref.: DCU M&S V.2013.1, Item 3.1.2; Teaching Council]
- 1.2 Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of Code of Behaviour [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]
- 1.3 Programme requirements pertaining to School Placements:
 - 1.3.1 Student must maintain a placement in order to remain on the programme [Ref.: Teaching Council]
 - 1.3.2 All students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of actual teaching with a class group of no less than 15 students in a second-level school with students between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Students must teach a subject from the second-level curriculum. Incoming students (2014-2015) should also spend at least another 200 hours in the placement under the mentorship of experienced staff and observing school life, teaching and extra-curricular activities [Ref.: Teaching Council].

It may be necessary for School Placement Supervisions to take place outside of the normal lecture period of each semester during the examination periods in January and May.
 - 1.3.3 In Year 1, module ES438 School Placement will be spread across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (2 hours teaching per week) [Ref.: DCU M&S V.2013.1, Item 2.2.1; Teaching Council]
 - 1.3.4 In Year 2, module ES439 School Placement 2 will be spread across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (2 hours teaching per week) [Ref.: DCU M&S V.2013.1, Item 2.2.1; Teaching Council]

2. Derogations from Marks & Standards

None specified.

3. Progression

Normally students must successfully have completed a minimum of 25 credits in Year 1 in order to progress to Year 2. Students will not be permitted to 'carry' modules under any circumstances [Ref.: DCU M&S V.2013.1, Item 7.1.9].

4. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted for taught postgraduate programmes. [Ref.: DCU M&S V.2013.1, Item 7.1.10.].

5. Re-sit Categories

Re-Sit Category 1: A re-sit is available for all components of the module

All modules except those specified below if appropriate.

Re-Sit Category 2: No re-sit is available for 100% continuous assessment module

- ES438 School Placement
- ES439 School Placement 2

Re-Sit Category 3: No re-sit is available for the continuous assessment component

None specified.