

DCU INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2020-2021

Programme Title: Professional Master of Education (PP)

Programme Code PME

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis Full-time

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml>*

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

1.1 Programme requirements pertaining to School Placements

Students must secure a placement in line with the placement regulations, before they can begin each year of the programme. Students must maintain a placement throughout the school year in order to remain on the programme. [Ref.: Teaching Council, 2011,1.25].

Students must maintain a professional Portfolio while on school placement.

All students must complete a minimum of 200-250 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. [Ref: School Placement Handbook for Postgraduate Students, Professional Master of Education (PME) 2019-2020, Version 2.1, Section 1.10]

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.

In Year 1, module ES538 School Placement will be spread across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (min. 4 hours teaching per week) [Ref.: Teaching Council 2011, 1.25].

In Year 2, module ES539 Advanced School Placement will be spread across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (min. 4 hours teaching per week) [Ref.: Teaching Council, 2011, 1.25].

1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module [Ref.: Item 3.1.2; Teaching Council, 2011:2.2].

2. **Derogations from Marks and Standards**

Marks & Standards apply.

3. **Progression**

3.1 *Credits for Progression*

Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 55 credits in a study period in order to progress to the next study period.

In cases where students do not fully meet the Teaching Council requirements for registration for at least one post-primary curricular subject, the Progression and Award Board may decide to defer progression or discontinue registration until the requirements are met.

3.2 *Carrying modules into the next academic session*

Under exceptional circumstances¹, and subject to the approval of the Progression and Award Board, students may be permitted to carry a maximum of two modules (10 credits) into Year 2, excluding ES538 School Placement which cannot be carried.

4. **Compensation**

Marks and Standards apply.

5. **Resit Categories**

The resit categories of modules on this programme and an explanation of those categories can be found at:

https://www101.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=PM&yr=21

¹ Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.