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Church of Ireland Centre DCU B.Ed. Pathway (DC004)

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B.ED PATHWAY (DC004)

THE CIC PATHWAY

Students on the Church of Ireland Centre's pathway study the B.Ed programme along with their classmates in DCU. Certain elements of the B.Ed programme are unique to the Church of Ireland Centre pathway.

- The CIC students do the majority of their School Placements in Protestant primary schools.
- The CIC students study the RE Cert to prepare them to teach the *Follow Me* religious education programme used in Protestant primary schools and learn about the ethos of those schools.
- The CIC students take modules that study Christianity from a

reformed perspective. They also look at world faiths, explore social and moral issues, and study the RE programmes and cultures of all types of Irish primary schools.

- The CIC students do a special Irish course during first year over two weeks focusing on spoken Irish. Students find this very helpful in preparing them for third level Irish assessments.
- The CIC students follow the specialism to particularly prepare them to teach in small schools and multi-level classes. The aptitudes learned in this specialism benefit all those studying to be primary teachers regardless of the size of schools they will work in after qualification. These modules develop essential teaching skills. There are five modules in this specialism:
 - o Inclusive Classrooms
 - o Teaching in Multi-level Classes
 - o Early Years Teaching
 - o Project-based, Activity

and Outdoor Learning in classrooms and Schools
o Teaching, Leading and Learning in Small Schools

QUALIFICATION & EMPLOYMENT

On successful completion of their B.Ed degree, graduates of this pathway are qualified to be registered as teachers with the Teaching Council and are entitled to seek teaching posts in any recognised primary school in the Republic of Ireland.

Their pathway prepares them to be particularly ready to work in Protestant primary schools, 79% of which are small schools, but as qualified teachers registered with the Teaching Council, they are qualified to teach in any recognised primary school. Graduates from 2018 and 2019 are working in Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and multi-denominational schools in Ireland as well as internationally.

APPLICATION

Application is made via the CAO. Applicants need to include DC004 in their CAO choices by 1st February on the year of entry in order to be considered for eligibility. **The description of the DC004 pathway as 'RESTRICTED' refers only to the application and eligibility assessment. Candidates must add DC004 by 1st Feb in the year of application and must pass the eligibility assessment to continue on the DC004 pathway.**

ELIGIBILITY

Students on this pathway need to demonstrate a knowledge of, and willingness to support, the Protestant ethos of these primary schools. Such knowledge and connection can include attendance at primary or post-primary schools under Protestant patronage, or active engagement in a range of social and other clubs and activities (e.g. GFS, BB, GB, Church youth club). It can also include engagement with a parish or church or religious network in any of the Protestant traditions.

Eligibility is assessed by a separate application form sent out from DCU in the Spring. Applicants MAY also be interviewed to assess eligibility. After Easter each year the Director of the Church of Ireland Centre will contact each applicant individually by email to indicate whether they are eligible to continue on the DC004 application pathway. We also inform the CAO of this outcome.

B.ED ENTRY REQUIREMENTS – LEAVING CERTIFICATE

In addition to the [general entry requirements](#) for admission to the university the following entry requirements apply: Minimum of H5 in no fewer than three subjects and a minimum of O6/H7 in three other subjects. Programme

requirements: Irish H4, English and Mathematics O4/H7.

* DC004 Church of Ireland Centre B.Ed Entry: students with minimum of H6 or O4 in Irish may be offered places but only if there are insufficient candidates meeting the H4 Irish requirement. Candidates with H5 take precedence over those with O4. A Link Module of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme may be presented as one of the six subjects for the calculation of points but will not qualify as a subject for matriculation purposes.

PLACES AND POINTS

There are a maximum of 32 students per year given places in the Church of Ireland Centre pathway in 1st year. The published points vary from year to year due to the small number of places on offer. This means it is impossible to pinpoint the points cut-off accurately from year to year. The cut-off is the points achieved by the 32nd person entering the BEd on the Church of Ireland Centre DC004 pathway.

CHURCH OF IRELAND CENTRE INFORMATION & CONTACT


For more information on the application process check the DCU Prospectus online.

https://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/institute_of_education/bachelor-education-restricted-entry.shtml

Keep an eye on the CIC website for updates

<https://www.dcu.ie/church-of-ireland-centre/Applying-for-BEd-Church-of-Ireland-Centre-pathway-DC004.shtml>

For specific queries about the Church of Ireland Centre DC004 B.Ed contact Anne.Lodge@dcu.ie



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- Serving our schools and children
- Researching and informing communities
- Caring for the CICE heritage
- Lived Anglican ethos

