



DCU INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2022-2023

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 Professional 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 their Taisce (professional Portfolio) while on professional 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) 2022-2023, Section D]

It may be necessary for Professional Placement Tutor observations and assessment to take place outside of the normal lecture period of each semester.

In Year 1, module ES538 Professional Placement will be spread across Semester 1 and Semester 2 (min. 4 hours direct teaching per week and 110 hours of placement related activities per year). [Ref.: Teaching Council 2011, 1.25].

In Year 2, module ES539 Professional Placement will be spread across Semester 1 and

Semester 2 (min. 4 hours direct teaching per week and 110 hours of placement related activities per year) [Ref.: Teaching Council, 2011, 1.25].

1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

All modules have monitored attendance. Marks may be attributed.

2. **Derogations from Marks and Standards**

Marks & Standards apply.

3. **Progression**

3.1 *Credits for Progression*

Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 60 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 Professional 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=PME&yr=23

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