



MSc in Multimedia (PAC Code DC605)

Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants who do not meet our minimum entry requirements of a second class honours degree but have substantial prior work-related experience and skills in multimedia/digital media practice can apply through our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). The recognition of prior learning (RPL) is an inherent part of DCU's policy in relation to access and opportunity. DCU's Policy on RPL is available at:

https://www4.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/policy/97%20-%20recognition_prior_learning_ovpaa_v1.pdf

Those applicants seeking a place on the MSc in Multimedia programme using RPL are required to apply through PAC. In their written submissions, candidates seeking entry should supply a written statement (max 1500 words), addressing the following elements:

1. Demonstrate a clear rationale and motivation for entry onto the programme and communicate this effectively.
2. Demonstrate academic ability and/or potential deemed suitable to study at NFQ Level 9 by providing evidence of prior work-related experience in the fields of digital media/creative multimedia practice, management or in other related media, creative and cultural areas.
3. Illustrate examples of transferable skills from their experience such as planning, leadership, teamwork, flexibility, digital literacy and communication skills.
4. Provide evidence (additional to their RPL application) of any prior accredited learning, either formal or informal, through transcripts post leaving certificates such as, professional diplomas, continued professional development, etc.

Applicants may also be asked to attend an interview and to submit a practice portfolio to further examine these elements. The Programme Chair is responsible for the application of the RPL policy for the programme. The closing date for applications using RPL is the same as the closing date for applications into the programme via PAC (www.pac.ie).