

# MASTER OF ARTS IN LEARNING AND TEACHING

## Factfile

### Schedule

**Location**  
IFSC Campus

**Application**  
Apply online at [www.ncirl.ie](http://www.ncirl.ie)

**Duration**  
2 calendar years

**Fees**  
Year 1: €4,750  
Year 2: €3,250  
Total fee: €8,000  
(Fees revised annually)

**Start Date**  
Sept 2019

**Indicative Schedule**  
**Year 1:**  
Sept – May  
Tuesday and Thursday  
18.30-21.30 and some  
Saturdays 09.30-13.30. Some  
classes may be delivered  
online.

**Year 2:**  
Sept - May on Tuesdays or  
Thursdays 18.30-21.30 and  
some Saturdays 09.30-13.30



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### Course Description

This course is designed to meet the needs of learning professionals working in adult, workplace, further or higher education contexts. The course is designed to develop understanding of theories and behaviours associated with learning and development, while also enhancing research and practical skills. The course focuses on developing self-awareness as well as the competence to facilitate the development of individuals in a range of contexts by, for example, the application of new technologies to instruction, the use of strategies to support learning, and the creation of valuable and effective assessments.

Throughout this course you will be encouraged to enquire, question and critique modern conceptions of how we learn and how we can bring about change in others. The course will include guest lecturers and a variety of participative instructional approaches. You will be expected to complete practical assignments and to build your skills as a learning professional. In the second year you will be expected to complete a research-based dissertation.

### Who is the course for?

This course is for learning professionals who wish to develop their knowledge, skills and competence in the development of others. It proves particularly useful if you are; facilitating learning at higher or further education levels, a learning professional in a workplace context, involved in community education or if you are interested in your own lifelong learning.

### Award and Progression

The Master of Arts in Learning and Teaching is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to doctoral study at level 10 on the NFQ.

### Entry Requirements

Applicants holding an honours degree 2.2 (level 8) in any discipline ideally with professional involvement in the facilitation of learning or training will be considered for the course. The college operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, which means that applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work or other relevant experience. All applicants will be interviewed by the Programme Director or member of the programme team, applicants may also be required to provide a specified written assignment. Depending on where applicants are working, there may also be a requirement for Garda vetting.

## COURSE CONTENT

- . Theories of Learning and Teaching
- . Contemporary and Enduring Questions in Education and Assessment
- . Strategies of Learning and Teaching
- . Cultural and Individual Aspects of Learning
- . Practicum in Teaching for Further Education (Further Education strand)
- . Practicum in Teaching for Adult and Workforce Education (Adult and Workforce Education strand)
- . Personal Development, Coaching and Mentoring (Adult and Workforce Education strand)
- . Technology Enhanced Learning
- . Educational Assessment

Year  
1


- . Contextual Studies
- . Research Methods, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
- . Dissertation

Year  
2

This course has a blended approach that schedules some classroom-based lectures alongside online classes. This gives students the opportunity to meet-up in the college and speak directly with lecturers.







"I think whether you are in education or in the workplace this is a really useful course. You get both the theory and the practical side from supportive lecturers and staff."

**Emma McCarthy**

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