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AIMS AND RATIONALES
Guidance practitioners are professionally qualified individuals who provide “guidance” and “counselling” to clients in schools (i.e., Guidance Counsellors), other educational settings (e.g., FE / HE [careers advisory, disability support, widening participation], YouthReach), government (e.g., ETB, SOLAS), community (e.g., jobs clubs, NGO), and private practice.

As professionals who advocate continuing personal and professional development, this Level 10 offering will enhance the student’s personal, professional, and academic development in terms of:

(a) discipline specific knowledge;
(b) comprehension of critical issues and data from within and outside the discipline;
(c) application of theory, empirical research, and current models of practice;
(d) analyses of the existing and emerging bodies of knowledge in the cognate areas (e.g., psychology, counselling and psychotherapy, sociology, philosophy) as applied to the work of a guidance practitioner;
(e) synthesis of the interlinked outputs from theory, research, policy, and professional practice;
(f) evaluation of the discipline and personal practice (incorporating a) to e) above).

The course is designed to support those who are already in practice - and who seek to develop and enrich their own practice, and the practice of the wider profession.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is a strand of the D.Ed. Programme offered by the School of Education. The D.Ed. is a part-time programme. Students will normally be expected to complete the programme over a four year period through successful completion of five taught modules and a 60,000—70,000 word thesis. On entry to the programme (Year 1) students will be allocated their supervisor to enable work to begin on developing their research proposal in more detail. They will also attend and complete the first two taught modules.

The second year of the programme will operate as a continuation of the first by strengthening the student’s understanding and knowledge in research methodology and their specialist area. They will take one further domain specific module and one further research methods module. At or near the end of the second year, in order for students to progress onto the third and fourth years, they will be required to undertake a formal written and oral assessment in the form of an upgrade interview. The upgrade takes the form of an oral examination in which students are asked to present their research proposal that will form the basis of their thesis work.

Having successfully negotiated the upgrade and the taught components of the programme, the student will then move into the final stage of undertaking their research. During Year Three students will be required to undertake one ‘advanced’ research methodology module which will focus on data analysis and interpretation.

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MODULE TITLES
The Strand Modules for the Educational Guidance & Counselling are:
1. Educational Psychology: Advanced Practice
2. Approaches to Counselling and Vocational Psychology in Practice

APPLICATIONS
The minimum entry requirements are:

- an appropriate masters level qualification or equivalent and;
- a minimum of three years experience in an educational or related context.
- In addition to holding an appropriate masters level qualification, the entry process will also involve:
  - the submission and approval of a research proposal that demonstrates the potential to work at doctoral level and;
  - interview with the course director and (potential) supervisor to discuss and evaluate the above proposal and student’s suitability and potential for study at a doctoral level.

Applications for the course should be made online through the SITS system at:
http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/research/schools/education.php