

# *Validated Undergraduate Courses*

## DEGREE OF BACHELOR IN EDUCATION (B.ED.)

### *Introduction*

The degree of Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.) is a professional degree which is intended to provide for the academic and professional requirements of primary school teachers.

It is an integrated full-time course of study offered by Coláiste Mhuire, Marino Institute of Education and the Church of Ireland College of Education. The course runs over four years and carries 240 credits. It is designed to equip student teachers with a range of knowledge and skills related to the profession of primary teaching. The curriculum includes foundation studies, language study, history of education, sociology of education, philosophy of education, educational psychology, curriculum and assessment, as well as competencies and methodologies of all subjects of the primary school curriculum.

Students undertake teaching practice five times during the first three years of the course. Each practice extends over a minimum of four weeks involving initial pupil observation, assisting the classroom teacher, and preparation for and classroom teaching of all subjects. Students are also required to complete a placement in a special education setting and language training outside term time in the Gaeltacht as an integral part of the degree programme.

The course meets the professional requirements of regulation two (primary) of the Teaching Council Regulations 2009. Under circular 40/2010 of the Department of Education and Skills, graduates of the course are eligible for appointment to recognised primary schools.

### *Admission*

Admission to the B.Ed. course is administered by the Central Applications Office.

Applicants must fulfil specific requirements set by the Department of Education and Skills.

Mature applicants (twenty-three years of age or over) may apply for entry to the B.Ed. course by (a) direct entry to the College of their choice in early April of each year, or (b) C.A.O. only or (c) a combination of both direct entry and C.A.O. For those who opt for direct entry – and who satisfy the requirements – there is a selection procedure involving a general interview and an oral Irish test which are held in mid-May of each year. Further information about the course can be obtained directly from the colleges.

## DEGREE OF BACHELOR IN SCIENCE IN EDUCATION STUDIES

### *Introduction*

This is an integrated full-time honors course of study offered by Coláiste Mhuire, Marino Institute of Education. The course runs over four years and carries 240 credits. It is concerned with the development and application of knowledge and skills related to education, in both traditional and non-traditional settings. Students explore various aspects of the education system, theories about how people learn at different stages of life, and how to conduct research through a combination of three years of academic study and one year of practical placement tailored to meet each student's career aspirations. The course does not provide graduates with a teaching qualification.

### *Admission*

Admission to the course is administered by the Central Applications Office. Applications from mature students are made directly to Coláiste Mhuire, Marino Institute of Education. Further information about the course can be obtained directly from the college.