

Master in Education

Welcome & Induction - 2023 / 2024



5th September 2023

School of Education, Trinity College Dublin



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*Not all strands may run in every academic year



M.Ed. Aims and Learning Outcomes

On completion of M.Ed. programme, you should be able to demonstrate:

- Systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and new developments in education, curriculum, school leadership, and related social, psychological, and education issues;
- Practical expertise in relevant curriculum, leadership, and management areas;
- Skills in the management of change and innovation in educational settings; the application of their knowledge, comprehension, critical awareness, and problem-solving abilities within a framework of research;
- Research areas related to their field of study;
- Effective communication of the results of their research, or advanced technical and professional learning, to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.



M.Ed. Structure

- **Structure - 90 ECTS** (1 x ECT = 20 hours of student effort):
 - **Four** strand specific modules (1 x 10 ECTS, 3 x 15 ECTS);
 - One “common” *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* module - ALARM (5 ECTS);
 - Dissertation module (including **Dissertation Support Sessions**) (30 ECTS).
- **Routes:**
 - One-year full-time;
 - Two-year part-time;
 - Three-year part-time.



M.Ed. Assignments

- The 3 strand specific modules that are each 15 ECTS:
 - Assignments will be 4,000 - 5,000 words, or equivalent.
- The 1 strand module that is 10 ECTS:
 - The assignment will be 2,500 - 3,500 words, or equivalent.
- The *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* (ALARM) module that is 5 ECTS:
 - The assignment will be 1,500 - 2,000 words, or equivalent.
 - See all timetables [here](#)



M.Ed. Assignments

- Guidelines for writing assessments (e.g., ALRM module, M.Ed. Handbook);
- Criteria for writing / referencing (e.g., ALRM module, M.Ed. Handbook);
- Support for academic writing in English.
See timetable [here](#)



Assignment Submissions

- All assignments submitted to relevant module on Blackboard.
- Feedback / “provisional” grade within 6 weeks of submission.
- Grades subject to Court of Examiners.
- All requests for extensions, “off-books” status, etc. must be made to the M.Ed. Co-ordinator (see Handbook).



Strand Modules

- Details regarding strands and strand modules are available on the School of Education website:
<https://www.tcd.ie/education/courses/postgraduate/masters-in-education/>
- M.Ed. Handbook - will be available on the M.Ed. section of the School of Education website.
- Each strand has its own designated modules.
- The *Academic Literacy and Research Methods (ALRM)* module and the *Dissertation Support Sessions* will be presented in a hyflex teaching approach (i.e., simultaneously face-to-face in College and online).



M.Ed. Dissertation

- The Dissertation module that is 30 ECTS
- **15,000** words dissertation (including appendices; *excluding* references)
- Dissertation Support Sessions:

Semester One 2023/24							
Module	Topic	Day	Date	Week	Time	Room - CMIS	Mode
ET7208- Dissertation	Introduction to Dissertation	Friday	6th Oct 23	week 6	6:00-8:00pm	3074	HyFlex
	Approaches to Literature Review, including SLRs	Friday	13th Oct 23	week 7	6:00-8:00pm	3074	HyFlex
	Introduction to Research Ethics	Friday	17th Nov 23	week 12	6:00-8:00pm	3074	HyFlex
	Research Approach -Design & Methodology	Wed	29th Nov 23	week 14	6:00-8:00pm	3074	HyFlex

*Progressing to the Dissertation module requires a minimum of a “Pass” grade in each course module (i.e., all strand specific modules and the *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* module)



Referencing & Plagiarism

- Referencing Style: APA 7th Edition.
- Plagiarism and avoiding plagiarism - “Ready Steady Write” (https://www.tcd.ie/library/support/plagiarism/story_html5.html)

<http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>

<http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/levels-and-consequences>



Key Dates: 2023 / 2024

Michaelmas Term:

- Monday 11th September until Friday 8th December 2023
- Reading Week: Monday 23rd October until Friday 27th October.

Hilary Term:

- Monday 22nd January until Friday 12th April.
- Reading Week: Monday 4th March until Friday 8th March 2024

<https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/academic-year-structure/academic-year-structure.pdf>



Useful Links

- TCD School of Education: <https://www.tcd.ie/Education/>
- TCD Student email: <http://myzone.tcd.ie>
- TCD Library: <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/>
- TCD Library - off-campus: <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/using-library/off-campus.php>
- Blackboard: <https://tcd.blackboard.com/>
- IT Services Support: <https://www.tcd.ie/itservices/>



M.Ed. Office

- Support you through your time here at Trinity College.
- No query is ever too small. We are here to help.
- Point you in the right direction if we are unable to help.
- Contact us at MASTERED@tcd.ie
- Use your TCD emails for all official correspondence, signing off with your registered name.
- **Always quote your student number !!!**
- Best of Luck and Enjoy your Studies :)



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Postgraduate Supports for Students with Disabilities

<https://www.tcd.ie/disability/current/Postgrad.php>

Disability Service



Support for PG Students with Disabilities

- Postgraduate students (both taught and research) who have a disability are encouraged to apply to the Disability Service for reasonable accommodation.
- Supports for postgraduate students include:
 - Academic support;
 - Assistive technology;
 - Occupational Therapy;
 - Support on placements and internships;
 - Preparation for viva voce examinations.



How to Get Support from the Disability Service

- An application can be made through my.tcd.ie via the “My Disability Service” tab.
- Additional information is available in a step-by-step [How to apply for Reasonable Accommodations guide](#).
- Any postgraduate student in Trinity (or prospective student) is welcome to contact the Disability Service to informally discuss their needs prior to making a formal application.
- Please email askds@tcd.ie or visit the Disability Service [Contact page](#).
 - <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/contact/>
 - <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/current/Postgrad.php>





International Students



School of Education International Student Meet-ups

@The Global Room

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School of Education International Student Meet-ups

Date	Time	Venue
TBC	TBC	
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New2Dublin

- Programme on Monday evenings.
- Several weeks at the start of Term.
- Organised by the Global Room.



NiteLine Student Listening Service

- NiteLine is an anonymous and confidential student listening service.
- Supporting you if you are experiencing mental health problems.
- NiteLine is a non-profit service provided free of charge to students which has been in operation for 25+ years.
- Run by a team of dedicated student volunteers who have undergone rigorous training with the intention of supporting our peers.
- Open every single night of term from 9pm - 2.30am, supporting students through instant messaging and over the phone, some who are at risk of dropping out of university and others who are contemplating taking their own lives.



NiteLine Student Listening Service



Free

Anonymous

No problem too big or too small

Freephone: **1800 793 793**

Instant messaging: **niteline.ie**

9pm - 2:30 am every night of term

Watch this 3 YouTube minute video to learn more about NiteLine:

<https://youtu.be/ccmj-CjzZcU>



