



Waterford Institute of Technology
INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA PHORT LAIRGE



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) PORTFOLIO (LEVEL 7 EQUIVALENT)

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE AND ADULT
AND CONTINUING EDUCATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HSE**

Introduction

The RPL route is designed for mature students who have compiled sufficient learning that is equivalent to that expected of a degree graduate. People develop in many different ways, and experience can give rise to significant learning. Many adults can acquire this learning in different areas, such as:

- Taking leadership roles in community groups
- Coping with personal crisis, or managing change in family structure, location, or occupation
- Undergoing different courses that challenge previously-held assumptions
- Developing their skills in the workplace

Programme Aims

The RPL programme is a structure for a 'non-standard' applicant (non-standard means not having an actual degree) to compile a portfolio of prior learning and two academic exercises. The process of building a portfolio is in place to give applicants the chance to demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge, skills and attributes (equivalent to a Level 7) to cope well on the Higher Diploma in SPHE.

Design of Programme

The process of developing the portfolio begins in September and ends in March/April.

	Time Commitment
Induction Introduction to the portfolio process and commencement of work.	1 day in September
Group work Development of Portfolio over the year	3 x 3hr sessions
Option for participants to form their own study group.	Decided by group members
Independent work	Ongoing over full year

Progression

The completed portfolio provides the course team with sufficient information about the applicant to ensure that she or he would be able for the demands of the H.Dip in SPHE.

Fee: €300

How to apply:

Complete the application form below and send to:

Postgraduate Administrator,
Department of Adult Education and Professional Development,
WIT College St. Campus,
Waterford

Closing Date: Please submit this form **by June 17th, 2011**

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PORTFOLIO APPLICATION FORM

This form is designed to indicate to the course team whether there may be sufficient experiential learning to build on. Do not be concerned if there are sections that you cannot complete, as not all of the headings will be relevant to everyone.

Name: _____

Contact details:

Mobile _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

DOB: _____ **Nationality:** _____

What secondary education have you completed?

- | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Junior certificate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Leaving certificate? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Other _____ | | |

Community & Voluntary sector activity (list any groups you are involved in, and any roles you have held):

Post-school certified learning (such as FETAC or HETAC modules/courses):

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Work experience (a brief outline of the nature of employment and role held. Include self-employment, or supporting a spouse in a family business):

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Hobbies and activities (such as sport, travel etc)

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