The Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in Further Education (FE) is a professional teaching qualification, which is accredited by the Teaching Council of Ireland. The programme is designed to provide participants with the skills, knowledge and competencies required to teach in a variety of settings in the Further Education and Training sector. Graduates currently work on a range of different Further Education and Training programmes, including Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) programmes, Youthreach programmes and programmes run under the Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) and the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS), as well as in community education contexts and on both accredited and non-accredited adult education programmes. This programme is delivered in both full and part-time flexible mode to meet learners’ needs.
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in Further Education

Programme Outline
The Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in Further Education is recognised by the Teaching Council of Ireland as an Initial Teacher Education programme for individuals who wish to register as Further Education teachers. Students complete a range of taught modules which focus both on the theoretical frameworks that underpin the practice of teaching and on the practical skills required to become effective teachers in Further Education. Teaching Practice placements in authentic Further or Adult Education settings are central to the programme and allow participants to apply the learning from the taught modules in real world teaching settings.

Programme Structure

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Teaching Practice
Teaching Practice placements in authentic Further and Adult Education settings are a key component of this programme. Students are required to complete 100 hours of teaching practice as part of their studies. The placements are undertaken in approved settings and involve teaching groups of six or more learners on accredited courses leading to awards at NFQ Levels 1 – 6. Students are required to arrange their own placements but support is provided by a dedicated Teaching Practice Co-ordinator who can advise on negotiating access to appropriate opportunities and on other issues related to placement.

Career Opportunities
The Irish Further Education and Training sector provides graduates of this programme with a wide range of contexts in which to pursue their teaching careers. Opportunities for qualified Further Education teachers are to be found in a variety of settings from Colleges of Further Education to Adult Education Centres, Adult Literacy Services and other settings in Ireland and abroad.

Entry Details
- Applicants for this programme normally require an NFQ Level 8 qualification or equivalent. Appropriately qualified applicants are interviewed to assess their suitability for the programme and for teaching.
- Applicants must also provide evidence that they have access to 100 hours of Teaching Practice in appropriate Further Education settings.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English. An IELTS score of 7 is required.

Fees
For information on fees please visit our website at www.wit.ie/pgfees

Applications
Applications for this programme are made online by going to www.pac.ie (Code WD589 for full-time and WD569 for part-time)

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