



## Professional Masters of Education

In the Professional Masters of Education programme, *professional placement* occurs over two years and positions the classroom and school as places to learn *to teach* and to learn *about teaching*. A Professional Placement is scheduled in each semester of Year 1 as outlined below.

### Year 1 Professional Placements

#### School Placement 1: November - December 2021

- Partnered placement (two students per class)\* in Middle classes (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) \* Subject to public health advice
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Focus of placement: *beginning to teach* – gradual increase in teaching workload, each student will teach 2/3 lessons per day
- Students teach a range of curriculum areas
- College tutor supervision engagements to mentor and assess students on placement (pass/fail module)
- Class teacher as informal mentor and provides verbal advice/feedback to students  
\*covid permitting

#### Professional Placement 2: Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class

- Six week placement
- The student is based in a school of his/her choice and in a class level between 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- It is a non-partnered placement
- The placement combines whole class teaching of the selected class for three weeks as well as structured participation in school-wide teaching and learning initiatives.

- **Teaching schedule**

To be confirmed in Autumn semester 2021

- **Teaching focus**

Students will teach all areas of the curriculum (topics to be agreed with the teacher)  
Incrementally increasing teaching schedule

- **Co-operating teacher's role**

Facilitating the student's observation and teaching and providing informal non-evaluative feedback.  
Guidance to be provided to all co-operating teachers.

- **College tutor supervision engagements to mentor and assess students on placement (Pass/Fail)**

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