



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 2019

- Partnered placement (two students per class) in Middle classes (1st – 4th)
- November 25th – December 6th
(School visit November 18th)
- 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 to visit and assess students on placement (pass/fail module)
- Class teacher as informal mentor and provides verbal advice/feedback to students

Professional Placement 2: Monday April 6th - Friday May 22nd , 2020

- Six week placement
- The student is based in a school of his/her choice and in a class level between 3rd and 6th
- 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 initiative.

- **Teaching schedule**

Week 1 (April 6-10): Independent preparation week

Week 2 & 3 : Observing, assisting and participation in whole-school work including participation in initiatives such as Aistear, Team Teaching etc.

Weeks 4 – 6 : Teaching selected class

- **Teaching focus**

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

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

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

- **College tutor** to visit and assess students on placement (Graded A1 – F)

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