



Professional Masters of Education – Professional Placements

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. Professional Placement is scheduled in for the Spring semester of Year 2 as outlined below.

Year 2 Professional Placement

Extended Placement: 24th January – 8th April 2022

- STUDENTS SOURCE A SCHOOL FOR THIS PLACEMENT THEMSELVES
- Two three-week teaching blocks, the latter block must be in an Infant class
- Teaching is preceded by two weeks of Whole School engagements. Students are not confined to their base classes for the Whole School Strands
 - Strand 1 focus: Inclusive Practice
 - Strand 2 focus: Team Teaching
 - Strand 3 focus: Curriculum Focus

| Overview of the Extended Placement | | |
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| Week | Date | Engagements |
| Week 1 | Jan. 24 th | Assisting in TB 1 class and Strand Planning |
| Week 2 | Jan. 31 st | Strand Engagements |
| Week 3 | Feb. 7 th | |
| Week 4 | Feb. 14 th | |
| Week 5 | Feb. 21 st | Three Week Teaching Block * |
| Week 6 | Feb. 28 th | |
| | | Infants – 6 th Class |
| Week 7 | March 7 th | Observing and assisting in Infant class |
| Week 8 | March 14 th | Infant Class |
| Week 9 | March 21 st | |
| Week 10 | March 28 th | |
| | | Three Week Teaching Block |
| Week 11 | April 4 th | Reflective Portfolio / Make-up days as required |

* Three Week Teaching Block: Students in schools which opt for a week long MTB (Feb. 21st – 25th) run a week behind from that date and finish their Infant Block on April 8th.

- **Co-operating teachers' role:**

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

- **College Tutors** will visit and assess students on the Extended Placement (Grade TBC)

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