



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: 13th January – 3rd April 2020

- STUDENTS SOURCE A SCHOOL FOR THIS PLACEMENT THEMSELVES
- Two three-week teaching blocks, the latter block 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: SEN
 - Strand 2 focus: Team Teaching
 - Strand 3 focus: Curriculum Focus
 - Strand 4 focus: Base-class observation

Overview of the Extended Placement		
Week	Date	Engagements
Week 1	Jan. 13 th	Assisting with Infants and Strand Planning
Week 2	Jan. 20 th	
Week 3	Jan. 27 th	Strand Engagements
Week 4	Feb. 3 rd	Strand Engagements
Week 5	Feb. 10 th	Independent preparation/make-up days *
Week 6	Feb. 17 th	Teaching Block 1* Teaching selected class (1st – 6th) for three weeks
Week 7	Feb. 24 th	
Week 8	March 2 nd	
Week 9	March 9 th	Make-up days/ Observation *
Week 10	March 16 th	Teaching Block 2 Teaching selected Infant class for three weeks
Week 11	March 23 rd	
Week 12	March 30 th	
Week 13	April 20 th	Make-up days

- Schedule may adapt for school's MTB dates

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

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

- **Two College Tutors** will visit and assess students on the Extended Placement (Graded A – F)

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