



# Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership

(One Year Part-Time, Blended)



## Introduction

The Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership (PDEL) is primarily aimed at teachers in the Irish education system. Programme participants are required to have some teaching experience and will be motivated to fulfil formal and informal leadership positions as well as to challenge the way they think about their work in a variety of ways. The concept of leadership employed is broad and can be applied to teachers at different stages of their career within schools as organisations. The programme draws on a wide-ranging international literature to focus on contemporary policy, practice and leadership challenges and opportunities.

The programme is delivered through a blend of online sessions and on-campus days and is intended to provide a dynamic and transformative learning experience for all students. We are committed to developing our students' critical voice through reading, discussion, peer learning, presentations and critical review. These participative learning experiences have been tried and tested by us and ensure that high quality learning experiences and outcomes are realised.

## Programme Highlight

- Excellence in supervision and teaching
- National and international recognition
- Structured system of support
- Interactive teaching and learning
- Collegial, dynamic and inclusive participation in a community of learners
- Emphasis on high-quality student experience

## Programme Structure and Content

**30 credits**  
Taught Modules

The PDEL is a 30-credit programme taken over one academic year part time.

The modules undertaken include a blend of some face-to-face sessions and weekly online sessions. The online sessions embrace the flipped classroom whereby learning materials, including assigned reading, talking heads/ videos and focus questions, are made available electronically in advance of the weekly discussion forum in the virtual classroom. Our experience is that the combination of on-campus days and online teaching and learning provides a dynamic and transformative learning experience for all students

### Modules:

In the Autumn Trimester, students take two 10-credit modules, namely:

- Contemporary Issues for school leadership
- Leadership for Quality Learning

In the Spring Trimester, building on learning associated with the previous modules undertaken, students complete a 10-credit module entitled:

- School Transformation

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



### Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



### Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



### Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



## Career Opportunities

Many of our graduates have gone on to take up leadership roles within their schools or have been promoted to senior leadership positions in other schools.

## About the School

The School of Education is a leader in its field, internationally recognized for its research and over 100 years of service to the wider education community in Ireland. We cater for educational professionals across all sectors of the education system – from early years through to higher education and welcome queries from international students.

## What our Students Say

"I have found the course fascinating and I believe it has been really beneficial to my practice. Thanks again for a great year."

"Thank you so very much for helping me to really question and reflect upon the type of leader I aspire to be. I know I will continue to draw on the articles and academic work from this course for many years to come."

## Applicant Profile

Applicants must:

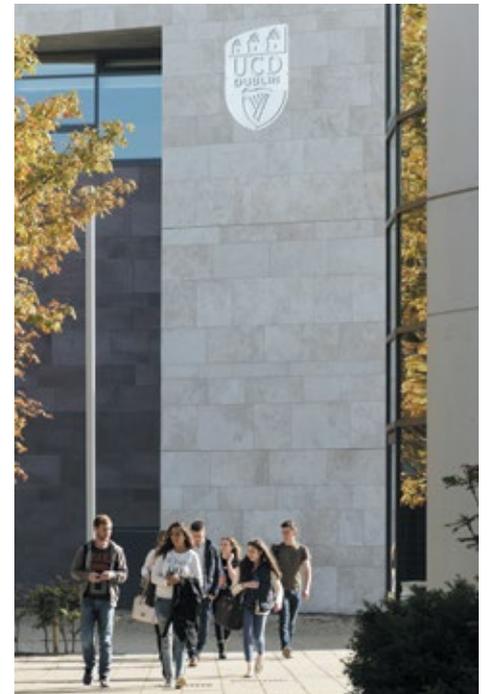
- Hold an honours degree at undergraduate level (or equivalent) from a higher education institution
- Hold a recognised teaching qualification
- Be registered with the Teaching Council
- Have a minimum of two years' teaching experience in either the primary or post-primary sector.

## Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees).

## Related Masters

- Graduates of the UCD Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership programme can apply to enter directly into Year 2 of the MEd Leadership within 5 years of graduating from the diploma programme.



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