Master in Education

Welcome & Induction - 2024 / 2025

6th September 2024

School of Education, Trinity College Dublin

Strands and Strand Leaders

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*Not all strands may run in every academic year

M.Ed. Aims and Learning Outcomes

On completion of M.Ed. programme, you should be able to demonstrate:

- Systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and new developments in education, curriculum, school leadership, and related social, psychological, and education issues;

- Practical expertise in relevant curriculum, leadership, and management areas;

- Skills in the management of change and innovation in educational settings; the application of their knowledge, comprehension, critical awareness, and problem-solving abilities within a framework of research;

- Research areas related to their field of study;

- Effective communication of the results of their research, or advanced technical and professional learning, to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

M.Ed. Structure

- Structure - 90 ECTS (1 x ECT = 20 hours of student effort):

  - **Four** strand specific modules (1 x 10 ECTS, 3 x 15 ECTS);

  - One "common" *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* module - ALRM (5 ECTS);

  - Dissertation module (including **Dissertation Support Sessions**) (30 ECTS).

- Routes:
  - One-year full-time;
  - Two-year part-time;
  - Three-year part-time.

M.Ed. Assignments

- The 3 strand specific modules that are each 15 ECTS:

    – Assignments will be 4,000 - 5,000 words, or equivalent.

- The 1 strand module that is 10 ECTS:

    – The assignment will be 2,500 - 3,500 words, or equivalent.

- The *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* (ALARM) module that is 5 ECTS:

    – The assignment will be 1,500 - 2,000 words, or equivalent.
    – See all timetables here

M.Ed. Assignments

- Variety of approaches / assessments (e.g., Universal Design for Learning: UDL);

- Guidelines for writing assessments (e.g., ALRM module, M.Ed. Handbook);

- Criteria for writing / referencing (e.g., ALRM module, M.Ed. Handbook);

- Support for academic writing in English (Dr Audrey McNamara, mcnamaau@tcd.ie)

Assignment Submissions

- All assignments submitted to relevant module on Blackboard.

- Feedback / "provisional" grade within 6 weeks of submission.

- Grades subject to Court of Examiners.

- All requests for extensions, "off-books" status, etc. must be discussed with the Strand Leaders, then made to the M.E. Co-ordinator (see Handbook)

Strand Modules

- Details regarding strands and strand modules are available on the School of Education website: https://www.tcd.ie/education/courses/postgraduate/masters-in-education/

- M.Ed. Handbook - will be available on the M.Ed. section of the School of Education website.

- Each strand has its own designated modules.

- The *Academic Literacy and Research Methods (ALRM)* module is common to all, and coordinated by Dr Michelle Share, sharem@tcd.ie

M.Ed. Dissertation

- The Dissertation module that is 30 ECTS
- **15,000** words dissertation (including appendices; *excluding* references)
- Dissertation Support Sessions, find the timetable [here](#)

M.Ed Dissertation						
Semester One						
Name:	**ET7208 Dissertation**					
Week	**Day**	**Date**	**Time**	**Mode**	**Room**	**Notes**
week 6	Friday	04 October 2024	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Introduction to Dissertation
week 7	Friday	11 October 2024	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Approaches to Literature Review, including SLRs
week 12	Friday	15 November 2024	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Introduction to Research Ethics
week 14	Wed	27 November 2024	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Research Approach -Design & Methodology
Semester Two						
Name:	**ET7208 Dissertation**					
Week	**Day**	**Date**	**Time**	**Mode**	**Room**	**Notes**
week 23	Friday	31 January 2025	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Thematic Analysis
week 25	Friday	14 February 2025	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Data Analysis 1: Qualitative Data
week 26	Friday	21 February 2025	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Data Analysis 2: Quantitative Data & Mixed Methods
week 33	Friday	11 April 2025	6-8pm	Campus	**3074**	Preparing the dissertation for Submission

*Progressing to the Dissertation module requires a minimum of a "Pass" grade in each course module (i.e., all strand specific modules and the *Academic Literacy and Research Methods* module)

Referencing & Plagiarism

- Referencing Style: APA 7th Edition.

- Plagiarism and avoiding plagiarism - "Ready Steady Write" (https://www.tcd.ie/library/support/plagiarism/story_html5.html)

  http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism

  http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/levels-and-consequences

Key Dates: 2024 / 2025

Michaelmas Term:

– Monday 9th September until Sunday 1st December 2024

– Reading Week: Monday 21st October until Sunday 29th October.

Hilary Term:

– Monday 20th January until Sunday 13th April.

– Reading Week: Monday 3rd March until Sunday 9th March 2025

https://www.tcd.ie/calendar/academic-year-structure/academic-year-structure.pdf

Useful Links

- TCD School of Education: https://www.tcd.ie/Education/

- TCD Student email: http://myzone.tcd.ie

- TCD Library: http://www.tcd.ie/Library/

- TCD Library - off-campus: http://www.tcd.ie/Library/using-library/off-campus.php

- Blackboard: https://tcd.blackboard.com/

- IT Services Support: https://www.tcd.ie/itservices/

M.Ed. Office

- Support you through your time here at Trinity College.

- No query is ever too small. We are here to help.

- Point you in the right direction if we are unable to help.

- Contact us at MASTERED@tcd.ie

- Use your TCD emails for all official correspondence, signing off with your registered name.

- **Always quote your student number !!!**

- Best of Luck and Enjoy your Studies :)

M.Ed. Office - Contact Details

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International Students

Who to contact

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School of Education
**International Students
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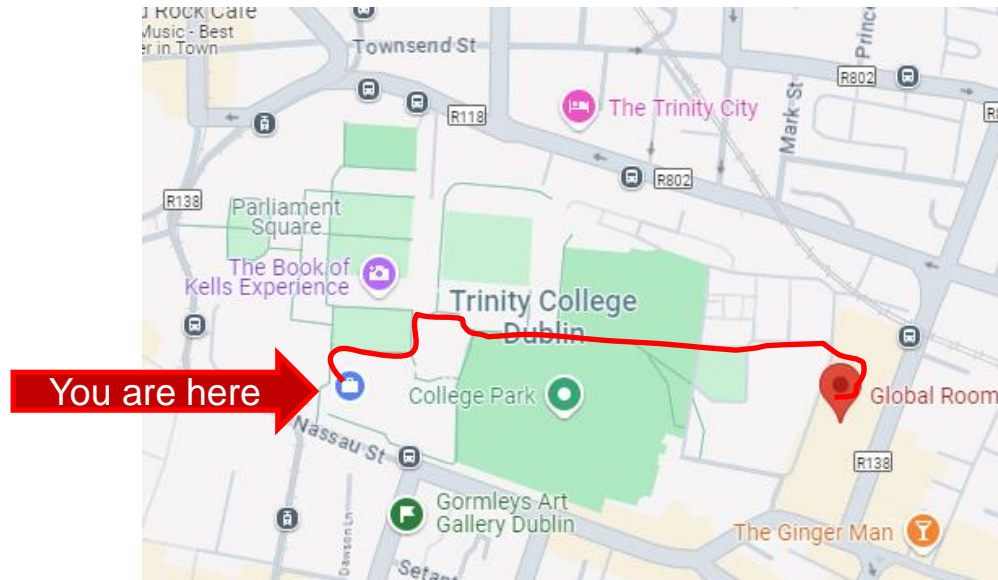aibhin.bray@tcd.ie

SoE Social events: one per month (usually)

1st International Student Meeting of the year

Date	Day	Time	Room – Arts Building
24th Sept	Tuesday	14:30 – 15:30	3105

The Global Room

New2Dublin

- help incoming students adjust to life in Dublin city
- Answer questions large and small
- Runs on Monday evenings for several weeks at the start of Term.

Services – Students' Union

- Our motto at TCDSU is - 'we work for you!', and we do!

- We run an Accommodation Advisory Service, so you can check about your rights as a tenant, search for properties in Dublin, get general information about renting in Dublin and so much more!

- This is on our website @tcdsu.org We also run the Leap Card office in Teach 6, where we are located! This Leap Card service allows students to get their Leap Card for 10 euro - this allows you to travel all around Dublin.

- We also run an in house IT repair shop! This is run by Almir, who is the Union's technical officer. This will be the cheapest repair store in Dublin, and is for Trinity students only!

Services – Students' Union

- The Union also has its very own student newspaper for you all of you aspiring journalists! This is called the University Times and is recognised worldwide as a leader in student journalism.

- There is also a Laptop Loan Scheme that the Union organises, so if you do not have a laptop - do not fear! The Union organises the scheme to help students who may have broken their laptop, or just don't have one.

- The Union also has two SU Shops on the campus, and we also organise the SU Cafe in Goldsmith Hall! This cafe has the cheapest coffee and sandwiches in Dublin, and the atmosphere is unmatched - it is completely student run!

- AMLCT/TCDSU also organises the annual Trinity Ball - Europe's largest private party in mid-April! 7000 tickets sell out in five minutes, so you gotta be quick!

Class Representative – Run!

- As a class rep you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of your classmates to your lecturers, your course administrators and your school. Once a month, you will have the opportunity to represent your classmates at TCDSU council and at your Faculty Assembly. Here, you will play a vital role in making decisions that will impact all students in the college.

- Every course, module, and student faces different academic issues - and class reps are often the best way that these issues can be resolved! In the past, class reps have also organised class hoodies and planned course events.

- Being a class rep is a fun opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people, and have a say in your academic experience at Trinity, as well as the campaigns that TCDSU runs!

Timeline

- Nominations: Postgraduate (PGR + PGT): Open from 2nd September to 27th September.

- Undergraduate Students (UGs): Open from 16th September to 27th September.

- Elections scheduled for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th October. Results will be announced on 7th October.

- Training for newly elected representatives will take place on the 12th and 13th October, ahead of our first TCDSU/AMLCT Council on the 15th of October. Training will take place in Mount Wolseley in County Carlow, and it will be an overnight stay.

- There will be three representatives elected for the M.Ed Programme.

Run for Class Rep!

Postgraduate Supports for Students with Disabilities

Disability Service
https://www.tcd.ie/disability/contact/

Support for PG Students with Disabilities

- Postgraduate students (both taught and research) who have a disability are encouraged to apply to the Disability Service for reasonable accommodation.

- Supports for postgraduate students include:

  - Academic support;

  - Assistive technology;

  - Occupational Therapy;

  - Support on placements and internships;

  - Preparation for viva voce examinations.

How to Get Support from the Disability Service

- An application can be made through my.tcd.ie via the "My Disability Service" tab.

- Additional information is available in a step-by-step How to apply for Reasonable Accommodations guide.

- Any postgraduate student in Trinity (or prospective student) is welcome to contact the Disability Service to informally discuss their needs prior to making a formal application.

- Please email askds@tcd.ie or visit the Disability Service Contact page.
  - https://www.tcd.ie/disability/contact/

NiteLine Student Listening Service

- NiteLine is an anonymous and confidential student listening service.

- Supporting you if you are experiencing mental health problems.

- NiteLine is a non-profit service provided free of charge to students which has been in operation for 25+ years.

- Run by a team of dedicated student volunteers who have undergone rigorous training with the intention of supporting our peers.

- Open every single night of term from 9pm - 2.30am, supporting students through instant messaging and over the phone, some who are at risk of dropping out of university and others who are contemplating taking their own lives.

NiteLine Student Listening Service

Free
Anonymous
No problem too big or too small

Freephone: **1800 793 793**
Instant messaging: **niteline.ie**
9pm - 2:30 am every night of term

Watch this 3 YouTube minute video to learn more about NiteLine:

https://youtu.be/ccmj-CjzZcU