

Routes to Primary Teaching

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Primary teaching Ireland

Shortage of primary school teachers at the moment

3,200 primary schools in Ireland

Postgraduate masters in education - PME

4 x Full-time courses (*see next slide*)

1 x Blended learning course - online(45%) /face to face(55%) – Hibernia College

However, these PME's are not guaranteed to run all the time. The Department of Education reviews this each year. No news yet about 2022

Both Routes recognised by Teaching Council / Department of Education

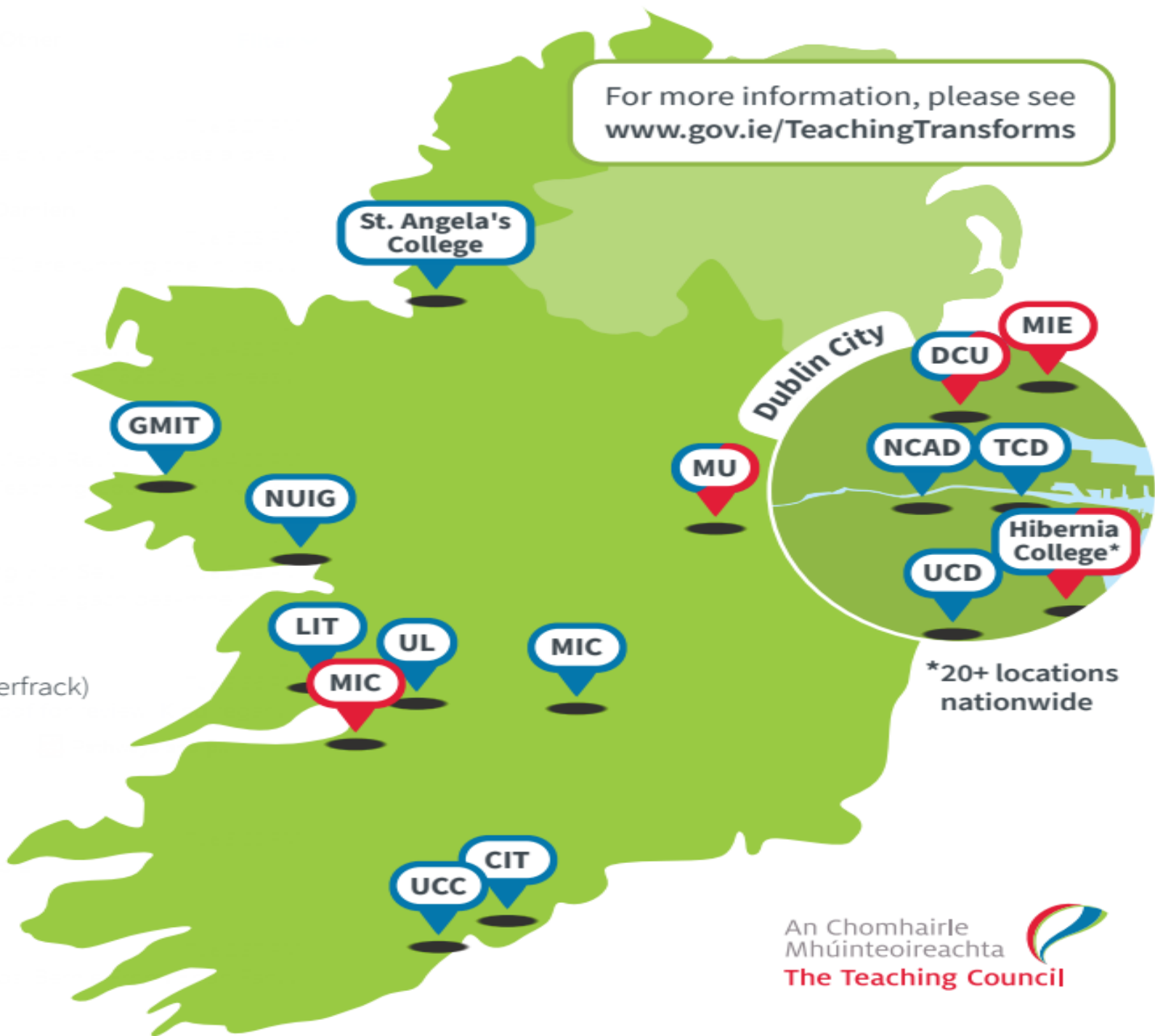
Providers of Initial Teacher Education

Primary

- > Dublin City University
- > Marino Institute of Education
- > Maynooth University (Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education)
- > Hibernia College (blended learning)
- > Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

Post-primary

- > Dublin City University
- > Trinity College Dublin
- > University College Dublin
- > National College of Art & Design
- > Hibernia College (blended learning)
- > Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (Letterfrack)
- > University College Cork
- > CIT Crawford College of Art & Design
- > Maynooth University
- > NUI Galway
- > St Angela's College
- > University of Limerick
- > Mary Immaculate College, Thurles
- > Limerick Institute of Technology (Limerick School of Art & Design)



Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co Kildare. <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/froebel-department-primary-and-early-childhood-education/professional-masters-education-primary-teaching> (froebel.department@mu.ie)

Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9 (admissions@mie.ie)
Apply via maestro.mie.ie/appcentre

Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick. (admissions@mic.ul.ie, course info: lilian.Monahan@mic.ul.ie) Apply on PME course page <https://www.mic.ul.ie/faculty-of-education/programme/professional-master-of-education-primary-teaching>

DCU St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 ioe@dcu.ie. Apply via PAC on www.pac.ie/dcu (Course Code DC970)

Hibernia (20 locations nationwide) <https://hiberniacollege.com/course/professional-master-education-primary-education/>

Entry Requirements – usually:

- Minimum 2.2 Level 8 Honours degree or higher qualification (level 9 or 10)
- Leaving Certificate requirements (for 2021 Entry)
 - H4 (HC1/HC2) in Irish
 - O4/H7 (OC1/OC2/HE) in Maths
 - O4/H7 (OC1/OC2/HE) in English or first arts in these subjects

What if I don't have the H4 in Irish?

- Re-sit Leaving Cert Honours Irish - for example: Institute of education, Kilroys, Crumlin college of education etc. or ask in your previous secondary school

OR

- Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (Level B2) www.teg.ie – exam dates for these are 30th April and 13th /August – *have to already have these before applying*
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge, level B2 from NUI Galway
- Diploma in Arts (Applied Irish) from University College Cork
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach from University College Dublin
- Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge from NUI Maynooth
- Diploma in Irish from the University of Ulster

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RESULTS BEFORE YOU APPLY IT'S AT COLLEGE
DISCRETION WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Application process –details to be announced by the colleges by end 2021

Closing date for full time applications normally February/early March

+

Apply for TegB1 oral Irish interview by 3rd January (2021) –have to achieve at least 65%

This is so result of /TEGB1 will be in by the time interviews arise - *Useful to sit TEG B1 in second year of college and can resit to get higher mark*

Applicants can apply to all courses

Hibernia: September (closing date 21st June) April (closing date 1st Feb) but the *sooner you submit, the sooner you'll be interviewed*

If no TegB1 completed, they will do their own Irish interview – whole section on their website about this

References – e.g. Lecturer from current course

Hibernia look for personal statement – full time providers may do too



<http://www.teg.ie/about-exams/teg-pme-primaryteaching.860.html>

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Fees 2021 + c. 5% for 2022

DCU – 5564pa	11k+
Marino – 5564pa	11k+
Hibernia	14k+
Mary Immaculate 5564pa	11k+
Maynooth (Froebel) 5714pa	11k+

+ 2 x 2 weeks in the Gaeltacht

Interview

Generally, once you meet all the criteria, you will be offered an interview c.20 mins

Good to have got some classroom observation beforehand

Do some research into what's involved in teaching – different years etc. talk to teachers

How are phonics taught? What is Aistear?

How are special educational needs supports provided in primary schools?

Be familiar with curriculum and current issues

Think through about why you want to teach

Can you pick through anything in your undergraduate degree that would be relevant

Jobs, voluntary work, experience with children

Experience of working with diverse groups

If you're good at music, art, sports etc. think about how you could use in the primary school setting

Relevant personal qualities (communication style, leadership, patience etc.) - have examples, as it's important to present evidence of these

<https://leavingcertirishnotes.wordpress.com/2019/08/07/pme-interview-experience-and-questions/>

<https://irishprimaryteacher.ie/pme-interview-questions/>

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//PME_Primary_Interview_Tips.pdf

DCU PMEP Criteria to be used for interviewing

Interviewers will be asked to assess candidates using the following criteria. Any mark within the range can be awarded within each category. Candidates have been advised of these in advance.

	Very Poor	Poor	Adequate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Mark
Suitability to Teach	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Motivation	0-2	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-13	14-15	
Interpersonal Skills	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Communication Ability	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Relevant Talents and Aptitudes	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	7-8	9-10	
Evidence of Leadership and Initiative	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	7-8	9-10	
Relevant Experience	0	1	2	3	4	5	

Suitability to Teach

Candidate provides evidence of disposition to become a teacher such as life-long learning, reflective, positive view of self and others, empathy, openness, sense of purpose and vision etc.

Motivation

Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching)

Entry Requirements and Procedure for 2021

1. This is a postgraduate teacher education programme for primary teaching (2021–2023) for persons who possess an honours Bachelor Degree at Level 8 or those who expect to have successfully completed final examinations before Monday, 5th July 2021.

This is a full-time programme, commencing in September 2021 and concluding in summer 2023 and will be delivered in the following Higher Education Institutions:

- DCU Institute of Education, DCU St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. (ioe@dcu.ie).
- Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick. (admissions@mic.ul.ie). Contactable on Microsoft Teams/Lillian.Monahan@mic.ul.ie
- Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co Kildare. froebel.department@mu.ie. Telephone: (01) 4747400.
- Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. (admissions@mie.ie). Telephone: (01) 8057742.

A limited number of places will be available on these programmes and successful applicants will be selected by way of competition. Applicants are advised that shortlisting may apply.

Persons who successfully complete this programme are eligible to be registered by the Teaching Council under Route 1: Primary and will thereby be eligible for appointment in primary schools.

2. Application Procedure & Closing Date

Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) for all candidates

Please note that all prospective applicants must have completed and achieved 65% or higher in the oral component of the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) Meánleibhéal 1 (B1) Irish examination prior to the closing date (i.e. 29th March 2021) to satisfy the entry requirements.

Registration is now open and the closing date for TEG online applications is **5pm on Wednesday, 6th January 2021**. If you have not already registered for the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) (ORAL) examination, you will need to register at [this link](#).

The oral Irish examination will be administered by the Centre for Irish Language Research, Teaching and Testing in Maynooth University and all

• PME Primary • Minimum Entry Requirements and Procedures

- This document sets out the minimum requirements from the Department of Education.
- Check the website of each institution for any further entry requirements.
- Hibernia College is an accredited provider also.



UK

- To be registered with the teaching council here in Ireland, you need to do a **PGCE** (England, NI and Wales) or the **Postgraduate diploma in Education** in Scotland, and the course has to be qualified teacher status (**QTS**)
- Choose **general primary** (not upper primary or lower primary)
- £9250 – but course is only one year – loans available in Scotland, if you intend to stay there

[Steps to become a teacher | Get Into Teaching \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

- Courses in Wales and Scottish PGDE applications are made through the UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-wales/teacher-training-entry-requirements-wales>
- Scotland - Entry Requirements GCSE equates to Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate - <https://teachinscotland.scot/become-a-teacher/primary/>
<https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-scotland>
- In England, PGCE applications normally now made through the DfE's service: [Apply for teacher training](#) Also see <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-england/teacher-training-entry-requirements-england>
- In Northern Ireland, applications for PGCEs are made directly to the institution (St. Mary's (Irish) www.stmarys-belfast.ac.uk/ and UU: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/>)
- Initial closing date January – if enough good quality applications are made early, the date may close off soon after – apply early to popular courses

Entry requirements – can change

- Generally in the UK, you need Ordinary Grade C in English and Mathematics and a Grade C in Science subject (in the past didn't need science for Scotland, and sometimes Home EC S&S and geography counted as science) – check with individual colleges for specific or additional requirements
- If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate requirements, some institutions may offer special equivalence tests
- School based observation (minimum 2 weeks) is necessary before applying - preferably in more than 1 school – and demonstrate relevance of undergraduate course to primary school curriculum

Personal Statement - if college carrying out interviews good for that

- Why do you want to be a teacher?

How did you develop an interest in teaching?

What have you learned from any relevant experience?

Show that you know what is involved in this work What will you bring to the job?

- Show that you have these **skills** needed to be a good teacher and give examples...
- Committed / motivated
- Enthusiastic / Resilient
- People / team-working skills
- Good communication skills
- Organised
- Knowledge of subjects / interest in the curriculum

Personal statement resources

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education/teaching-personal-statement-examples>
- <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/applying-teacher-training/how-write-teacher-training-personal-statement>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education/applying-for-teacher-training/personal-statement-pgce-primary>
- https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/cte/start-teaching/best-self/your_personal_statement_final.pdf
- https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_353210_smxx.pdf

Google advanced

- THIS WILL BRING UP INFORMATION FROM ALL THE UK UNIVERSITIES ON HOW TO WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT AS WELL AS SOME EXAMPLES, PRESS IMAGES FOR THE PDF'S

The screenshot shows a Google Chrome browser window with several tabs open: 'City Centre | TU Dublin', 'Microsoft Office Home', 'Email - Carol Kelehan - Outlo...', 'How to become a primary te...', and 'Google Advanced Search'. The address bar shows 'google.com/advanced_search'. The page title is 'Advanced Search'.

Find pages with...

- all these words:
- this exact word or phrase:
- any of these words:
- none of these words:
- numbers ranging from: to

To do this in the search box.

- Type the important words: tri-colour rat terrier
- Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"
- Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard
- Put a minus sign just before words that you don't want: -rodent, -"Jack Russell"
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Then narrow your results by...

- language: Find pages in the language that you select.
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- last update: Find pages updated within the time that you specify.
- site or domain: Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain like .edu, .org or .gov
- terms appearing: Search for terms in the whole page, page title or web address, or links to the page you're looking for.
- SafeSearch: Tell SafeSearch whether to filter sexually explicit content

Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with 'Type here to search', system tray with icons for network, volume, and battery, and the taskbar with icons for various applications. The system clock shows 13:08 on 23/11/2021.

Coming back to Ireland/Irish

- UK qualifications need to be assessed by teaching council in Ireland when you return: info@teachingcouncil.ie
- <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/registration/registration-with-conditions/overseas-induction-assessment-criteria-2021.pdf> – have to do a years induction in the uk – now moving to 2 years, or complete the teaching council's Integrated Professional Induction Framework in Ireland. *Droichead*
- On your return to have to meet the Irish language requirement - this is assessed by a test SCG or OCG – adaptation and assessment <https://ilrweb.ie/> (Marino)

Most common UK teacher training colleges for Irish students in the past

St. Mary's Twickenham (Strawberry Hill)

Edgehill

.....many more

- However the Teaching Council has to accredit teaching courses outside of Ireland to ensure that they are of the same standard of Primary training here.
- Check with the course coordinators in the colleges to see if course has been accredited in the past and that there are many Irish students there already

This presentation today is based on the work from our colleagues in the careers service in UNI Maynooth

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