



TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUBLIN

**MASTER OF ARTS/POST GRADUATE
DIPLOMA IN MENTORING,
MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP IN
THE EARLY YEARS**

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MENTORING

The MA/PgD in Mentoring, Management and Leadership in the Early Years offers students an opportunity to reflect on key aspects of the mentoring role, specifically with regards to implementation of the quality pillars in early years education in Ireland, Síolta, Aistear and the Pre-School Regulations.



MANAGEMENT

Modules in the programme examine how the manager operates within and between differing layers of the eco-system of the early years setting, working with children, parents, families and early education staff, the inspectorate, funders, and other stakeholders.



LEADERSHIP

Modules in the programme set out how leadership relates to the broad plan of helping the early years organisation clarify and affirm values, set goals, articulate a vision, and chart a course of action to realise that mission.



PROGRAMME VISION

The vision of the programme is to provide graduates with competence and skills to become competent mentors, managers and leaders within the field of Early Childhood Education and to be able to oversee high standards of policy implementation, governance and teamwork.

AIMS

This MA programme aims to provide graduates with excellent mentoring, management and leadership skills thus enabling them to provide services based on ethics and best practice. Knowledge in mentoring, management, leadership, the child in context, the role of quality, governance, strategic planning, organisational context, legal issues, policy development, teamwork, adherence to ethical issues and regulations will be developed. Critical thinking and other tools will enable graduates to engage in a way that proactively responds to the needs of the early years sector.



ADMISSION CRITERIA

Programme places will be allocated on a competitive basis to applicants who successfully meet the programme entry criteria.

A minimum award of a 2.2 BA Early Childhood Education (Level 8) or equivalent with a minimum of two years' experience as a manager, team leader, room leader or supervisor in an early years practice. Applicants may be called for interview.



PROMOTING CAREER PATHWAYS

This Level 9 MA in Mentoring, Management and Leadership in the Early Years will equip graduates to compete for roles in mentoring, leadership, management, inspections and to work in the area of quality development. They will be enabled to engage more actively with relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies such as TUSLA, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of Education, Better Start and the office of the Ombudsman for Children.





PROGRAMME CONTENT

Students shall take modules in:

Semester 1: (MA/PgD)

- Perspectives on Mentoring in Early Childhood Education
- The Role of Quality in Early Childhood Education

Semester 2: (MA/PgD)

- Childhood in Context
- Management in Early Childhood Education Services

Semester 3: (MA/PgD)

- Leadership and Organisational Change in Early Childhood Education
- Research Methods

Semester 4 (MA):

- Optional module
- Dissertation

Some of the available optional modules are:

- Contemporary Issues in the Early Years
- Interventions in Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Risk, Protection and Resilience of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Optional modules shall be delivered subject to a viable cohort.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is a taught modularised programme, delivered in semesters of 13 weeks duration on the Grangegorman Campus. It is offered in a part time mode over two academic years, with the dissertation submitted in the Autumn after the second year.

PROGRAMME FEES

The programme fees are currently €2,835 p.a.
Fees are subject to increase.

APPLY

Candidates must apply through the online TU Dublin programme application system.
<https://www.tudublin.ie/study/postgraduate/how-to-apply/#>

To facilitate the assessment of your application, please ensure you upload all relevant documents to support your application (e.g. academic transcripts, CV, evidence of management and leadership experience).

STAFF

Staff currently delivering modules on the programme are:

Dr Aisling Costello
Ms Mary Delany
Dr Sinéad Freeman
Mr Jan Pettersen

Further details can be found on the school website:
<https://www.tudublin.ie/explore/faculties-and-schools/arts-humanities/social-sciences-law-and-education/>

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