



Online Certificate/ Diploma in Education (Special/ Inclusive Education) 2010/2011

Dear Teacher,

In recognition of the need to support teachers in meeting the increasing diversity of pupils' needs that are currently in mainstream classes today, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, and the Institute of Child Education and Psychology, Europe (ICEP), under the direction of the In-service Education Programme Board (St. Patrick's College) have jointly developed the Online **Certificate /Diploma in Education (Special/ Inclusive Education)**.

What is this course about?

The focus of the programme is to further support the teaching and learning of pupils with special and additional learning needs primarily in mainstream classrooms, by developing teachers' knowledge, skills and competencies in the area of special/inclusive education.

How long does it take?

The programme is delivered online and the duration is flexible to suit the needs of individual participants. The **Certificate consists of four taught modules** and must be completed within 3 years. **The Diploma requires an additional research module (7500-8000 dissertation)**, which must be completed within 4 years from first registration.

How is it organised ?

The structure of the programme permits students to complete a maximum of three modules per year. The foundation module, which is mandatory for all students, focuses mainly on inclusive educational practice. Upon successful completion of this module participants will choose from a range of modules focusing on different aspects of special educational needs including: **Mild General Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, Challenging Behaviour and Autistic Spectrum Disorder.**

Eligibility

Applicants should be qualified teachers in the Irish education system.

What do you need?

In order to participate in the programme, teachers will need access to a computer, with headset and microphone, and internet access. Broadband access is strongly recommended. Familiarity with the internet and email is an expected requirement

How do you apply?

An Application Form accompanies this letter for completion by teachers interested and eligible to participate in the programme. **Alternatively, you can download an application form at: www.spd.dcu.ie/admissions** or www.icepe.eu.

Applications should be forwarded to The Admissions Office, Online Certificate/Diploma in Education, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 by August 16th 2010.

Phone: (01) 884 2025, E-mail address: courseinfo@spd.dcu.ie.

All applications must be accompanied by a non-returnable administration fee of €30 (by postal order or cheque made payable to St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra).

How can I use the Credits?

Credit from the Diploma in Education (Special/Inclusive Education) **30 European Credit Transfers** may be put towards a Master in Education Degree (**90 credits**) subject to certain conditions, including the attainment of a sufficiently high standard in the Diploma and the availability of places on the Master's in Education Programme.

How much is it?

There will be a fee of €750 per module. Tax refunds can be claimed against all fees paid. In addition, support for course fee payment can be applied for through the Refund of Fees Scheme. Details of scheme available at 01-8535102or email info@mie.ie

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DRUMCONDRA/COLÁISTE PHÁDRAIG, DROIM CONRACH
(Coláiste de chuid Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath)

APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO
Certificate/ Diploma in Education (Special/Inclusive Education)

Please complete this form and return together with a €30 administration fee (payable by postal order or cheque) to:

**The Admissions Office, Online Certificate/ Diploma in Education Course, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 by 16th August, 2010
Phone: (01) 884 2025, E-mail: courseinfo@spd.dcu.ie.**

1. **Personal Details**

Name: _____ School: Primary Post-Primary

Home Address: _____ School Name: _____
_____ School Address: _____

Home Ph: _____ School Roll No: _____

Mobile: _____ School Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Personal e-mail: _____ School e-mail: _____

Teacher Payroll No: _____ Principal: _____

Teacher Council No: _____

Are you a registered teacher in the Irish Education System? Yes No

Please State year of probation (where applicable): _____

2. **Current Teaching Position**

2 (a) Describe your teaching role in relation to pupils with SEN

Please state the number of pupils with SEN whom you are currently teaching in school: _____

2 (b) Please tick which of the following best describes your current Employment Status:

Permanent Contract of Indefinite Duration

Part Time Fixed Term Contract

Other

If other, please specify _____

If employed in a part time capacity, for how many hours are you employed per week _____

2 (c) Please state:

- Your total number of years teaching _____
- Number of years teaching in your present school _____

3. **Professional or other qualifications held**

College, University or other Awarding Body	Dates of attendance and whether full-time or part-time	Degree or other Qualifications obtained/to be obtained	Grade /Class (if any)	Subject(s)	Date of Award

4. **Previous Professional Development**

Name & Dates of Professional Development Course	Duration	Grade/ Class (if any)	Subject(s)	Date of Award	Accrediting Body

No interviews will be held for places on this Certificate/ Diploma in Education. In the event of the programme being over-subscribed, places may be allocated by lottery.

7. I have read the description of the programme of continuing professional development and I agree to fulfil the necessary conditions of participation in the Certificate/ Diploma in Education for which I am making application. I certify that all the information given on this form is correct and if admitted to the programme, I undertake to observe all the rules and regulations of St Patrick's College, Dublin.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

8. **For completion by school authorities**

I confirm that the information in this application form is correct.

SIGNED (Principal): _____ SCHOOL STAMP: 

DATE: _____

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